

MINUTES
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
GOVERNMENT BUILDING

880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen
Thursday, July 14, 2022
5:30 PM

The Following Minutes Are Summarized For Brevity, For Precise Meeting Information Please Refer To Meeting Audio Or Video.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER & REQUEST ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE SILENCED**

A Regular Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Thursday, July 14, 2022 and called to order at 05:30 PM. Council Chairman Carey Denstel asked that all electronic devices be placed on silent.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

Councilman Alan Crowe led everyone in an opening prayer.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Denstel recognized Mr. Rick Ward who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **LOG ATTENDANCE**

The following members were recorded as being present: Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph.

Absent: Messrs. Kirk Allain, and Atley Walker.

Also present were, Mr. Riley Berthelot Jr, Parish President, Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance, Mr. Jason Manola, Executive Assistant, Mr. Kevin Durbin, Director of Public Works and Mrs. Mallorie Davis, Secretary.

5. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

A. **Approval of Minutes from June 23, 2022 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Councilman Alan Crowe, seconded by Councilman Kenneth Gordon to approve Minutes from the June 23, 2022 Regular Meeting.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 7 (Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 2 (Messrs. Kirk Allain, Atley Walker)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

6. **CONSIDER ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no items to consider at this time.

7. **PARISH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Parish President Riley Berthelot was recognized and covered the following items:

Update on where Juveniles will be housed, noting we will no longer house them in Alabama, they will be located at the Jones County Detention Center;

Invitation for Police Jury Region III Meeting on August 18, 2022;

Councilman Gordon asked for an update on the GRON Fuels Plant, President Berthelot explained there was an engineering firm hired, but we still do not have the final financial decision. Mr. Jayson Newell with BRAC was recognized and gave a brief update on the proposed project, and how promising it is looking.

President Berthelot gave a brief update on the Intracoastal Bridge Replacement Project, Councilman Kleinpeter asked about the letting of the North Bound side, per the Parish President that side has not been let as of now.

Councilman Atley Walker joined the meeting at 5:36PM.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Kleinpeter was recognized and spoke briefly regarding his plans to run for the Senate District 17 seat previously held by Mr. Rick Ward.

9. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND/OR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and explained briefly a project to add on to the American Legion Hall, where Port City Enterprises will use this as a kitchen to bake bread to sell, noting this will require a budget amendment in the future. Ms. Susanne Romig Director of Port City Enterprises, was recognized and spoke briefly about this project and Port City Enterprises. Councilman Kleinpeter spoke briefly about the American Legion Organization and its need for new members. Mr. Bourgoyne was again recognized and explained to the Council about an upcoming request from Mr. Butch Browning regarding a request for new radios which will require a budget adjustment at a later date.

10. PUBLIC HEARING ON PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

There were no items to consider at this time.

11. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mrs. Davis, read by title the below proposed ordinance/s being introduced and publicized by title, and considered for adoption following a public hearing as specified below, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, located at 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, La.:

- A. An Ordinance Adopting the 2022 Council Amendments to the General Fund, Fire, and Detention Facility Revenues for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. Public Hearing Date: July 28, 2022
- B. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map For Rezoning Request of Christine Langlois. Rezoning from AG-3 to AG-1. Public Hearing Date: August 25, 2022
- C. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map For Rezoning Request of Calumet Acres LLC. Rezoning from AG-3 to R-SF-2. Master plan Change. Public Hearing Date: August 25, 2022.
- D. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 104 Zoning to Incorporate Amended Zoning Designation Map (Zoning Plan) under Section 104-3 Establishment of Districts, Official Zoning Map For Rezoning Request of Calumet Acres LLC. Rezoning From AG-3 to R-SF-2. Master Plan Change. Public Hearing Date: August 25, 2022.

12. CONSIDER STATUS REPORT, CHANGE ORDER AND/OR OTHER MATTERS AS REQUIRED ON CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Accept/Reject 2022 Annual Road Material Bid Recommendations

Mr. Jason Manola was recognized and explained the spreadsheet which was submitted in regards to the line item bids for the 2022 Asphalt Roads Project, noting each item went to the lowest bidder.

A motion was made by Councilman Alan Crowe, seconded by Councilman Caleb Kleinpeter to approve the 2022 Annual Road Material Bid Recommendations as presented on the spreadsheet in the packets.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kirk Allain)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

13. RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution Adopting The Adjusted Millage Rate After Reassessment For General Alimony, Community Center, Health Center, Library, Drainage, Museum, Council Of Aging, Recreational Facilities, And 911 Communications District For All Property Subjected To Taxation In West Baton Rouge Parish For 2022 Tax Year.**

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne was again recognized and went over the correct numbers for the propose adjusted millage rates for 2022, and amended the rates on the floor of the meeting. Those numbers were to set the Community Center at 2.00 mills, Health Unit at .75 mills, Drainage at 6.58 mills, and the 911 Communications District at 2.50 mills for the year 2022. Mr. Bourgoyne read aloud the complete resolution with adjusted rates.

A motion was made by Councilman Alan Crowe, seconded by Councilman Caleb Kleinpeter to approve with amendment/s The Resolution Adopting The Adjusted Millage Rate After Reassessment For General Alimony, Community Center, Health Center, Library, Drainage, Museum, Council Of Aging, Recreational Facilities, And 911 Communications District For All Property Subjected To Taxation In West Baton Rouge Parish For 2022 Tax Year as read aloud by Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kirk Allain)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

Resolution 29 of 2022 can be found at the end of these minutes.

- B. **A Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20220032-ITE For Magnolia Renewable Fuels LLC. At 2000 River West Park Drive, Port Allen, La, 70767**

Mr. Jayson Newell, with BRAC was recognized and briefly explained the project which is being presented to the Council, and reviewed the tax dollar revenue, capital investments, salaries, timelines, etc. and offered to answer any questions in regards to the packet submitted for this project.

