

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT THE REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 2010**

The City Council of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, met in regular session in Council Chambers, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, July 20, 2010 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Jeffery Darby

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Don Williams

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable David Jones, President; Honorable Councilors, Timothy Larkin, David Montgomery, Jr, Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby, Don Williams, James Knight

Absent: none

Present: Mayor Lorenz Walker, James Hall, City Attorney, Helen Thornton, City Clerk.

By: Mr. Williams

Motion made to approve minutes of the July 6, 2010 meeting and dispense with the reading.

Seconded by Mr. Knight

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Knight

Motion made to approve agenda

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Ceremonial Matters: Fire Chief Sammy Halphen introduces Mr. John Boudreaux from Assumption Parish. The City has an agreement with Assumption Parish to provide sheltering in case of a disaster in that area.

Reports: Joe Buffington gives Council Financial Update

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion made to introduce Ordinance levying a tax of 21.69 mills on all taxable property within the limits of Bossier City, Louisiana, for the year 2010 and providing the manner of assessment and collection thereof.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$59,000 to come from the 2007 Bond Issue Fund to supplement the existing contract with Civil Design Group to provide for the engineering design of Swan Lake Road.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$150,000 to come from the Sewer Contingency Fund for the replacement of a 12" gravity sewer main along Tilman Ditch on Airline Drive.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Darby

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$150,000 from the Water Contingency Fund to bore a replacement 20" water main under the Lateral B-4 Ditch (Mack's Bayou) at Industrial Drive

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion made to introduce Ordinance to appropriate \$85,000 from the Water Contingency Fund to replace an 8" water main on Tammye Lane

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION TO HIRE SIX UTILITY WORKERS, ONE ELECTRICIAN AND ONE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR TO FILL VACANT BUDGETED UTILITY DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bossier City is authorized to hire six utility workers, one electrician and one equipment operator to fill vacant budgeted utility department positions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the City Council of the City of Bossier City, in regular session convened, does hereby authorize the hiring of six utility workers, one electrician and one equipment operator to fill vacant budgeted utility department positions

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Knight, seconded by Mr. Jones, and adopted on the 20th day of July, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

David Jones, Council President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE RECREATION MAINTENANCE WORKER I POSITION TO BE REPLACED

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 implemented a hiring freeze requiring Bossier City Council approval for the hiring of any personnel;

WHEREAS, one vacancy now exist in the Recreation Maintenance division and filling that position will allow operations to continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that the administration is authorized to replace one Recreation Maintenance Worker I position.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Knight, and seconded by Mr. Jones, and adopted on the 20th day of July, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones,
Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

David Jones, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

The following Resolution offered and adopted:

Resolution No. 24 Of 2010

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF A FIRE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER TO REPLACE ONE WHO HAS RESIGNED.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2010 implemented a hiring freeze requiring Bossier City Council approval for the hiring of any personnel; and

WHEREAS, during the reduction in force two fire communications personnel were cut from the division leaving eight fire communications officers;

WHEREAS, one of these eight has resigned and needs to be replaced to maintain minimum staffing for this division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to hire a Fire Communications Officer.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Knight, and seconded by Mr. Darby, and adopted on the 20th, day of July, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Larkin, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Knight

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

David Jones, President

Helen Thornton, City Clerk

By: Mr. Darby

Motion made to approve Change Order for Benton Road 12" water main replacement, decrease of \$24,637, total of contract with decrease \$351,503.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

By: Mr. Jones

Motion made to approve report of Change Order for North Bossier Tennis Center Clubhouse, increase of \$9,631, total contract with increase \$758,794.

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No Public Comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous.

Mr. Darby would like a water treatment update from Mayor next meeting.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM by Mr. Jones

Respectfully submitted:

Helen Thornton

City Clerk

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