

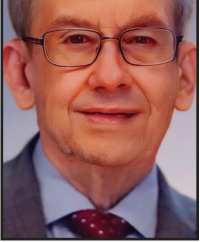
OBITUARIES

James Ernest Files, Jr.

Funeral services honoring, James Ernest Files, Jr. will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Northminster Church in Monroe. Officiants will be Dr. Mark Fenn and Rev. Jillian Hankamer. Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at Kilpatrick Funeral Home of Monroe. Interment will follow in Oak Ridge Baptist Cemetery in Oak Ridge, Louisiana under the direction and care of Kilpatrick Funeral Home Monroe.

James Ernest Files, Jr. was born on May 2, 1932, and was called home to the Lord on December 13, 2024, after 92 years of abundant living.

Born during the worst year of the depression, Jim never knew the deprivation of material goods as he was blessed with an idyllic childhood surrounded by family and friends in the village of Oak Ridge, LA. Jim graduated from Oak Ridge High School and attended LA Tech where he obtained a degree in Business Management. Jim joined the Air Force after college and was trained as a pilot. He was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska and was always extremely proud of his military service.



Files

Jim began working for Central Bank in 1957. In his role as a senior vice-president, his jovial nature and his lending practices enabled many members of the community to advance their personal goals and dreams. His management skills and willingness to serve others impacted both his employees and customers alike.

Upon retiring from Central Bank, Jim followed in his mother's footsteps and joined the postal service. He enjoyed his tenure as a rural mail carrier as it allowed him time to experience the beauty of the back roads of Louisiana. As an avid gardener, Jim always felt more at home outdoors.

Other than his family, Jim's passion was traveling. Every summer he prepared the camper, and for at least a month, the family toured the nation he loved so well. Because of his generosity and willingness to listen to endless complaints regarding time in a car, his family has visited or at least passed through all 50 states. Jim also was able to travel abroad and tour his ancestral land of Scotland. Rarely was he seen without his American and Scottish Flag pins on his lapel.

Jim was an active member of Northminster Church until the time of his recent illness. He served proudly in many roles within the church including teaching Sunday school and leading the Coordinating Council. Prior to his role as a founding member of Northminster, he served as a deacon and high school boys' Sunday school teacher at Parkview Baptist Church. From childhood, Jim loved the Lord and taught his daughters and granddaughters the love of Christ and how to show that love to others.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging for bread. He is ever merciful and his descendants are blessed." Psalm 37:23-27

Jim was preceded in death by his father, James Files, Sr. and his mother, Marion Taylor Files. Jim was an only child, but he was also preceded in death by his close cousin that he considered a brother, Jack Files and his wife Betsy. Left to cherish his life and legacy are his wife of 64 years, Joyce Lanier Files; his daughter Ann Files, his daughter Nancy Files Counts and her husband, Jeff and their daughters Katie and Caroline; and numerous cousins he dearly cherished.

Memorials may be made in Jim's honor to the Salvation Army or to Northminster Church. Online condolence messages may be sent to the family in loving memory of Jim to www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com. Kilpatrick Funeral Home Monroe, La.

Leilani Garrett

Leilani Garrett was born April 8, 1945, in Monroe, and passed away December 13, 2024, in West Monroe, at the age of 79. Arrangements are under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

Dalton Keith Harrell

Funeral service for Mr. Dalton Keith Harrell, 94, of Monroe, LA, will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, December 22, 2024, at North Monroe Baptist Church in the West Venue with Rev. Warren Eckhardt officiating. Interment will follow in Mulhearn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Mulhearn Funeral Home Sterlington Rd. Monroe. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, December 21, 2024, at the funeral home.

Mr. Harrell was born on July 5, 1930, in Scott County, MS, and passed away on December 16, 2024, in West Monroe. He was a member of North Monroe Baptist Church. Mr. Harrell was an Army Veteran of the Korean War finishing his tour as a Corporal. He was a graduate of Bastrop High School, Northeast Louisiana State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education and a Minor in Social Studies, graduate of Mississippi College with a Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision, and earned his 30 semester hours of graduate credit above the Masters Degree from NLU within the field of Education. Starting his career in 1957 with Wireline operator for Otis Engineering and moving on to be a teacher and coach at Causey High School in Causey, New Mexico, Mer Rouge High School, Mer Rouge, LA, Buras High School, Buras, LA, Ouachita Parish High School, Monroe, LA, Sterlington High School in Sterlington, LA, and at Jack Hayes Jr. High School in Monroe starting from 1959, until 1986. He became Assistant Principal at Jack Hays Jr. High School and later became Principal. After serving in education for many years, Mr. Harrell took a position as Director of Osterland Recreation Center from 1988-2008. Then after retirement he decided to be a prescription delivery driver for Mason's Pharmacy and an acting Principal and A. L. Smith Elementary.

Mr. Harrell was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Elsie Rita Comeaux Harrell; parents, Horace and Freddie Harrell; grandson, Logan Johnson; and nine siblings, Melvin Harrell, George Harrell, Leo Harrell, Aline Bennett, Jaqueline Grammer, June Hudson, Mary Jean Santsche, Kenneth Harrell and Hubert Harrell.

Survivors include his children, Janice Worley (Biff), Bonnie Ochs (Paul), Gerry Johnson (Michael), and Betsy Esswein (Mike); grandchildren, Ashleigh Worley, Christopher Esswein (Jaime), Adam Alexander (Chessi), Julie Miles (Michael), Stephanie Alexander Sanders (James), Raleigh Worley, Michaela Tidwell (C.J.), Layton Johnson, Paul Ochs III (Charlotte), Kristin Eppinette, Lucas Johnson, and Hannah Ochs; great grandchildren, Azlyn Alexander, Elsie Alexander, Shelby Nuber Peraita (Jay), Gabe Gittinger, Rodney Dolliole, Rocko Dolliole, Rory Dolliole, Isabela Escalante, Phillip Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Miller Miles, Georgia Miles, and William Miles; one great great grandson, Atlas Peraita; brother -in-law, Malvin Comeaux; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews .

Pallbearers will be Layton Johnson, Lucas Johnson, Adam Alexander, Paul Ochs III, C. J. Tidwell, and David Lehne. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Venable, Archie Evans, John Tannehill, and Robert Anthon.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the special care given to Mr. Harrell, to Dr. David Yarbrough and nurse Christina and to Lisa, Ashley, and the staff at Stonelybrook Memory Care.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International, North Monroe Baptist Church, or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

SHERIFF'S SALE
MIDFIRST BANK
VS.NO. 2024-3927
HEATHER MARIE WAYLAND
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A CERTAIN LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 (N/2 OF NE/4) OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, LAND DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT A 1/2" IRON PIPE FOUND MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, LAND DISTRICT NORTH OF RED RIVER, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND PROCEED NORTH 00° 07' 48": EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, A DISTANCE OF 288.99 FEET TO A SET 1/2" IRON PIPE; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 89° 52' 12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 150.48 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 55° 33' 14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 168.36 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 89° 58' 09" WEST ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 26, A DISTANCE OF 26.54 FEET TO A 5/8" REBAR AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 73° 33' 28" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 667.13 FEET TO A SET 5/8: REBAR; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 46° 35' 45" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 85.00 FEET TO A SPINDLE SET IN THE CENTER OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY NO. 546; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 37° 58' 04" EAST ALONG THE CENTER OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY NO. 546, A DISTANCE OF 144.36 FEET TO A SET SPINDLE; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 67° 52' 49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 228.91 FEET TO A SET 5/8" REBAR; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 55° 33; 14" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 485.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.736 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING SUBJECT OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY NO. 546 AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS OF WAY, EASEMENTS AND SERVITUDES OR RECORD OF USE

TOGETHER WITH AND BEING SUBJECT TO: A CERTAIN RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS - EGRESS AND/OR UTILITIES AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY THOMAS A. SEMMES, JR., REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR, DATED MARCH 4, 2003.; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED/MOBILE HOME SITUATED ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, BEING A 2005 CMH FREEDOM 2, SERIAL NO. CSS005721TXAB, 28' X 58', WHICH SAID MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME WAS IMMOBILIZED PURSUANT TO DECLARATION OF IMMOBILIZATION DATED AUGUST 10, 2004 AND FILED FOR RECORD AS INSTRUMENT NO. 1411098 OF THE RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 19, 2024 January 16, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES LLC VS.NO. 20243886
DONNY JAY JACKSON SR AKA, DONNY J JACKSON SR, DONNY JACKSON SR, DONNY JAY JACKSON, DONNY J JACKSON, DONNY JACKSON
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

LOT THIRTY-SIX (36) OF PRESIDENTIAL ESTATES, UNIT THREE, AS PER PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN PUBLIC RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 19, 2024 January 16, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE
VS.NO. 20243546
CLIFTON MORGAN GILLILAND A/K/A CLIFTON M. GILLILAND A/K/A CLIFTON GILLILAND, HEIR OF MARY KATHRYN OGLESBEE BURKETT A/K/A MARY KATHRYN OGLESBEE A/K/A MARY K. OGLESBEE A/K/A MARY OGLESBEE A/K/A MARY KATHRYN BURKETT A/K/A MARY K. BURKETT A/K/A MARY BURKETT A/K/A MARY OGLESBEE BURKETT A/K/A MARY O. BURKETT A/K/A KATHRYN GILLILAND BURKETT A/K/A KATHRYN G. BURKETT A/K/A KATHRYN BURKETT
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

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THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 22, OF BLOCK 1, OF CYPRESS LAKE SUBDIVISION IN LOT 5 OF SECTION 3, T18N, R4E, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT IN BOOK 9, PAGE 8 RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITH benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 19, 2024 January 16, 2025

SHERIFF'S SALE
REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE
VS.NO. 20242877
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF BERNARD F BIALAS JR. AND KARLA A BIALAS
STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA FOURTH DISTRICT COURT

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued from the Honorable Fourth Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered cause to me directed I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale via an online auction site at www.bid4assets.com/ouachitasheriffsales, between the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, beginning at 10:00 A.M., the following described property, to wit:

A CERTAIN PLAT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 1.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT A 3/4" IRON ROD FOUND MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4, SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA AND RUN SOUTH 00 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 211.99 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE FOUND MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SOLD TO CATHERINE B. FORD AS PER DEED OF RECORD IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 1129, PAGE 136, RECORDS OF OUACHITA PARISH, LOUISIANA AND BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 56 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 269.75 FEET TO A COTTON SPINDLE SET IN THE CENTER OF GOLSON ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD, FOR A DISTANCE OF 141.67 FEET TO A COTTON SPINDLE, THENCE RUN SOUTH 30 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 47

SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD FOR A DISTANCE OF 56.88 FEET TO A COTTON SPINDLE, THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 58 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 123.21 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF SAID SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET TO A 3/4" IRON PIPE MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF AFORESAID PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 27 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.00 FEET TO A FENCE POST LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND; THENCE RUN NORTH 23 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 51 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE WESTERLY SIDE OF SAID PARCEL OF LAND, FOR A DISTANCE OF 260.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, WHICH HAS THE ADDRESS OF 1926 GOLSON ROAD, CALHOUN, LA 71225.

Seized as the property of the defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE and all costs.

Said sale is WITHOUT benefit of appraisalment to the last and highest bidder.

MARC MASHAW, SHERIFF Ouachita Parish
Monroe, LA
December 19, 2024 January 16, 2025

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Public Auction Notice for the Monroe City Marshals Office, Ouachita Parish Sherriif's Office, Town of Sterlington & Metro. This online only auction is open to the public with bidding Closing on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 11am CT. Visit www.HendersonAuctions.com for all the details. Auction Business Lic# AB-459 225-686-2252 or call Jason Bush at 225-431-0542.

