

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BOSSIER CITY  
STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2021

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, March 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Invocation was given by Council Member Scott Irwin

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Member Thomas Harvey

Roll Call as follows:

Present: Honorable, President David Montgomery, Jr., Honorable Councilors Timothy Larkin, Scott Irwin, Jeffery Darby (virtual), Don Williams, Jeff Free and Thomas Harvey

Also Present: Mayor, Lorenz Walker, City Attorney, Jimmy Hall and City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw

City Clerk, Phyllis McGraw, read statement about where to watch meetings online, that some Council members may be joining remotely and gave a phone number for members of the public wishing to comment on items in the meeting could do so. Hearing no comments from the public watching virtually, the meeting continued.

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve Minutes of the February 23, 2021, Special Meeting and dispense with the reading

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to add #7 under new business - Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a not to exceed \$50,000,000 financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for the purpose of refunding certain bonds of the authority and providing for others matters in connection therewith. (This item is being requested to be added due to time restraints on the bond savings.)

Seconded by Mr. Williams

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to add #8 under new business - Introduce an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000) of taxable Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of the General Bond Ordinance adopted on July 6, 2010; providing for the sale of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. (This item is being requested to be added due to time restraints on the bond savings.)

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve Agenda as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Harvey

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**Ceremonial Matters/Recognition of Guests –**

Kelly Wells, Executive Director – Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission spoke to Council and requested that they consider approving \$15,000.00 for the promotion and to help sponsor ancillary events associated with the Bayou Classic that will be held at Independence Stadium on April 17, 2021. He cited that hotel occupancy for the event was already at 83% across Shreveport/Bossier. Councilman Williams asked who would the funding be going to. Mr. Wells replied that it would be Sports Commission to help sponsor events.

**Bids –**

Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P21-01 – Sidewalk Improvements Project.

CW&W Contractors	\$320,319.50
Daren Bailey, Inc.	\$258,775.00
Divine Intervention	\$345,500.00
James R. Martin Building & Remodeling	\$309,690.00
JD’s Rebar & Construction	\$306,080.60
RVP Construction, Inc.	\$272,250.00

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P21-02 – Citywide Street Rehabilitation – Phase I.

Benton & Brown	\$488,350.00
Dale’s Paving	\$386,675.00
Earnest Contracting, LLC	\$439,023.75

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

Witness opening of sealed bids for Bid #P21-03 – Citywide Street Rehabilitation – Phase II.

Dale’s Paving, Inc.	\$398,000.00
Earnest Contracting, LLC.	\$400,000.00

By: Mr. Williams

Motion to approve reading of bids.

Seconded by Mr. Irwin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

**New Business –**

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 19 OF 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 133 OF 2018, BY CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED AS AIRPORT ANNEX, LOTS 12, 13, 20 & 21, FROM R-LD (RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY) TO R-MD (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY) FOR A PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX.**

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that Ordinance No. 133 of 2018 of the City Council of

the City of Bossier City, Louisiana, is hereby amended to provide that the zoning classification is hereby changed from R-LD (Residential Low Density) to R-MD (Residential Medium Density), for the following:

AIRPORT ANNEX, LOTS 12, 13, 20 & 21

Motion was made by Mr. Don Williams and seconded by Mr. Jeff Free

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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DAVID MONTGOMERY, JR., PRESIDENT

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PHYLLIS MCGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-65-20

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 20 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR OFF PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 2201 EAST TEXAS STREET, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.

WHEREAS; Rajan Khadka, Khadka United, LLC, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high and low content alcohol, for off premise consumption, at a convenience store located at 2201 East Texas Street, Bossier City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS; The Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for retail sales of high and low content alcohol for off premise consumption at 2201 East Texas Street, Bossier City, Louisiana is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas Harvey and seconded by Mr. Don Williams

to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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DAVID MONTGOMERY, JR., PRESIDENT

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PHYLLIS MCGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-82-20

The following ordinance offered and adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. 21 OF 2021**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SALE OF HIGH AND LOW CONTENT ALCOHOL FOR ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION AT A RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 2650 AIRLINE DRIVE, SUITE 100, BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA.**

WHEREAS; Francisco Aviles, El Jarrito Mexican Grill, has applied to the Bossier City-Parish Metropolitan Planning Commission for Conditional Use Approval for the retail sale of high and low content alcohol, for on premise consumption, at a restaurant store located at 2650 Airline Drive, Suite 100, Bossier City, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS; a public hearing for the Conditional Use application was held on February 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS; The Planning Department has submitted the results of said public hearing to the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Bossier City.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSSIER CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. That the Conditional Use for retail sales of high and low content alcohol for on premise consumption at 2650 Airline Drive, Suite 100, Bossier City, Louisiana is hereby approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas Harvey and seconded by Mr. Don Williams to adopt the above ordinance. Upon the following vote, the ordinance was duly adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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DAVID MONTGOMERY, JR., PRESIDENT

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PHYLLIS MCGRAW, CITY CLERK

C-2-21

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION 15 Of 2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF THREE (3) POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE BOSSIER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 21 of 2019 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the hiring of one (3) Police Officers due to the resignation of two Police Officers and the termination of one Officer.