The following is in the auction:
1997 Ford F-350 Super Duty, 7.3 Ds. Eng. ,5 Spd. Elec./Hyd Dump, 76,375+ miles, Vin# 1FDLF47F6VEA52008

2007 Ford F-250 Van,V-6 Gas, Vin# 1FTNE14W97DA86505, 76101 Miles (OPSO)

2020 Ford Fusion, V-8, Vin# 3FA6PA6POG71LR120649, 78,203 Miles (OPSO)

2017 Chevrolet Express Van, V-8, Vin# (1ZAZGNFF1H1145915) 422,075 Miles (OPSO), Located @ 802 New Natchitoches Rd , West Monroe, La. 71291 (OPSO)

2017 Dodge Ram 57 V-8 2500 Van, Vin# 3C6TR5CT1GG205569) (OPSO)
2004 BMW SUV, 3.01 Eng. , Auto PS., A/C, Vin# WBXPA93424WD00808, COMES WITH CERTIFICATE OF FORFITURE, APPLY TO GET NEW TITLE (METRO)

1997 Chevrolet Caprice , 5.0 V-8, Miles165,305, COMES WITH CERTIFICATE OF FORFITURE, APPLY TO GET NEW TITLE (METRO)

Pallet Of NAPA New Surplus Oil Filters, Starters, Belts, Spark Plugs, Wipers, etc.... (OPSO)

(2) LAARS PENNANT BOILERS, MODEL # PNCH075NACK2CXX , (OPSO) SER #S (C-06-163473), (C -06-163474) 160 PSI, 240 Degrees, Natural Gas Heat

Bumper Guard for Dodge 2500 (OPSO)

2010 Impala, V-8, Vin# 2G1WD5EM8A1247546, Miles 116,944 (MCMO)

2010 Impala, V-8, Vin# 2G1WD5EM9X1247037, Miles 136,907 (MCMO)

2009 Impala, V-8, Vin# 2G1WS57MX91285987, Miles 210,135 (Title Delay) ,(MCMO)

2005 Dodge Ram Van, V-6, Vin# 1D4HD38N85F594689, Miles 164,899

2014 Dodge Charger, V-8, Vin# 2C3CDX15EH173149 , Miles NA, Located @ 3900Jackson Jackson St. Monroe, La. 71201 (Title Delay) ,(MCMO)

2002 Ford CRV, V-8, Vin# 2FAFP71W22X108308 (SALVAGE ONLY) Located @ OCC Salvage Yard, By Appointment Only (MCMO)

2002 Ford CRV, V-8, Vin# 2FAFP71W22X120531 (SALVAGE ONLY) Located @ OCC Salvage Yard, By Appointment Only (MCMO)

2008 Ford CRV, V-8, Vin# 2FAFHP71V49X119885 (SALVAGE ONLY) Located @ OCC Salvage Yard, By Appointment Only (MCMO)

2007 Ford CRV, V-8 , Vin# 2FAFP71W27X122832, (SALVAGE ONLY) By Appointment Only, (MCMO)

2015 FORD EXPLORER | FOR PARTS/REPAIRS, 1FM5K8AR5F-GC68467,(TOS)

BAD BOY OUTLAW 48IN MOWER; 28HP VANGUARD, SN , SN BBX-7236VA0217015 (TOS)

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PUBLIC NOTICES – Morehouse Parish

The following ordinance having been introduced at a meeting held on November 12, 2024, notice of its introduction having been published in the official journal and a public hearing having been held in connection therewith on this date, was offered for final adoption by Aileen Spices, Jr. and seconded by Jeff Dixon:

ORDINANCE

An ordinance providing for the levy within the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, of a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax") upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services in said Village and for the assessment, collection, payment thereof and the dedication of the proceeds of said Tax and the purpose for which the proceeds of the Tax may be expended, said Tax having been authorized at a special election held in the Village on December 7, 2024.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and other constitutional and statutory authority and an election held on December 7, 2024, the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), acting through the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), is authorized to levy and collect within the Village, a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax"), upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and upon the sale of services defined in applicable statutory authority, pursuant to the following proposition which was approved at said election held on December 7, 2024:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana (the "Village"), be authorized to levy and collect a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$420,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2025, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for the purposes of providing funds for public safety in the Village and for any other lawful purpose of the Village?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitutional and statutory authority and said special election of December 7, 2024, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the levy and collection of the Tax and to provide for distribution of the proceeds thereof and other matters in connection therewith as hereinafter provided in this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Imposition. Pursuant to the authority of a special election held in the Village on December 7, 2024, the Tax is hereby levied upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property, and upon the lease or rental of tangible personal property and on the sales of services in the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, as defined by law. The Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, as enacted by Act 73 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature and as it may be amended, shall apply in the assessment, collection, administration and enforcement of the Tax, the provisions of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION 2. Rate of Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of 2.5% of the sales price of each item or article of tangible personal property when sold at retail in the Village, the Tax to be computed on gross sales for the purpose of remitting the amount of tax due to the Village, and to include each and every retail sale. The Tax is levied at the rate of 2.5% of the cost price of each item or article of tangible personal property when the same is not sold but is used, consumed, distributed, or stored for use or consumption in the Village, provided there shall be no duplication of the Tax. The Tax is levied at the rate of 2.5% of the gross proceeds derived from the lease or rental of tangible personal property, as defined by law, whether the property is an established business, or the same is incidental or germane to the said business, or of the monthly lease or rental price paid by lessee or renter, or contracted or agreed to be paid by lessee or renter to the owner of the tangible personal property. The Tax is levied at the rate of 2.5% of the amount paid or charged for taxable services, as defined by law, performed in the Village.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The Tax shall be effective on April 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. Term. The Tax shall remain in effect for ten (10) years (April 1, 2025 through December 31, 2034).

SECTION 5. Purposes. The proceeds of the Tax shall be used for the purposes set forth in the proposition approved by the voters in the special election held in the Village on December 7, 2024, authorizing the Tax, which proposition is set forth in the preamble hereto.

SECTION 6. Vendor's Compensation. For the purpose of compensating the dealer in accounting for and remitting the Tax levied by this ordinance, each dealer shall be allowed 1.1% of the amount of Tax due and accounted to the Village's collector in the form of a deduction in submitting its report and paying the amount due by the dealer, providing the amount due was not delinquent at the time of payment, and provided the amount of any credit claimed for taxes already paid to a wholesaler shall not be deducted in computing the commission allowed the dealer hereunder.

SECTION 7. Exclusions and Exemptions. The Governing Authority adopts none of the optional exclusions or exemptions allowed by State sales and use tax law, nor does this Governing Authority adopt any exclusions or exemptions authorized by legislation enacted under Article VI, Section 29 (DXI) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, that is not allowed as an exclusion or exemption from State sales and use tax. Included within the base of the Tax is every transaction, whether sales, use, lease or rental, consumption, storage or service, with no exclusions or exemptions except for those mandated upon political subdivisions by the Constitution or statutes of the State of Louisiana, including the Act.

SECTION 8. Interest on Unpaid Amount of Tax Due. The interest on unpaid amounts of the Tax which are due shall be at the maximum rate of interest provided for in La. R.S. 47:337.69 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 9. Delinquency Penalty. The delinquency penalty shall be at the maximum rate provided for in La. R.S. 47:337.70 and any subsequent amendments that may be made thereto.

SECTION 10. Penalty for False, Fraudulent or Grossly Incorrect Return. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.72 shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of the Tax found to be due.

SECTION 11. Negligence Penalty. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.73 shall be five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount of the Tax found to be due, or ten dollars (\$10.00), whichever is greater.

SECTION 12. Penalty for Insufficient Funds Check. The penalty as authorized by La. R.S. 47:337.74 shall be an amount of 1% of the check or twenty dollars (\$20.00).

SECTION 13. Attorney Fees. The collector is authorized to employ private counsel to assist in the collection of any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance, or to represent him in any proceeding under this ordinance. If any taxes, penalties or interest due under this ordinance are referred to an attorney at law for collection, an additional charge of attorney fees, in the amount of ten per centum (10%) of the taxes, penalties and interest due, shall be paid by the tax debtor.

SECTION 14. Penalty for Costs Incurred. As provided by R.S. 47:337.75, and under the circumstances set forth therein, a penalty shall be added to the amount of Tax due in an amount as itemized by the Collector to compensate for all costs incurred in making an examination of books, records or documents, or an audit thereof, or in the holding of hearings or the subpoenaing and compensating of witnesses.

SECTION 15. Distraint Penalty. The penalty as provided by R.S. 47:337.76 in cases where the distraint procedure is used in the collection of the Tax shall be ten dollars (\$10.00).

SECTION 16. Limits on Interest, Penalty, and Attorney Fees. Should the interest, penalties or attorney fees herein, or the combined interest, penalties and attorney fees be declared to be in excess of limits provided by other law, including relevant jurisprudence, then the maximum interest, penalties and attorney fees allowed by such other law shall apply.

SECTION 17. Collector. The Tax levied by this ordinance is authorized to be collected by a "Collector" which term shall mean the Morehouse Parish Sales Tax Commission.

SECTION 18. Powers of Collector. The Collector is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, to appoint deputies to assist it in the performance of its duties, and in pursuance thereof to make and enforce such rules as it may deem necessary.

SECTION 19. Agreement to Collect Tax on Vehicles. With regard to the collection of the Tax on any motor vehicle, automobile, truck, truck-trailer, trailer, semi-trailer, motor bus, home trailer, or any other vehicle subject to the vehicle registration license tax, the Village, acting through its Mayor, is authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements on behalf of the Village with the Vehicle Commissioner, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, for the collection of the Tax on such vehicles, as provided by R.S.47:303(B).

SECTION 20. Revenues of Tax. All taxes, revenues, funds, assessments, moneys, penalties, fees or other income which may be collected or come into the possession of the Collector under any provision or provisions of this ordinance relating to the Tax shall be promptly deposited by the Collector for the account of the Village in a special fund to be established and maintained for the deposit of such proceeds, which fund may be a separate bank account to be established and maintained with the regularly designated fiscal agent of the Village; provided, however, any amount which is paid under protest or which is subject to litigation may be transferred to a separate account established by the Collector with said fiscal agent pending the final determination of the protest or litigation.

In compliance with the said special election of December 7, 2024, authorizing the Tax, after all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administration of the Tax have been paid as provided for above, the remaining balance in said special fund shall be available for appropriation and expenditures by the Governing Authority solely for the purposes designated in the proposition authorizing the levy of the Tax.

SECTION 21. Severability. If any or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

SECTION 22. Uniform Sales Tax Controlling. If any provision of this ordinance shall be in conflict with the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code, the provisions of the Uniform Local Sales Tax Code shall be controlling.

SECTION 23. Effective Date of Ordinance. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption, being an ordinance affecting the public peace, health and safety.

SECTION 24. Publication and Recordation. This ordinance shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Governing Authority as soon as is reasonably possible. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana.

The final adoption of the foregoing ordinance having been duly moved and seconded, the roll was called and the following vote was taken and recorded:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

There being a favorable vote on the ordinance of at least a majority of the authorized members of the Governing Authority, the ordinance was declared adopted on this the 10th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Patti Gregory
Clerk

Presented to Mayor on December 10, 2024 for action as evidenced by his signature:

Approved: */s/ John D. McAdams*

Disapproved: _____

Returned to Clerk on December 10, 2024

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The following resolution was offered by Jeff Dixon and seconded by Dan Turner:

RESOLUTION

A resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein.

BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, December 7, 2024 (the "Election"), to authorize the levy of a sales and use tax therein pursuant to the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana (the "Village"), be authorized to levy and collect a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$420,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2025, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for the purposes of providing funds for public safety in the Village and for any other lawful purpose of the Village?

This Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns of the Election thereof.

SECTION 2. Election Results. According to the official certified tabulation of votes cast at said Election, there was a total of 50 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 5 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, resulting in a majority of 45 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition. The Proposition was therefore duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the Election.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Result. The results of said election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law, after receipt from the Secretary of State's office of the actual costs of the election, as required by §18:1292 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended.

SECTION 4. Declaration. The foregoing results of the Election are hereby declared by this Governing Authority and shall be published as required by law.

SECTION 5. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the Election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Morehouse, who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of said Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 10th day of December, 2024.

/s/ Patti D. Gregory
Clerk

/s/ John D. McAdams
Mayor

PROCÈS VERBAL OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF MER ROUGE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., at its regular meeting place, the Village Hall, 107 N. 18th Street, Mer Rouge, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), and being the authority ordering the special election held therein on Saturday, December 7, 2024, with a quorum of the Governing Authority present and did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the said election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana (the "Village"), be authorized to levy and collect a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$420,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2025, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for the purposes of providing funds for public safety in the Village and for any other lawful purpose of the Village?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 50 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 5 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and it was further found and determined that there was a majority of 45 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth.

Therefore, the Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that the Proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Village on Saturday, December 7, 2024.

Results by precinct are available from the Clerk of this Governing Authority during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov).

Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part of this *Procès Verbal* is a copy of the Notice of Special Election and proof of publication thereof.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT Mer Rouge, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST: */s/ Patti D. Gregory*
Clerk

/s/ John D. McAdams
Mayor

EXHIBIT "A"

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), on August 13, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Village on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Village qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (SALES TAX)

Shall the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana (the "Village"), be authorized to levy and collect a 2.5% sales and use tax (the "Tax") in accordance with Louisiana law (an estimated \$420,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning January 1, 2025, with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying reasonable and necessary costs and expenses of collecting and administering the Tax), for the purposes of providing funds for public safety in the Village and for any other lawful purpose of the Village?

The said special election shall be held at the polling place for the following precinct, which poll will open at seven o'clock (7:00 a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCT 29

The polling place for the precinct set forth above is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$1,000.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Village Hall, 107 N. 18th Street, Mer Rouge, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Village are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Mayor of the Village of Mer Rouge, State of Louisiana (the "Village"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce that the proposition submitted at the special election held in the Village on Saturday, December 7, 2024, was **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast at the said special election, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED AT Mer Rouge, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of December, 2024.

/s/ John D. McAdams
Mayor

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PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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This is to give notice that the City of Monroe (COM) has determined that the following proposed action under the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Community Development Block Grant Mitigation program B-18-DP-22-0001 is located in the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) floodplain and within jurisdictional wetland areas, and COM will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action within the floodplain and wetland areas and the potential impacts on the floodplain and wetland areas from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988, as amended by Executive Order 13690 and Executive Order 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 in Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The proposed project location is near the Parkview Neighborhood in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana. The extent of the FFRMS floodplain was determined using a 0.2 percent flood approach. The project will construct approximately 2,400 linear feet of new storm sewer drainages that will increase stormwater runoff flow efficiency as it migrates toward Youngs Bayou. The main trunkline will be located in an existing City of Monroe Right of Way through the neighborhood with additional improvements to tie in ditches on East Street and Walton Avenue. Currently, rainfall/runoff from the neighborhood does not have an efficient conveyance system for water to escape the roads and ditches. Stormwater runoff flows overland to Youngs Bayou, leading to flooding of neighborhood homes and other sensitive structures. Portions of the proposed project will occur in areas designated as Flood Zone AE, a Special Flood Hazard Area according to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Mapping and the discharges conveyed by the project will enter Youngs Bayou, a perennial stream. Bank stabilization activities associated with the project are anticipated to result in approximately 2.06 cubic feet of fill to be discharged over approximately 35 linear feet of the western bank of Youngs Bayou.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains or wetlands, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain or potential wetland area, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by COM at the following address on or before Thursday, January 2nd, 2024: City of Monroe, 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, LA 71201, Attention Mayor Friday Ellis or via phone at (318) 329-2227. A full project description may also be reviewed from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 400 Lea Joyner Memorial Expressway, Monroe, LA 71201. Comments may also be submitted via email at Matt@wetlandsunlimited.org. Date: December 19, 2024

Storage Auction
December 20th 10:30 a.m.
Mid-City Storage
1306 North 19th Street
Monroe, LA 71201
(318) 600-4454
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids are requested by the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School from general contractors for construction of the following project:

A NEW AG BUILDING AND FIELD HOUSE FOR: D'ARBONNE WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL Project No.: DWCSI21824

Bids will be received at the D'Arbonne Woods Charter School in the Neese Assembly Hall, 9560 Highway 33, Farmerville, Louisiana 71241 until: 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 16, 2025, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from www.centerlinebidconnect.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs for this project. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at:

Taylor-Wallace Designs, Inc. 2021 Williams Colony Road Downssville, LA 71234 (318) 982-7338 gwallace@twdesignsinc.com

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the Neese Assembly Hall at D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, 9560 Highway 33, Farmerville, LA 71241. Bids will only be accepted by Contractors who attend the entire Pre-Bid Conference.

The successful Bidder is allowed 240 calendar days to complete the Project from the date stated in a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at \$500.00 for each consecutive calendar day for which the work is not substantially complete.

The project is classified as Building Construction. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all additive alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this State. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable. The cost estimate is \$3,000,000.00.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

The Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis stated in the Instructions to Bidders. The non-collusion affidavit, and other requirements must be hand delivered by the apparent low bidder within 5 business days after the bid opening. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the bid opening except as provided by law.

Only Contractors licensed according to Contractor's Licensing Law, R.S. 37:2151-2163, shall be considered if his bid is greater than \$50,000.00 and shall show his license number on exterior of Bid Envelope and above his signature or the signature of his duly authorized representative.

The D'Arbonne Woods Charter School Board reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

Doug Postel, Executive Director D'Arbonne Woods Charter School
12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 1600 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
2305 NORTH 7TH STREET, WEST MONROE, LA 71291
WEST MONROE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of West Monroe will meet in legal session on Monday, January 6, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers of West Monroe City Hall, 2305 North 7th Street, to review the following applications:

COA-24-70000006 for 218 TRENTON STREET/119 COMMERCE STREET by applicants Inject Beauty for 218 Trenton Street (Parcel #37871). Requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior remodel in CB-4 (Central Downtown Development) District located in the Cottonport Historic District per West Monroe Code of Ordinances 12:7038.

If you need special assistance, please contact Jonathan Kaufman, Building & Development Director, at 318-396-2600, and describe the assistance that is necessary.

The public is invited to attend.

To Run: 12-19-2024, 12-26-2024 & 01-02-2025

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of a certain Promissory Note payable to INDYMAC BANK, F.S.B., executed by VALERIE L. TARVER, BY HIS/HER AGENT AND ATTORNEY IN FACT, CAROLYN FORTNER JANUARY, and dated November 3, 2004, from dated until paid, and providing reasonable attorney fees, and all charges associated with the collection of same. Please contact Herschel C. Adcock, Jr., Attorney at Law, at P.O. Box 87379, Baton Rouge, LA 70879-8379, (225) 756-0373.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Administration Building, 100 Bry St., Monroe, Louisiana 71201, on or before two (2:00) PM, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at two o'clock (2:00) PM, January 14, 2025, and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting for the purpose of furnishing the following:

COURTROOM BENCHES FOR OUACHITA PARISH COURTHOUSE

Complete specifications on the above item(s) are on file with and may be obtained from Lushonnoh Matthews, Purchasing Manager, Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Purchasing Department, 100 Bry St., Monroe, LA. Bidders must note on the sealed envelope containing the bid: "SEALED BID" and the APPROPRIATE BID NUMBER.

Bids are accepted electronically on BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/ouachitaparishpolicejury .

THE OUACHITA PARISH POLICE JURY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.

Publication Dates: December 19, 2024 December 26, 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Indian Village Water System Failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identification of a Significant Deficiency

On September 24, 2019 the Louisiana Department of Health and (LDH) performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sanitary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more significant deficiencies in our system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA's Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies) or work with the State to develop a plan to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies). However, we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the State before the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treatment and oversight of the water system. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

What was done?

While the aforementioned significant deficiencies were corrected in a timely manner, the Indian Village Water System did fail to issue the required public notices). This current significant deficiency does not pose a threat to public health but is administrative only in nature. The posting of this notice in a local newspaper along with verification of this posting submitted to LDH shall serve as the necessary corrective action for this deficiency.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact: Scott Green, Operator@, 318-644-5453.

Date Distributed: 12/19/2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office, in the Briefing Room of the Ouachita Parish Courthouse Annex, 400 St. John Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025 and read out loud for the following project:

NORTH DELTA TRAINING ACADEMY NEW BUILDING for the OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF OFFICE

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are being distributed in electronic form on behalf of the Owner by Centerline BidConnect. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from the Public Plan Room at www.centerlinebidconnect.com. Printed copies are not available from the Owner or Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to: Centerline - Phone: 504-291-5738, Email: bidconnect@centerline.co.

LAND 3 ARCHITECT INC/PH: 318 - 322 - 2694 - ext. 2
1900 Stubbs Avenue, Suite ABill@Land3.com
Monroe, Louisiana 71201-5752

Electronic bids can be submitted at to www.centerlinebidconnect.com prior to bid closing time. Contractors/Vendors do not pay to register, receive notifications, or submit solicitation responses. Please contact Centerline if you have any questions.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at Wednesday January 8, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. at the existing North Delta Training Building at the Ouachita Parish Rifle Range on 268 Sheriff Fewell Road, West Monroe 71292.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this State. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, and shall be countersigned by a person who is contracted with the surety company or bond issuer as agent of the company or issuer, and who is licensed as an insurance agent in this State and who is residing in this State, in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section; and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

OUACHITA PARISH SHERIFF OFFICE
S/
Marc Mashaw, Sheriff
Publication Dates) 12.19.24, 12.26.24, 1.2.25

LEGAL NOTICE (ADVERTISEMENT)

The City of West Monroe, LA seeks proposals for the sale and delivery to it of one (1) new 2024 or 2025 model Box Truck as specified premanufactured or converted for use in its recyclable waste program. Competitive proposals and price bids will be accepted until the deadline of 11:00 a.m., December 30, 2024, online only, at https://lamats.eauctionservices.com "BOX TRUCK CONVERSION / PURCHASE (WEST MONROE)".

The Box Truck sought must be suitable for operating high hours and high mileage and must be commercially manufactured or a truck chassis conversion in accordance with the requirements and specifications at https://lamats.eauctionservices.com.

In addition to price, operability and capabilities, the dealer must be able to deliver the Box Truck within a reasonable timeframe as defined in the solicitation.

Proposers must register at https://lamats.eauctionservices.com to access the full specifications and to submit proposals and price bids. This solicitation is open to minority and women owned enterprises and other enterprises classified as disadvantaged (DBEs), and these enterprises are encouraged to

participate. Questions regarding this solicitation may be submitted to Courtney Hornsby, Chief of Staff, City of West Monroe, chornsby@westmonroe.la.gov.

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Proposals will be accepted until Dec. 30, 2024, at 2:00 pm by electronic means only through LaMATS e-Auction & Bid Services (EASIBUY) https://lamats.eauctionservices.com.

Registration by sellers intending to submit proposals is required. All necessary documents, specifications and requirements are accessible after registration at https://lamats.eauctionservices.com.

Sellers must follow the requirements related to proposal submissions as provided in the RFP documents. Submission of Bids is electronic only through LaMATS e-Auction & Bid Services (EASIBUY) https://lamats.eauctionservices.com.