**WHEREAS**, the administration and the department assures that all current budgets have been verified and that no authorized salary has been exceeded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to proceed with hiring procedures for the fulfillment of this position.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted on adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**David Montgomery, Jr., President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION 16 Of 2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF ONE (1) POLICE COMMUNICATION OFFICER FOR THE BOSSIER CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 21 of 2019 implemented a requirement assuring that the City department budgets not be exceeded by any hiring of any personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, the hiring of one (1) Police Communication Officer due to the death of one Police Communication Officer.

**WHEREAS**, the administration and the department assures that all current budgets have been verified and that no authorized salary has been exceeded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to proceed with hiring procedures for the fulfillment of this position.

The above and foregoing Resolution was read in full at open and legal session convened, was on motion of Mr. Jeff Free, and seconded by Mr. Thomas Harvey, and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**David Montgomery, Jr., President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**

**The following Resolution offered and adopted:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROMOTION FROM WITHIN,  
AND THE HIRING OF ONE EMPLOYEE DUE TO A RESIGNATION IN  
THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, ALL WITHIN THE EXISTING  
BUDGET**

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**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Department has an available position due to a resignation;  
and

**WHEREAS**, this termination provides for an opportunity to promote an individual and  
hire one employee to replace that individual; and

**WHEREAS**, this action will have no impact on the existing budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier  
City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that the administration is authorized to promote from  
within and hire one employee in the Purchasing Department to fill a vacancy due to a resignation.

The above and foregoing Resolution, read in full at open and legal session convened, was on  
motion of Mr. Jeff Free and seconded by Mr. Don Williams, and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March,  
2021.

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby (virtual), Mr. Williams, Mr. Free  
and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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David Montgomery, Jr., President

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Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, to proceed with a not to exceed \$50,000,000 financing through the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority for the purpose of refunding certain bonds of the authority and providing for others matters in connection therewith. Seconded by Mr. Williams

Councilman Montgomery reported that they have been monitoring Market over last year and that the timing was good to refinance the two debt issues and save 1 Million per year on the life of the bonds. This is in the best interest of the citizens of Bossier City by reducing debt service. Thanked all the Finance team, Administration and Council for acting fast to save the citizens money on these issues.

No further comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

By: Mr. Irwin

Motion to introduce an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not exceeding One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars (\$130,000,000) of taxable Utilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Bossier City, State of Louisiana, in accordance with the terms of the General Bond Ordinance adopted on July 6, 2010; providing for the sale of such bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Seconded by Mr. Larkin

No comment

Vote in favor of motion is unanimous

### **Reports –**

Stacie Fernandez, City Finance Director – went over the Monthly Financial Report for January 2021. She reported good news that we are 130% of revenue and 76% of expenses. She also noted that Sales tax numbers are up 7 ½ percent from the same time last year, which was pre-covid. Mr. Montgomery reported that for February 2021 that the sales tax was up an additional 4 ½ percent. That 80 percent of the General Fund budget that covers employees including Fire and Police come from Sales Tax.

Justin Haydel, Manchac – Gave the Council an update on Walter O. Bigby Carriageway Project. He reported that since last report on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> that they have heard from the Corps of Engineers that they should have permits in hand as soon as the end of the week. He is recommending that they advertise for bids starting Wednesday, March 10, 2021 and run for 40 days with a bid opening of May 4, 2021. He expects some minor comments but that they can be easily handled. Utility relocation has been ongoing and should be completed by April 9, 2021. City has majority of DOTD permits in hand. He gave them further update on the progression of all the outstanding issues with the project. Mr. Montgomery stated been waiting on this day for over 20 years. Connection of South Bossier to North Bossier with the Arthur Ray Teague Parkway and Walter O. Bigby Carriageway. Was a long journey and the citizens will now be able to travel a road without having to stop for a railroad crossing. Ask the Mayor and Pam Glorioso to organize a ribbon cutting for the upcoming Friday to let the people know the end is in sight.

Mayor reported that in the Governors press conference that the state will be lifting some of the covid restrictions and going to Phase 3 starting Wednesday.

Mr. Williams also reported that some might think that you can get major things done in 4 years or 8 years and that sometimes it takes a lot longer than anticipated.

Council reminded everyone that early voting starts this week.

**There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:44 PM by Mr. Montgomery, Jr.**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Phyllis McGraw**

**City Clerk**

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