The City reserves the right to conduct negotiations with sellers of qualified machines and to seek "best and final" offers/pricing.

All proposals or bids are subject to review and acceptance of the Grantor of funds to be used to purchase the Box Truck. The grant funds being used are considered Federal grant funds subject to "BABA" requirements and regulations (Build American/Buy American).

ELECTRONIC PROCESSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

The successful seller whose proposal results in an award is responsible for payment of a \$500 electronic processing and administrative fee. The electronic processing and administrative fee is payable to LaMATS e-Auction & Bid Services, 6767 Perkins Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70808 Attn: LaMATS Electronic Administrator upon product delivery.

ADDENDA AND INTERPRETATIONS

No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications or contract documents will be made orally to any Seller. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing and emailed to Paul Holmes, LAMATS Electronic Administrator, paul@lamats.net.

Technical questions regarding registration, submittal of bids and use of the electronic bid platform should also be directed to Paul Holmes, Electronic Administrator, paul@lamats.net.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be submitted to Courtney Hornsby, Chief of Staff, City of West Monroe, chornsby@westmonroe.la.gov.

12.19, 12.26

NOTICE

Parcel No. 49541
Riley Smith, III or Estate
City of Monroe

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN MONROE, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

Parcel# 49541 / Municipal Address: 521 Atkinson Street, Monroe, LA 71202

BRIEF LEGAL: LOT IN LOT 10 SQ 9 WILSON WILLIAMS ADDN FRGTG 30 FT ON ATKINSON ST, DEPTH 102.5 FT ON NO SIDE REED ST.

Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.

Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.

Ouachita Parish Tax Collector 300 Saint John Street, Room 102 Monroe, LA 71201 318-329-1280 12.19

The Ouachita Parish School Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at twelve (12:00) o'clock p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Ouachita Parish School Board office.

Note: There were no comment cards completed for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting. Additionally, there were no remote requests for any agenda business item addressed in this meeting.

Presence of the following members was verified through roll call: Tommy Comeaux, Shere May, Mike Batey, Jerry R. Hicks, Harold McCoy, Dabo Graves, and Greg Manley.

President Tommy Comeaux called the meeting to order as he welcomed the visitors and guests, followed by the presentation of colors by Richard High School NJROTC, Pledge of Allegiance by Tommy Comeaux, and the Invocation offered by West Monroe High School student Jackson Dayton.

Shere May made the motion, seconded by Jerry Hicks, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 regular meeting as written. Motion carried without opposition.

Harold McCoy made a motion to approve two revisions to the agenda with the addition of Business Item #3 and Permission to Bid Item #4, Mike Batey seconded the motion, motion carried without opposition. Shere May then made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Jerry Hicks, motion carried without opposition.

Mr. Guice stated there was nothing for the Personnel Report for this meeting.

Mr. Comeaux introduced Aline Smead with the first Item of Business, Special Recognitions. Two West Ouachita High School students were recognized for acceptance into National FFA Chorus. Jace Atchison and Colin Sebren were two of eighty FFA members selected and the only two from Louisiana to be chosen.

The second Item of Business presented by Dr. Carrie Ferguson was Consideration of Policies for vote at the December Board Meeting. The policies—BCBB, BCBJ, CBD, FEA, GAK, GAMK, GBC, IDBA, IDDF, and JGC—were presented and posted online for review. The Policy Review Committee will meet on Thursday, November 14 regarding those policies presented.

Purchasing Agent Jared Peters presented the third Item of Business, Approve Change Order for Bid 55-24 WOHS Baseball/Softball Additions & Renovations. Mike Batey motioned to accept the change order at a cost of \$110,450 through West Ouachita Sales Taxes, seconded by Shere May and passed unopposed.

Regina Mekus introduced Business Item number four, Financial Report for period ending September 30, 2024. She stated the General Fund Balance was \$32,451,642 and the District #1 M&O Balance was \$30,486,039. Ms. Mekus informed the Board that the 14th Check will be distributed Monday, November 18 via direct deposit. The amounts of the checks will be \$5,740 for Instructional, \$3,700 for 11-12 month support, and \$2,780 for 9-10 month support staff.

Steven Hemphill presented the fifth Business Item, Construction/Renovation Projects Report. The Board discussed and accepted the report as presented.

Purchasing Agent, Jared Peters, presented the Evaluation of Bids beginning with item #1, 11-25 West Monroe High School tennis courts. He recommended the board approve the lowest responsive bidder, Ryan Watson Construction in the total amount of \$395,000 with West Ouachita Sales Tax as the funding source. Mike Batey made the motion to accept this bid, seconded by Shere May. Motion carried unanimously. Item #2, 12-25 Myles Property Sale received no bids.

Jared Peters presented the Permission to Bid items together as follows: Item #1 Bid 13-25, Surplus Sale (Buses and Vehicles); Item #2 Bid RFP14-25, Kitchen Cameras funded by Child Nutrition Equipment Fund in the amount of \$260,000; Item 3 Bid 15-25 Sound Systems (West Monroe High and Good Hope Middle) funded by West Ouachita Sales Tax in the amount of \$50,000; and Item #4 Bid 16-25 Myles Property Sale. Greg Manley motioned to approve all items for Permission to Bid, seconded by Dabo Graves. The motion carried without opposition.

In the President's Report, Mr. Comeaux announced the next meeting would be on December 10, 2024 at noon.

In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Guice announced the Louisiana Department of Education will release School and District Performance Scores on November 20. Additionally, he reminded the Board Members of the Finance Committee Meeting and Policy Review Committee Meeting, both on Thursday, November 14, as well as Student of the Year Luncheon on Monday, November 18.

There being no further business, Jerry Hicks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Harold McCoy. Motion carried and adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Tommy Comeaux, President
ATTEST:
Todd Guice, Secretary
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration and shall be directed to the Office of Facility Planning and Control, 1201 North Third Street, Claiborne Office Building, Suite 7-160, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802 or P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804-9095. The deadline for receipt of bids is 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in a public meeting in the Claiborne Office Building, Conference Room 1-145.

FOR:Chiller Replacement
Walker, Strauss and Hemphill Halls
University of Louisiana Monroe
Monroe, Louisiana
PROJECT NUMBER:19-671-22-01, F.19002527
Complete Bidding Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from John J. Guth Associates, Inc.. Printed copies are not available from the Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs.

Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Designer at:
John J. Guth Associates, Inc.
208 Milam Street
Shreveport, LA 71101
Telephone: 318-221-8638
E-mail: cbullard@guthassoc.com or dsisco@guthassoc.com
All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.
A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD
at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 07, 2025 at
University of Louisiana Monroe, Strauss Hall, Room 259, 500 Bayou Drive, Monroe, LA 71209.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Mechanical. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds or financed in whole or in part by federal or other funds which are not readily available at the time bids are received, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds by the Bond Commission or the availability of federal or other funds. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned (LaVet) Small Entrepreneurships Program. Bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility Planning and Control or on its website at <https://www.doa.la.gov/doa/fpc/>.

If you have a disability and would like to request an accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, please contact Christina Cardona at Christina.Cardona@la.gov or (225) 342-6060 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL
ROGER E. HUSSER, JR., DIRECTOR
12.5, 12.12, 12.19

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
SEALED BIDS will be received in the office of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the Ouachita Parish Administrative Building, 100 Bry Street, Monroe, Louisiana, on or before 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 2, 2025, and that the same will be opened, read aloud and tabulated in the office of Ouachita Parish Police Jury, at 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 2, 2025 and submitted to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at its next scheduled meeting, for the purpose of furnishing the following:

D'Arbonne Hills Drainage Improvements – Phase 2
Ouachita Parish Police Jury
L&A, Inc. Project No. 24E054.00
Estimated Probable Construction Cost: \$1,700,000
The Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents shall be examined and procured at the office of the Engineer, Lazenby & Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors, 2000 North Seventh Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291. A deposit of Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00) plus shipping and mailing costs will be required for each set of documents. In accordance with R.S. 38:2212(D), deposits on the first set of documents furnished to bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents; deposits on any additional sets will be refunded less the actual costs of reproduction. Refunds will be made upon return of the documents in good condition within ten days after receipt of bids.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check or acceptable Bid Bond payable to Ouachita Parish Police Jury in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount as a guarantee that, if awarded the Contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds as may be required. Each bid shall also be accompanied by a Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid for the public work as prescribed by LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). Electronic bids will be received via www.bidsync.com prior to bid closing time.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Consolidation Declaration, Attestation Clause, and E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond for the full amount of the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions. In addition, the successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Labor and Material Payment Bond for the Contract in accordance with Article 5 of the General Conditions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B).

December 2, 2024OWNER: Ouachita Parish Police Jury
Date
BY: /s/ Shane Smiley
Shane Smiley, President

Publication Dates:
December 5, 2024, December 12, 2024, & December 19,2024

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders: Notice is hereby given to the shareholders of The Mer Rouge State Bank that the annual meeting for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting will be held at the banking house of said bank located at 102 Davenport Avenue, Mer Rouge, Louisiana on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.
12.19, 12.26, 1.2, 1.9

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5419 MOTION BY: Hanilton
SECONDED BY: Westerburg

ORDINANCE TO MODIFY AND RESTRUCTURE "CHAPTER I SANITARY CODE AND REFUSE COLLECTION" OF "PART 8 HEALTH AND SANITATION" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, AMENDING AND REENACTING "ARTICLE A. SANITARY CODE", CONSISTING OF SEC. 8-1001 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA; AMENDING AND REENACTING THE PROVISIONS OF "ARTICLE B. - GARBAGE AND TRASH PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY", CONSISTING OF SEC. 8-1011 TO 8-1019 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA; AND TO ENACT "ARTICLE C. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE DOWNTOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT" CONSISTING OF SEC. 8-1025 TO SEC. 8-1030 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, ALL SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DOWNTOWN

GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS BOUNDARIES, APPLICABLE DEFINITIONS, THE APPLICABILITY AND AMOUNT OF THE MONTHLY DOWNTOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION FEE, THE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DOWNTOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT AND RELATED MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO DECLARE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SEVERABLE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that "ARTICLE A. SANITARY CODE", consisting of Sec. 8-1001 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended and re-enacted, to provide as follows:

"ARTICLE A. SANITARY CODE
Sec. 8-1001. Adoption.
The city hereby adopts, and incorporates in this section by reference, the sanitary code of the state as prepared and promulgated by the state health officer in accordance with R.S. 40:3 et seq., insofar as the same is applicable to the city, and is more stringent than the provisions of this Code.
Secs. 8-1002—8-1010. Reserved."

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that "ARTICLE B. - GARBAGE AND TRASH PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY", consisting of Sec. 8-1011 to 8-1019 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby amended and re-enacted, so as to hereafter provide as follows:

"ARTICLE B. GARBAGE AND TRASH PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY
Sec. 8-1011. Definitions.

For the purpose of this article the following definitions shall apply:
Garbage: All solid kitchen refuse subject to decay or putrefaction, tin cans, bottles, paper, cardboard boxes, usual household containers (consumer-sized), putrescible vegetable matter, animal offal, animal carcasses, animal and vegetable waste matter from animal quarters and all market waste of animal or vegetable matter which was intended to be used as food. It includes all putrescible waste matter except sewage and industrial byproducts.

Prohibited items: Sewerage, industrial by-products, appliances (including, but not limited to, those utilizing Freon), batteries, chemicals, concrete and cinder blocks and bricks, construction and remodeling materials (including, but not limited to, lumber and plaster), explosives (including, but not limited to, rifle and pistol bullets, shotgun shells, and any other item containing gun powder or explosive material), furniture, pieces of glass exceeding six (6) inches in length or width (and which shall be itself safely contained), red garbage bags, tree trunks and/or limbs weighing more than thirty (30) pounds or more than sixty (60) inches in length (and any tree trunks and/or limbs of any size cut by any commercial service or arising from any commercial enterprise), roofing or shingles, metal items (other than ordinary household food containers), oil or other petroleum products, paint or paint cans, tires, furniture, or earth/dirt/soil.

Trash: Any horticultural products other than garbage or putrescible material. It shall include but not be limited to cuttings of grass and weeds, fallen leaves, branches, ashes, vines, cardboard boxes and containers, shrubbery trimmings and similar debris or other like materials not included under the definition of "garbage."

Additional prohibited items: Subject to review by the mayor, the department of public works shall have the authority to further define and determine allowable garbage and/or trash items, or to further prohibit and/or exclude certain types, kinds and/or sizes or quantities of items from being placed with garbage or trash, or to define the manner of its disposition, such as requiring certain types of items be individually bagged or otherwise secured (which shall be considered as prohibited items for all purposes of this article), including the ability to determine that certain items are not to be collected by the city or will only be collected for an additional charge for such collection if collection by the city is desired by the owner.

Owner: Use of the term "owner" shall include an owner, lessee, tenant, other occupant, or their agents, invitees or permittees. Any financial responsibility established in this article shall be borne by the person or entity in whose name the trash and/or garbage account is listed. If no account is established, any owner, lessee, tenant or other occupant of the parcel shall all be solidarity liable.

Dumpster: For purposes of this chapter, a dumpster shall be defined as a container for garbage or trash with a capacity of 2 cubic yards or greater. All dumpsters utilized within the city shall be solid-weld metal body containers.

Sec. 8-1012. Accumulation; collection.
(a) (i) Except for commercial establishments, including apartments and condominiums, which have contracted with a private garbage or trash disposal company to provide a dumpster, every owner of any public, commercial or private property or premise, including residential property, shall place all garbage in containers supplied by the city.
(ii) Garbage and trash containers shall not be filled with dishwater or other liquid or semi-liquid kitchen wastes which are properly disposable down sanitary drains. The containers shall be kept at all times in a sanitary condition with the outside thereof clean and free from accumulative grease and decomposing material. The lid or cover must be closed on garbage containers at all times when not being filled.
(iii) Individual garbage containers supplied by the city shall remain the property of the city and if damaged, destroyed or stolen through abuse, neglect or improper use of the owner shall be replaced by the city at the expense of the person or entity who is the responsible person on the account. Containers which are damaged in the course of normal and reasonable usage or which are damaged, destroyed or stolen through no abuse, neglect or improper use of the owner shall be repaired or replaced by the city at no charge. The container shall not be damaged, destroyed, defaced or removed from the premises by any person other than the city; markings and identification devices on the containers, except as placed or specifically permitted by the city, are expressly prohibited and shall be regarded as damage to the containers.
(b) Garbage and trash shall not be allowed to remain in any house or other building, cellar or other structure, or on any premises long enough to cause a health hazard or become a nuisance of any type or nature.
(c) Except for those in the Downtown Garbage Collection District, garbage for collection shall be placed in the supplied container(s) which are located a distance not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet from the street or dedicated alleyway which is utilized by the city as its usual route for garbage collection. All garbage must fit within the container with the lid closed. No garbage will be picked up by the city that is not properly contained within the garbage container. All garbage not placed within a container (whether supplied by the city or by a separate commercial establishment) may be subject to a separate charge, to be established from time-to-time by the mayor as am amount that will reimburse the city for the expense of being required to manually retrieve such items, such charge to be not less than five dollars (\$5.00) per pickup and not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pickup. In addition, all garbage not contained securely within closed and sealed plastic bags or sealed cartons, neatly stacked, shall in addition be declared to be "litter" for all purposes of this Code, and the person or entity in whose name the account is held shall be subject to the fines and penalties otherwise provided by this Code in addition to the administrative fee provided for the retrieval of the items above.

(d) Except for those in the Downtown Garbage Collection District, all trash collected from residences such as pine straw or leaves, shall be separated from tree limbs or other bulky material, and stacked as near to the curbline as possible, and must be secured (bagged or other method, as appropriate) to insure it is not scattered by wind, animals, or other cause. All limbs, stumps and other bulky material must be stacked conveniently in such a manner that one person can handle and load it. No trash of any type may be placed in an open drainage ditch or otherwise placed in a manner to impede drainage at that or any other location.
(e) Earth, trees, wallpaper, roofing material, plaster, concrete, paint buckets, lumber, or other substances that may accumulate as a result of repairs to land or buildings or as a result of initial clearing of lots, or as a result of building operations, as well as any types of old discarded furniture, appliances, electronics, discarded toys, bicycles and wagons shall not be considered as trash and will not be picked up by the city, but the proper disposal thereof shall be the responsibility of the owner. However, upon approval by the mayor, the department of public works may establish a program to retrieve items not otherwise collectable by the city upon payment of a fee to be established and which is reasonably appropriate to offset the overall cost of that collection by the city.

(f) No person shall throw or deposit or allow to fall upon any walkway, street, thoroughfare or private property any dead cats, dogs, chickens, rats or other animals, tainted meat, decayed or decaying fruits or vegetables, human or other excrement, or any garbage or trash of any nature and kind whatsoever.
(g) With regard to new construction and repairs to buildings, ditches must be kept open and free from trash and debris at all times and pipe laid in ditches before construction starts. Any ditches stopped up by a contractor or other person undertaking the construction or repair shall be cleaned out by the city and billed to the property owner. If the bill is not paid within forty-eight (48) hours after the property owner is notified in writing, all services furnished by the city to the property owner will be discontinued and disconnected until so paid.

(h) All owners of any building, house, structure or grounds shall be held strictly responsible for the cleanliness of their premises and property and of alleys and neutral ground immediately adjacent thereto; and all business owners and managers of stores, restaurants, markets, stands or other commercial establishments shall be responsible for keeping the sidewalks in front of their business buildings or structures so occupied by them in a clean condition.

(i) It shall be unlawful for any person to sweep, blow or otherwise cause any grass clippings, paper, trash, dirt, garbage or other material to be placed into the streets, sidewalks, ditches, or the culverts, grates, drains or other components of the city's stormwater drainage system of the city, or in or on other public ways.

(j) Except as provided by section 4-2032, it shall be unlawful for any person to burn any paper, grass, leaves, limbs, trash, debris, garbage or other substance or material within the limits of the city.

Sec. 8-1013. Commercial accounts not located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District.
(a) Except for those located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District or commercial establishments which have contracted with a garbage or trash disposal company other than the city, any business or commercial pickup which generates an accumulation of garbage and/or trash between collections which exceeds the three (3) non-metal containers furnished by city will be required to utilize a dumpster or dumpsters provided by a private contractor who shall service the container(s). Each business must provide ample parking space whereby the loading truck can easily gain access to the dumpster or dumpsters.. No business which generates more than the hereinabove stated amounts of garbage and/or trash will be served by the city, nor by a private contractor providing a dumpster or dumpsters.. Any public and/or private contractor who services a business without an approved dumpster or dumpsters shall be held in violation along with the business served.
(b) It shall be unlawful to place any metal or wood or other object, including, but not limited to, furniture, appliances or equipment that cannot be easily compressed or crushed by city equipment, into any container supplied by the city for disposal. In addition, if an improper item is placed into a container and damages the collection vehicle, the cost of repair or replacement shall be charged to the account holder for the premises unless established by the account holder that it was placed in the container by an unauthorized and unaffiliated person.
(c) City shall have the right to determine the number and type of containers to be utilized by a commercial account which is serviced by the city. City shall further have the right to decline to provide service to any commercial location based upon any cause city determines to be appropriate.
Sec. 8-1014. Equipment.
All vehicles used for the purpose of transporting garbage within the city must have a completely enclosed, packer type body, and be kept in a sanitary condition. All commercial containers used for the purpose of containing garbage must be of a solid-weld metal body, equipped with lids, with the lids kept closed. All items intended to be disposed of shall be kept and held within a container. All containers must be kept in a sanitary condition, and it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the container to see that this is done on a regular basis. Any container found to be leaking refuse will be repaired or replaced immediately by the responsible person.
Sec. 8-1015. Collection charges, other than for those located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District.
Except for those located within the Downtown Garbage and Trash District, the monthly charge for garbage service for customers using containers furnished by the city shall be as follows:
(a) Residential accounts: Sixteen dollars and fifty cents (\$16.50) per month, with the container to be furnished by the city; if additional containers are needed for a residence, those containers will be supplied by the city, with additional collection charges at the rate of thirteen dollars and sixty cents (\$13.60) per month per additional container.
(b) Commercial accounts: Twenty dollars and ten cents (\$20.10) per month per container; if the need of the commercial premises exceeds three (3) containers, then the owner, lessee, or their agents or occupants must instead utilize a dumpster or dumpsters through an independent garbage collection service for their garbage service.
Sec. 8-1015.1. Payment of bills; late penalties.
The provisions of section 7-5001 shall govern the payment of bills and late penalties.
Sec. 8-1016. Unlawful use of the container of another.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to dispose of garbage or trash in any container which belongs to or has been provided to another, whether with or without the permission of that other person.
(b) The existence of garbage or trash in a container belonging to or provided to another shall, without more, give rise to the presumption that such garbage or trash was placed in such container with the knowledge and consent, or at the direction of the person to whom such garbage or trash previously belonged.
(c) Upon first conviction, the offender shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Upon a second or any subsequent conviction for a violation occurring within five (5) years of the first violation, the offender shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).
Sec. 8-1017. Unlawful utilization and maintenance of containers.
(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place any prohibited items in any garbage container or sanitation can provided by the city, or to place any prohibited items curb-side for city trash pickup.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any person receiving garbage service from the city to fail to comply with the applicable provisions of this chapter, or with all rules and regulations from time-to-time established by the department of public works of the city.
Sec. 8-1018. Use and maintenance of containers other than for those located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District.
(a) Except for those located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District or those who are handicapped or are otherwise physically limited and who have notified and established such limitations to the department of public works, shall return the garbage container servicing their residence or business to its usual location within twenty-four (24) hours of the time the garbage has been emptied by the city. Any person who fails to do so shall be warned in writing of their failure and, upon their next failure to replace that container within the prescribed time limit, shall be subject to an administrative fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) for the cost of a city employee returning that container to its proper location, and a similar administrative fee for each time thereafter, until no such occasion shall occur within a period of twelve (12) months (at which time all such persons shall be entitled to be again notified prior to the fee being imposed).
(b) Except for those located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District, all persons, other than those who are handicapped or are otherwise physically limited and who have notified and established such limitations to the department of public works, shall maintain their garbage container in a reasonably clean and sanitary state, and free from accumulated food wastes or other residue that produces odors, attracts vermin, breeds insects, creates a nuisance or unsanitary conditions. Any person who continues to fail to do so shall be warned in writing of their failure and, upon their next failure to clean such garbage container within three (3) days following such notice, shall be subject to an administrative fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the cost of a city employee cleaning that container.
(c) Any administrative charge under subsections (c) and (d) above, or any charge for any garbage container which is damaged, destroyed or stolen through abuse, neglect or improper use of the owner, lessee, their agents or occupants shall be added to the utility bill of the premises serviced and shall thereafter be an indivisible part of that bill for all purposes thereafter.
Sec. 8-1019. Authorization for code enforcement officers.
The mayor is authorized to designate one or more code enforcement officers of the city to enforce the provisions of this Article B, including the ability to issue citations and to otherwise initiate action for civil and criminal violations of these provisions, and to utilize the abatement provisions of section 8-2001, et seq., as are applicable to this Chapter.
[Sections 8-1020 to 8-1024 reserved]"
SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that "ARTICLE C. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE DOWNTOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT", consisting of Sec. 8-1025 to Sec. 8-1030 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby enacted, so as to hereafter provide as follows:
"ARTICLE C. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO THE DOWNTOWN GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT
Sec. 8-1025. Applicability.
It is the obligation of each resident, each business and each owner of real property which are located within the Downtown Garbage Collection District to provide for garbage collection, and the provisions of this Article C. shall be applicable to each of those residents, those businesses and those owners of real property.
Sec. 8-1026. Boundaries of the Downtown Garbage Collection District.
The Downtown Garbage Collection District shall be defined as all properties located within that area bounded on the north by the south right-of-way line of Pine Street, bounded on the south by the railroad track, bounded on the west by a northerly projection of the east right-of-line of North 2nd Street, and bounded on the east by the Ouachita River.
Sec. 8-1027. Definitions
For purposes of this Chapter, the following definitions shall be applicable:
District shall mean the Downtown Garbage Collection District
Unit shall mean a single family residence unit such as an apartment or a condominium unit.
Business shall mean each activity for which an occupational license has been issued or is legally required to be issued in conjunction with its operations.
Fee shall mean the monthly Downtown Garbage Collection fee.
Sec. 8-1028. Applicability and amount of Fee.
(a) Except as expressly excluded in Sec. 8-1029, each metered water account serving one location and serving no more than one Unit or serving no more than one Business shall incur a monthly Downtown Garbage Collection fee of \$10.00, which shall be added to the monthly water bill.
(b) If a metered water account serves more than one Unit or more than one Business, the monthly Downtown Garbage Collection fee shall instead be \$10.00 per each Unit and each Business served through that metered water account.
Sec. 8-1029. Exclusions. This provisions of this Chapter do not apply:
(a) to any Unit, any Business, or any property which has contracted for garbage collection with a private contractor for a dumpster or dumpsters; or
(b) to City owned and operated activities (governmental and/or recreational); or
(c) to an activity which consists primarily of maintaining an independent booth or or similar limited activity, even though operating under a separate Business Occupational License, which shall not be considered as a separate Business for the provisions of this Article.

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Sec. 8-1030. Miscellaneous

- (a) City shall also have the authority to require a Unit, a Business, or a property to obtain and utilize a privately contracted dumpster service due to the nature or volume of items being regularly disposed, or for any other reason the city determines appropriate
- (b) Nothing in this Chapter shall prohibit the city from authorizing the use of temporary garbage and trash receptacles for special events."

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that if any provisions, sections or subsections of this ordinance are held invalid for any cause or reason, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, sections, or subsections of this ordinance which can give effect without the invalid provisions, sections, or subsections, and to this end each of the provisions, sections, and subsections of this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that for cause determined to be in the best interests of the City of West Monroe and its citizens, this enactment shall be effective on amendment shall be effective January 1, 2025.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 3rd day of December 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Hamilton, Westerburg, Brian

NAY: none

NOT VOTING: none

ABSENT: Buxton, Welch

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

Andrea N. Pate
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Staci Albritton Mitchell
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 33, Section 4712, that the proposed Ordinance 5434 attached hereto as Exhibit "A" was introduced at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, on the 12th day of December, 2024, and will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the 7th day of January, 2025 at 6:00 PM, City Council Chambers, West Monroe City Hall, 2305 N. 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana. Any opposition to the proposed Ordinance must be in writing, filed with the City Clerk within 15 days of the first publication of this Legal Notice. A public hearing will be held on any such written opposition at the time, date and place set forth above for the consideration of the adoption of the proposed Ordinance.

Andrea Pate
City Clerk
City of West Monroe

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5434 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Buxton

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO SELL CERTAIN DESCRIBED IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WHICH IS NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE BY THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA TO WARHAWK ENTERPRISES, LLC, OR ITS APPROVED SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR THE CASH SUM OF \$266,011.14, AND SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, owns certain immovable property which is not needed for public purposes, and

WHEREAS, the price offered, and the terms and conditions provided for the purchase of that property is fair and reasonable, and the sale and planned development of that immovable property will be beneficial to the City of West Monroe and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City previously approved the Mayor entering into an "Agreement to Purchase and Sell Vacant Land" to evidence the City's commitment to this project, a copy of which is now attached as Exhibit 1 executed by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE:

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that the City of West Monroe, Louisiana ("CITY") is hereby authorized to sell certain immovable property which is not needed for any public purpose by the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, which property is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

See attached Exhibit "A", Exhibit "B", and Exhibit "C"

to WARHAWK ENTERPRISES, LLC, or its approved successors or assigns ("BUYER") for and in consideration of the cash sum of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY SIX THOUSAND ELEVEN AND 14/100 (\$266,011.14) DOLLARS, subject to all of those terms and conditions which are set out in the "Agreement To Purchase and Sell Vacant Land".

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, she is hereby further authorized to execute a Cash Sale Deed on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, reflecting the price and terms set forth above, and to take any other action or execute any and all other documents or impose any and all other terms and conditions deemed by her either necessary or appropriate in order to transfer the above described immovable property as set forth above, including but not limited to terms and provisions, whether included in the deed or in an unrecorded supplemental agreement, that limits the nature of the future activities, that requires the development to be initiated within a certain time and/or pursued in a commercially reasonable manner through to completion by a certain date, together with any and all such other requirements and provisions as she deems appropriate, further including a provision that provides for a right and option in favor of the City of West Monroe to reacquire the property at the same price if such conditions are not timely met, or to provide for liquidated damages or other consideration payable to the City of West Monroe in lieu of such reacquisition, the terms and provisions of all of such conditions to be as determined appropriate by the Mayor.

The above ordinance was introduced on December 12, 2024, in special and legal session convened; notice of this ordinance was published three times in fifteen (15) days, one week apart, as required by R.S. 33:4712; no opposition being filed, it is considered by sections, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted in regular and legal session convened this 7th day of January, 2025, with the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

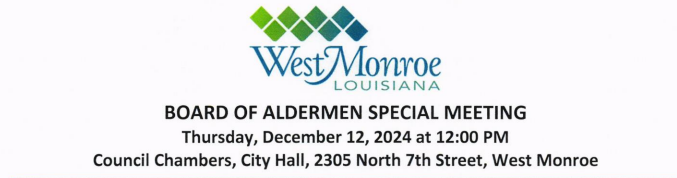
NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

12.19



MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT
Mayor Staci Mitchell
Polk Brian
Morgan Buxton
Rodney Welch
Ben Westerburg

ABSENT
Thom Hamilton

The meeting was opened with prayer by Alderwoman Morgan Buxton. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Staci Mitchell.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of December 3, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Resolution 854: Resolution to accept the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the Independent Accountant's report on applying Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5429: Ordinance to authorize the execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines, & Company, CPAs, to conduct the audit for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5430: Ordinance to authorize the execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines, & Company, CPAs, to conduct the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP) for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Welch, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5431: Ordinance to authorize the execution of an Engagement Letter with Cameron, Hines, & Company, CPAs, to conduct Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP) for the Housing Authority (Section 8) of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, for the fiscal year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

ADD TO AGENDA ITEM: Add to list of fund budgets to be amended: Highland Park Development Fund, 2022 Debt Capital Fund.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Welch.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5432: Ordinance to amend the General Fund Budget, 86 Sales Tax Capital Budget, 2015 DFC Service Fund Budget, 2018 DFC Service Fund Budget, 2022 DFC Service Fund Budget, DEQ SRP Service Fund Budget, DEQ SRP Reserve Fund Budget, CDBG-ED WPS Service Fund Budget, Employee's Workers Comp Reserve Fund Budget, Hasley Cemetery Trust Fund Budget, Kirol Foundation Fund Budget, Ouachita Outreach Fund Budget, Employee's Health Insurance Fund Budget, Street Maintenance Fund Budget, West Ouachita Senior Center Fund Budget, Emergency Food & Shelter Program Fund Budget, Officer Witness Court Fee Fund Budget, Section 8 Housing Fund Budget, General Insurance Fund Budget, West Monroe Office of Motor Vehicles Fund Budget, Miscellaneous Grants Fund Budget, AmeriCorps Grant Fund Budget, Keep West Monroe Beautiful Fund Budget, Metro Narcotics LCLE Grant Fund Budget, LCDBG Projects Fund Budget, Capital Campaign Fund Budget, 1986 Sales Tax Capital Improvements Fund Budget, Economic Development District Fund Budget, and ARPA Fund Budget for the year ending June 30, 2024.

Added: Highland Park Development Fund
2022 Debt Capital Fund

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Ordinance 5433: Ordinance to amend the Utility Enterprise Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Welch.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

INTRODUCE Ordinance 5434: Ordinance to declare certain immovable property (ponds south of Ike Hamilton Expo) to be surplus, and to be sold to Warhawk Enterprises, LLC for \$266,011.14.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Buxton.

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Cotton Street Roadway & Sidewalk Improvements: Bridge Street to Wood Street - FP&C Project #50-MV2-24-01, City Project #000331

Ordinance 5435: Ordinance to authorization of a contract for geotechnical engineering services with Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

New Water Well #12 - Production, Treatment and Storage (LAWSP Phase 2 Water Project) – City Project #000181

Ordinance 5436: Ordinance to authorize the filing of an application for a grant from the State of Louisiana Water Sector Program for funding of the City of West Monroe Water System Resiliency Project, with up to 31% City match commitment (\$1,324,729 City commitment; \$2,948,591 grant requests, \$4,273,320 total estimated cost).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Welch.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications (LAWSP Phase 2 Sewer Project) - Project #000181

Ordinance 5437: Ordinance to authorize the filing of an application for a grant from the State of Louisiana Water Sector Program for funding of the City of West Monroe Sewer System Resiliency Project, with up to 31% City match commitment (\$604,596 City commitment; \$1,345,712 grant requests, \$1,950,308 total estimated cost).

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications (LAWSP Phase 2 Sewer Project) - Project #000181

Ordinance 5438: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract for engineering and related services with S. E. Huey Co.

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Welch.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey, Co.) and Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, water and other.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Buxton, Seconded by Brian.
Voting Yea: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Andrea N. Pate
ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

Staci Albritton Mitchell
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR

12.19



MINUTES

NOTICE/MINUTES

Call to order/Verification of Attendance

PRESENT
Mayor Staci Mitchell
Polk Brian
Thom Hamilton
Ben Westerburg

ABSENT
Morgan Buxton
Rodney Welch

APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Motion to Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2024 Special Council Meeting.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE

Ordinance No. 5418: Ordinance to authorize an application for an Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) for a new pumper truck in the amount of \$225,000 (required City contribution of \$504,495).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Ordinance No. 5419: Ordinance to amend the provisions of Part 8 of the Code of Ordinances to establish the Downtown Garbage Collection District.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Ordinance No. 5420: Ordinance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Flying Heart Brewing & Pub for use of a shared dumpster for use in the Downtown Garbage Collection District.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Ordinance to authorize updated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Ouachita Green (continuation of existing CEA). **Tabled Indefinitely.**

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ordinance No. 5421: Ordinance requesting a zone change from a B-3 (General Business) District to a R-1 (Single Family Residential) District for property located at 105 N Church Street (Parcel #39292) to be able to restore the former family home. Debbie W. Blue et al., applicants. Received a FAVORABLE recommendation from the West Monroe City Planning Commission.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

LEGAL

Ordinance No. 5422: Ordinance to authorize a Contract To Purchase and Sell for the sale of certain surplus immovable property to Warhawk Enterprises, LLC (affecting the ponds south of the Ike Hamilton Expo Center) for \$270,000.00. **Tabled at November 12, 2024 Special Meeting.**

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Brian.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

ENGINEERING/CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Constitution Drive Improvements: Commercial Parkway to Short Constitution Drive - (DRA CIF) State Project #LA-7332, City Project #000311

Ordinance No. 5423: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with Lazenby & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Constitution Drive Improvements: Commercial Parkway to Short Constitution Drive - (DRA CIF) State Project #LA-7332, City Project #000311

Ordinance No. 5424: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with Terracon for geotechnical engineering services.

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Cotton Street Utility, Water, & Sewer Improvements: Pine Street to Wood Street - (DRA SEDAP) State Project #LA-7333, City Project #000312

Ordinance No. 5425: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with Lazenby & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Cotton Street Improvements: Bridge Street to Wood Street - (Capital Outlay), City Project #000331

Ordinance No. 5426: Ordinance to authorize execution of a contract with Lazenby & Associates, Inc. for engineering services.

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Class Street Sewer Lift Station - City Project #000313

Ordinance No. 5427: Ordinance to review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, Ordinance to accept awarded bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with the low bidder (Ouachita Electrical Contractors, LLC; \$38,749.50)

Motion made by Brian, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

New Drago Street Sanitary Sewer Lift Station - City Project #000180

Ordinance No. 5428: Review submitted bids and engineer's recommendations, and if project is awarded, approve ordinance to accept that bid, and to authorize execution of a contract for project construction with that bidder (Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. - \$5,601,381.00).

Motion made by Westerburg, Seconded by Hamilton.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

Project Updates

Robbie L. George, IV, P.E. (S.E. Huey, Co.) and Joshua D. Hays, P.E., M.S.C.E. (Lazenby & Associates, Inc.) presented the City Council with project updates for transportation, drainage, water and other.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Hamilton, Seconded by Westerburg.
Voting Yea: Brian, Hamilton, Westerburg

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Andrea N. Pate
ANDREA PATE
CITY CLERK

Staci Albritton Mitchell
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL
MAYOR

12.19

STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. 5429 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Buxton

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENGAGE CAMERON, HINES & COMPANY (A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION) TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation), shall be engaged to conduct a financial and compliance audit for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as in accordance with that engagement letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana be and she is hereby authorized to execute that engagement letter on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and take any and all other action deemed by her either necessary or appropriate to effectuate execution of that engagement with Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation).

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, this 12th day of December, 2024 the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg

NAY: none

NOT VOTING: none

ABSENT: Hamilton

ATTEST: APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

Andrea N. Pate
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

Staci Albritton Mitchell
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5430 MOTION BY: Welch
SECONDED BY: Westerburg
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENGAGE CAMERON, HINES & COMPANY (A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION) TO APPLY AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation), shall be engaged to apply agreed-upon procedures for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, all in accordance with that engagement letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana be and she is hereby authorized to execute that engagement letter on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and take any and all other action deemed by her either necessary or appropriate to effectuate execution of that engagement with Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation).

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, this 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5431 MOTION BY: Buxton
SECONDED BY: Westerburg
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO ENGAGE CAMERON, HINES & COMPANY (A PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING CORPORATION) TO APPLY AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation), shall be engaged to apply agreed-upon procedures for the Housing Authority of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, as in accordance with that engagement letter attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana be and she is hereby authorized to execute that engagement letter on behalf of the Housing Authority of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, and take any and all other action deemed by her either necessary or appropriate to effectuate execution of that engagement with Cameron, Hines & Company (A Professional Accounting Corporation).

The above Ordinance was read and considered by sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, this 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5432 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Buxton
ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET, 86 SALES TAX CAPITAL BUDGET, 2015 DFC SERVICE FUND BUDGET, 2018 DFC SERVICE FUND BUDGET, 2022 DFC SERVICE FUND BUDGET, DEQ SRP SERVICE FUND BUDGET, DEQ SRP RESERVE FUND BUDGET, CDBG-ED WPS SERVICE FUND BUDGET, EMPLOYEES WORKERS COMP RESERVE FUND BUDGET, HASLEY CEMETERY TRUST FUND BUDGET, KIROLI FOUNDATION FUND BUDGET, OUACHITA OUTREACH FUND BUDGET, EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS, 2022 DEBT CAPITAL FUND, STREET MAINTENANCE FUND BUDGET, HIGHLAND PARK DEVELOPMENT FUND, WEST OUACHITA SENIOR CENTER FUND BUDGET, EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER PROGRAM FUND BUDGET, OFFICER WITNESS COURT FEE FUND BUDGET, SECTION 8 HOUSING FUND BUDGET, GENERAL INSURANCE FUND BUDGET, WEST MONROE OMV FUND BUDGET, MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS FUND BUDGET, AMERICORPS GRANT FUND BUDGET, KEEP WEST MONROE BEAUTIFUL FUND BUDGET, METRO NARCOTICS LCLE GRANT FUND BUDGET, LCDBG PROJECTS FUND BUDGET, CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND BUDGET, 1986 SALES TAX CAPITAL IMPROV FUND BUDGET, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FUND BUDGET, ARPA FUND BUDGET, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that the General Fund Budget, 86 Sales Tax Capital Budget, 2015 DFC Service Fund Budget, 2018 DFC Service Fund Budget, 2022 DFC Service Fund Budget, DEQ SRP Service Fund Budget, DEQ SRP Reserve Fund Budget, CDBG-ED WPS Service Fund Budget, Employee's Workers Comp Reserve Fund Budget, Hasley Cemetery Trust Fund Budget, Kiroli Foundation Fund Budget, Ouachita Outreach Fund Budget, Employee's Health Insurance Fund, 2022 Debt Capital Fund, Street Maintenance Fund Budget, Highland Park Development Fund, West Ouachita Senior Center Fund Budget, Emergency Food & Shelter Program Fund Budget, Officer Witness Court Fee Fund Budget, Section 8 Housing Fund Budget, General Insurance Fund Budget, West Monroe OMV Fund Budget, Miscellaneous Grants Fund Budget, Americorps Grant Fund Budget, Keep West Monroe Beautiful Fund Budget, Metro Narcotics LCLE Grant Fund Budget, LCDBG Projects Fund Budget, Capital Campaign Fund Budget, 1986 Sales Tax Capital Improv Fund Budget, Economic Development District Fund Budget, ARPA Fund Budget, all for the year ending June 30, 2024 are hereby amended to conform with the budgets attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:
YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5433 MOTION BY: Brian
SECONDED BY: Welch
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UTILITY ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, FOR THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that the Utility Enterprise Fund Budget for the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is hereby amended to conform with the budget attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2024 the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5435 MOTION BY: Buxton
SECONDED BY: Westerburg
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT KNOWN AS "COTTON STREET IMPROVEMENTS: BRIDGE STREET TO WOOD STREET"; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, an Agreement For Services with Terracon Consultants, Inc., for geotechnical engineering services in connection with the project known as "Cotton Street Improvements: Bridge Street to Wood Street", all in accordance with the terms of that Agreement For Services which is attached as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby authorized to further negotiate and modify any further provisions of the referenced agreement she determines necessary or appropriate, and thereafter to execute such Agreement For Services, together with executing any and all further documents determined to be either necessary or appropriate in conjunction with that agreement authorized above, and to take any and all other actions either necessary or appropriate in order to comply the terms of that executed agreement.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, this 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5436 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Welch
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA WATER SECTOR PROGRAM, PHASE 2, FOR THE "NEW WATER WELL #12 - PRODUCTION, TREATMENT, AND STORAGE" PROJECT, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Act 410 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the Louisiana Water Sector Commission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana Water Sector Commission is to determine how to most effectively disburse the funds that the State of Louisiana received for sewage and water systems through the American Rescue Plan, and the most effective application process; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration will administer the grants, and will accept applications for "Phase 2" funding until December 12, 2024 via an online portal on their website; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe has identified urgently needed system improvements that meet the criteria for applying for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe wishes to now complete formal application for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE,
SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of

West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, be and she here is authorized to submit an application for grant funding of \$2,948,591 (69%) for the "New Water Well #12 - Production, Treatment, and Storage" Project with the Louisiana Water Sector Program, Phase 2, with a project cost of an estimated \$4,273,320, and for which the City of West Monroe is committing a match up to \$1,324,729 and all in accordance with the current Water Sector Program Phase 2 Program Guidelines, the "New Water Well #12 - Production, Treatment, and Storage" Project being more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby further authorized to take any and all further actions, and submit any and all further information and/or certifications or assurances as she determines necessary or appropriate.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted the 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
ORDINANCE NO. 5437 MOTION BY: Brian
SECONDED BY: Westerburg
AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA WATER SECTOR PROGRAM, PHASE 2, FOR THE "WWTP REUSE FACILITY DISCHARGE AND POND OUTFALL MODIFICATIONS" PROJECT, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Act 410 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature established the Louisiana Water Sector Commission; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana Water Sector Commission is to determine how to most effectively disburse the funds that the State of Louisiana received for sewage and water systems through the American Rescue Plan, and the most effective application process; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration will administer the grants, and will accept applications for "Phase 2" funding until December 12, 2024 via an online portal on their website; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe has identified urgently needed system improvements that meet the criteria for applying for these funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe wishes to now complete formal application for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, be and she here is authorized to submit an application for grant funding of \$1,345,712 (69%) for the "WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications" Project with the Louisiana Water Sector Program, Phase 2, with a project cost of an estimated \$1,950,308, and for which the City of West Monroe is committing a match up to \$604,596, and all in accordance with the current Water Sector Program Phase 2 Program Guidelines, the "WWTP Reuse Facility Discharge and Pond Outfall Modifications" Project being more particularly described on the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that Staci Albritton Mitchell, as Mayor of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, be and she is hereby further authorized to take any and all further actions, and submit any and all further information and/or certifications or assurances as she determines necessary or appropriate.

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted the 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Brian, Buxton, Welch, Westerburg
NAY: none
NOT VOTING: none
ABSENT: Hamilton
ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024
Andrea N. Pate ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
Staci Albritton Mitchell STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

12.19
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CITY OF WEST MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 854 MOTION BY: Westerburg
SECONDED BY: Brian
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is a municipality organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, a Louisiana municipality is required to have a financial and compliance audit of its books and records conducted annually; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, have reviewed the Audit submitted to them, and deem it to be correct and valid; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor from time-to-time requires the City also engage an independent accountant to examine compliance with the State's Agreed Upon Procedures (SAUP), and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen have reviewed that report submitted to them, and the findings noted therein.

NOW, THEREFORE,
SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West

PUBLIC NOTICES — Ouachita Parish

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Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that the Audit of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be and it is hereby approved and adopted, with a copy to be furnished to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in special and legal session convened, that the Independent Accountant's report on applying Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUP) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be and it is hereby approved and adopted, with a

copy to be furnished to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

The above Resolution was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in special and legal session convened, voted on by yea and nay vote, passed and adopted this 12th day of December, 2024, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: Briau, Buxton, Welch, Westerborg

NAY: none

NOT VOTING: none

ABSENT: Hamilton

ATTEST:

Andrea N. Pate
ANDREA PATE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

Staci Albritton Mitchell
STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

PUBLIC NOTICES — Morehouse Parish

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Mer Rouge, Louisiana was held at City Hall, Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

Those present were Mayor John McAdams III, Jeff Dixon, and Allen Spires, and Dan Turner.

Also present: Chief A. German, Chad Thomas, and City Clerk Patti Gregory and Julie Goodson.

The meeting was called to order; the pledge was recited by all present, and the invocation was given by Dan Turner.

A motion to adopt the minutes for November regular meeting as written was offered by Allen Spires, Jr and seconded by Jeff Dixon. All ayes.

A resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election was introduced. Jeff Dixon made a motion to adopt said resolution with Dan Turner seconding the motion. All ayes passed the vote.

Ord#497-Adopt 2024 budget amendments and Ord #498-Adopt 2025 budget were introduced at last meeting. Allen Spires, Jr. made a motion to adopt these two Ordinances with Dan Turner seconding the motion. Approved with all aye votes. Ord#499(levy 2.5% sales tax) which was presented and discussed at the Nov meeting was adopted on a motion by Allen Spires, Jr. and seconded by Jeff Dixon. All ayes passed the vote. All Ordinances can be viewed at city hall.

In New Business:

Beer/Liquor License Applications from MR Specialty Market, Dollar General, and Mer Rouge Ventures, LLC were discussed. Allen Spires, Jr made a motion to accept/approve the licenses for all 3 beer and liquor apps with Dan Turner seconding the motion. Vote of All ayes passed this motion. Audit findings from David Hartt CPA firm for the 2023 year were presented and discussed and found to be in order.

In Unfinished Business:

Canvassing of returns of election and promulgating results was introduced and discussed and approved by a motion from Allen Spires, Jr. and the motion was seconded by Jeff Dixon. All ayes passed the vote. BCBS quote was decided to be best offer we could get and the decision to stay grandfathered in was made with a motion by Allen Spires, Jr and seconded by Jeff Dixon. All ayes passed the vote.

Allen Spires, Jr made a motion to go into executive session to discuss salaries. Dan Turner seconded the motion. All ayes passed the vote. Once out of executive session Allen Spires, Jr made the motion to give all employees a 2.5% COL raise-not including the mayor and councilmen who will receive no pay increase nor Julie Goodson who will receive a pay raise. Dan Turner seconded this motion. All ayes passed the vote.

The Mayor and Council discussed the financials and found everything to be in line with yearly budgeted amounts, stressing that any issues on the expenditure side will be fixed with the Budget Amendments that are set to take place.

Chief German gave the police report. Since the last council meeting the Department has worked 12 complaints and issued 13 traffic citations. They made 1 arrest and assisted other agencies 2 times. Fines collected totaled \$ 2139.

Jeff Dixon made the motion to approve the disbursements and adjourn with Allen Spires, Jr. seconding the motion. There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Patti D Gregory, Clerk
12.19

John D. McAdams, Mayor

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Louisiana, Parish of Morehouse, Fourth District Court

FIRST HORIZON BANK
VS NO. 2024-26

THE ESTATE AND UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF TAMMY LYNN GOODMAN

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFa issued out of the Honorable FOURTH Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of MOREHOUSE in the above numbered and entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the highest and last bidder, within the hours prescribed by law for making judicial sales, at the principal front door of the SHERIFFS OFFICE, 351 South Franklin, in the City of Bastrop, Louisiana.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2025

Situated in the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, more fully described as: from an iron pipe at the West Quarter corner of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, run East on Centerline of said Section 1110.6 feet; thence South 1082.9 feet to the North line of Sampson Street; thence East with the North line of Sampson Street 236.9 feet to an iron pipe and the POINT OF BEGINNING; Thence continue on same course 196.46 feet to an iron pipe; Thence North 526.1 feet to an iron pipe; Thence West 196.46 feet to an iron pipe; Thence South 526.1 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2.38 acres, more or less, and lying and being situated in and a part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. Permanent parcel number 9210605NSUDA039

Together with any and all present and future buildings, contractions, component parts, improvements attachments, appurtenances, fixture, rights, ways, privileges, advantages, batture, and batture rights, servitudes and easements of every type and description, now and/or in the future relating to the Property, and any and all items and fixture attached to and/or forming integral or component parts of the Property in accordance with the Louisiana Civil Code.

The Property or its address is commonly known as 6385 LOG CABIN ROAD, BASTROP, LA 71220.

Seized as the property of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy said WRIT OF FIFa and all costs.

TERMS OF SALE: FULL PAYMENT OF THE ADJUDICATION PRICE DUE AT TIME OF SALE: WITH benefit of appraisalment.

1ST AD: 12-19-24
2ND AD: 1-16-25

MIKE TUBBS, SHERIFF
MOREHOUSE PARISH LOUISIANA

12.19

The following Resolution was offered by Clarence Lindsay and seconded by Sam Lee.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL TAX OF ONE AND NINETY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS (1.94) MILLS (THE "1.94 MILLS TAX") AND FIVE AND SEVENTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (.575) MILLS (THE "5.75 MILLS TAX" AND TOGETHER WITH THE 1.94 MILLS TAX, THE "TAXES") ON THE DOLLAR OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL THE PROPERTY SITUATED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE 8TH WARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF MOREHOUSE, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "DISTRICT"); THE 1.94 MILLS TAX FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2025 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2034 AND THE 5.75 MILLS TAX FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2027 AND ENDING WITH THE YEAR 2036, SUCH TAXES HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BE IMPOSED, LEVIED AND COLLECTED AT AN ELECTION HELD IN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, and an election held on November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), the 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), through its Board of Directors, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of the District, do now desire to levy and collect one and ninety-four hundredths (1.94) mills (the "1.94 mills Tax") and five and seventy-five hundredths (5.75) mills the ("5.75 mills Tax" and together with the 1.94 mills Tax, the "Taxes"), each on the dollar on all property subject to taxation in the District (together, the "Taxes"), pursuant to the following propositions (the "Propositions") which were approved at the Election:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of one and ninety-four hundredths (1.94) mills tax (said tax being the same tax approved by voters in 2013 which expired in 2023) on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$15,137 reasonably expected at this time to be collected

from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection services provided by the District, including acquiring, operating, and maintaining equipment for such purposes?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(Renewal)

Shall 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew, levy and continue to collect a special tax of five and seventy-five hundredths (5.75) mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$44,863 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities in and for the District, including, without limitation, purchasing fire trucks and other related equipment, building and improving fire stations, and obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

WHEREAS, in compliance with the aforesaid constitution and statutory authority and said Election, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to provide for the imposition, levy and collection of the: (i) 1.94 mills Tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034 for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection services provided by the District, including acquiring, operating, and maintaining equipment for such purposes, and (ii) 5.75 mills Tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities in and for the District, including, without limitation, purchasing fire trucks and other related equipment, building and improving fire stations, and obtaining water for fire protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Election, in which a majority of the voters of the District voted to approve the Taxes, have been canvassed and will be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Governing Authority of the District that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, and other constitution and statutory authority and the Election, the Taxes are hereby levied at the rate, for the purposes and for the duration as stated in the Propositions.

SECTION 2. The Taxes shall be levied, assessed, imposed, collected, paid and enforced according to law.

SECTION 3. The obligations and rights of taxpayers in connection with the Taxes levied hereby shall be as provided to taxpayers by the provisions of law applicable to property taxes levied by political subdivisions.

SECTION 4. If any or more of the provisions of this Resolution shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Resolution, but this Resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Resolution which validates or makes legal any provision of this Resolution which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Resolution.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be published in one issue of the official journal of this Governing Authority as soon as is reasonably possible. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be recorded in the mortgage records of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, being an Resolution affecting the public peace, health and safety.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:3-Jon Paul Carter, Clarence Lindsay, Sam Lee

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Don Fontenot, Georgia White

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9th day of December, 2024.

/s/ David N. Pipes
Title: Secretary

/s/ Jon Paul Carter
Title: Chairman

12.19

The following resolution was offered by Clarence Lindsay, and seconded by Sam Lee:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD BY THE 8TH WARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE PARISH OF MOREHOUSE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AND TO PROMULGATE THE RESULTS THEREOF.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of the 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District") that:

SECTION 1. Canvass. This Governing Authority does now proceed in open and public session to examine the official tabulations of votes cast at the special election held by the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 and said Governing Authority does further proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the election.

SECTION 2. Procès Verbal. A *Procès Verbal* of the canvass of the returns of the election shall be made and a certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who shall record the same in his office; another certified copy thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court and *Ex-Officio* Recorder of Mortgages in and for the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "Parish") who shall record the same in the Mortgage Records of the Parish; and another copy thereof shall be retained in the archives of this Governing Authority.

SECTION 3. Promulgation of Election Results. The results of the election shall be promulgated by publication in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4. Election Cost. The estimated cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State was \$1,500.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:3 - Jon Paul Carter, Clarence Lindsay, Sam Lee

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 - Don Fontenot, Georgia White

And the resolution was declared adopted on this the 9th day of December, 2024.

/s/ David N. Pipes
Title: Secretary

/s/ Jon Paul Carter
Title: Chairman

PROCÈS VERBAL AND PROCLAMATION OF THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE ELECTION HELD IN THE 8th WARD FIRE PROTECTON DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF MOREHOUSE, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED that on December 9, 2024 at Six O'clock (6:00) p.m., at its regular meeting place, 4444 Main Street, Collinston, Louisiana, the Board of Directors, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority"), of the 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District") and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (the "Election"), did, in open and public session, examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the Election, and did examine and canvass the returns of the Election, there having been submitted at the Election the following propositions, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to levy and collect a special tax of one and ninety-four hundredths (1.94) mills tax (said tax being the same tax approved by voters in 2013 which expired in 2023) on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$15,137 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection services provided by the District, including acquiring, operating, and maintaining equipment for such purposes?

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT

PRECINCT	POLL PLACE NAME / LOCATION	VOTE TABULATION	
		YES	NO
32	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	35	12
31 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	18	5
31-1 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	35	5
35 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	1	0
EARLY VOTING		63	19
TOTAL		152	41

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 152 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 41 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. **THE PROPOSITION DULY PASSED.**

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(Renewal)

Shall 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to renew, levy and continue to collect a special tax of five and seventy-five hundredths (5.75) mills on all the property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$44,863 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2027 and ending with the year 2036, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities in and for the District, including, without limitation, purchasing fire trucks and other related equipment, building and improving fire stations, and obtaining water for fire protection purposes?

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION
PRECINCTS LOCATION REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT

PRECINCT	POLL PLACE NAME / LOCATION	VOTE TABULATION	
		YES	NO
32	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	35	12
31 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	21	4
31-1 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	35	4
35 (in part)	Collinston City Hall - 4618 Main St., Collinston, LA	1	0
EARLY VOTING		62	20
TOTAL		152	40

The polling places above specified being the only polling places designated at which to hold the said election, it was therefore shown that there was a total of 152 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of 40 votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. **THE PROPOSITION DULY PASSED.**

Therefore, this Governing Authority did declare and proclaim and does hereby declare and proclaim in open and public session that Propositions as hereinabove set forth **DULY PASSED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said Election held in the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Collinston, Louisiana, on this the 9th day of December, 2024.

8TH WARD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF MOREHOUSE, STATE OF LOUISIANA

/s/ Jon Paul Carter
Title: Chairman

/s/ David N. Pipes
Title: Secretary

PROCLAMATION

I, the undersigned Chairman of the Board of Directors, acting as the governing authority, of the 8th Ward Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana (the "District"), do hereby declare, proclaim and announce the results of the following propositions submitted at the special election held by the District on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, all as described and set out in the above *Procès Verbal*:

Proposition No. 1 **DULY PASSED** by a majority of the votes cast.

Proposition No. 2 **DULY PASSED** by a majority of the votes cast.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Collinston, Louisiana, on the 9th day of December, 2024.

/s/ John Paul Carter
Title: President

ATTEST:

/s/ David N. Pipes
Title: Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MOREHOUSE PARISH ASSESSOR HAS COMPLIED WITH LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTE 39:1306 RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATUTE.

12/13/2024
DATE

Carol L Lord
CAROL L LORD, ASSESSOR

The Ouachita Citizen

Please run the above public notice on

December 19, 2024

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