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Kershaw, seconded by Councilman Atley Walker to approve A Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20220032-ITE For Magnolia Renewable Fuels LLC. At 2000 River West Park Drive, Port Allen, La, 70767.

The vote was recorded as follows:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Chris Kershaw, Atley Walker, Caleb Kleinpeter, Kenneth Gordon, Carey Denstel, Alan Crowe, Craig Bergeron, and Gary Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Kirk Allain)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

As a result of the votes, the motion **Passed**.

Resolution 30 of 2022 can be found at the end of these minutes.

14. CONSIDER SUBDIVISION PLATS, CONDEMNATIONS, WAIVERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

There were no items to consider at this time.

15. CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

Correspondence Report from Secretary, Mrs. Mallorie Davis included the following items:

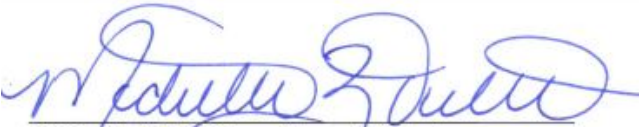
- Board Of Adjustments Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:00PM.
- Planning & Zoning Meeting Tuesday July 19, 2022 at 5:30PM
- Special Fire Board Meeting Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 5:00PM.
- Next Parish Council Meeting Thursday, July 28, 2022 at 5:30PM.

16. **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kershaw and was adopted by acclamation at 06:06 PM.



Carey Denstel, Chairman



Michelle Z. Tullier, Council Clerk

RESOLUTION 29 OF 2022

Resolution Adopting The Adjusted Millage Rate After Reassessment For General Alimony, Community Center, Health Center, Library, Drainage, Museum, Council Of Aging, Recreational Facilities, And 911 Communications District For All Property Subjected To Taxation In West Baton Rouge Parish For 2022 Tax Year.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED, by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on July 14, 2022, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2022, for the purpose of raising revenue:

	<u>MILLAGE</u>
General Alimony (1078004):	3.52 mills
Community Center (1078005):	2.00 mills
Health Unit (1078006):	.75 mills
Library (1078007):	4.10 mills
Drainage (1078008):	6.58 mills
Museum (1078009):	2.00 mills
Council on Aging (1078022):	2.50 mills
Recreational Facilities (1078023):	5.00 mills
911 Communications District (1078025):	2.50 mills

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Assessor of the Parish of West Baton Rouge, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2022 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The Foregoing Resolution Was Read In Full, And, After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Alan Crowe, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Caleb Kleinpeter.

The Roll Was Called On The Adoption Thereof, And The Resolution Was Adopted By The Following Votes:

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Crowe, Kleinpeter, Kershaw, Walker, Denstel, Gordon, Bergeron, & Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Allain)

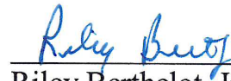
ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

ATTEST:


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the duly called meeting of the Parish Council of West Baton Rouge Louisiana which was held on July 14, 2022 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.


Riley Berthelot, Jr., Parish President

RESOLUTION 30 OF 2022

A Resolution Of The West Baton Rouge Parish Council Approving Industrial Tax Exemption Application #20220032-ITE For Magnolia Renewable Fuels LLC. At 2000 River West Park Drive, Port Allen, La, 70767

WHEREAS, Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the Board of Commerce and Industry (“BCI”), with the approval of the Governor, to approve contracts for the exemption of ad valorem taxes of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment, on such terms and conditions as the board, with the approval of the Governor, deems in the best interest of the state; and

WHEREAS, After filing an Advanced Notification, the applicant will submit its application and the agreement (Exhibit A) to BCI. The board, using LED staff resources, will review the application and Exhibit A for compliance with program rules and applicable laws. The board will then take action on the application. For applications approved by the board, LED will provide notice to all applicable local governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2022, the West Baton Rouge Parish Council received Notice that the above-referenced Tax Exemption for Magnolia Renewable Fuels, LLC., attached hereto along with the corresponding Exhibit A, was approved by the BCI on June 22, 2022 for a term of 10 years (in the form of two five-year terms) at 80 percent property tax abatement level; and 20 percent of the assessed value of company assets will be placed on tax rolls from the beginning of operations, providing tax revenues to the parish immediately; and

WHEREAS, Upon receipt of the aforementioned notice, local governmental entities have 30 days to initiate further action on the application by placing the issue on a public meeting agenda, and once on an official meeting agenda, the local governmental entity has an additional 30 days (or no more than 60 days from receipt of the notification) to approve or deny the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Upon consideration of the foregoing and the public discussion held this day, that the West Baton Rouge Parish School Council approves the terms of the Industrial Tax Exemption contract (Advance Notification #20220032) based on the inclusion of the terms and conditions outlined in the Exhibit “A” (the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Louisiana Department of Economic Development and Magnolia Renewable Fuels LLC.

The Foregoing Resolution Was Considered, And, After Public Discussion, A Motion To Approve Was Made By Council Member Chris Kershaw, Which Was Seconded By Council Member Atley Walker.

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

YEAS: 8 (Messrs. Kershaw, Walker, Kleinpeter, Denstel, Crowe, Gordon, Bergeron & Joseph)

NAYS: 0 (None)

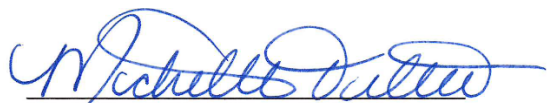
ABSENT: 1 (Mr. Allain)

ABSTAIN: 0 (None)

AND the resolution was declared adopted on this 14th Day of July, 2022.

CERTIFICATE

I, Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said body at its Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022 at which meeting a majority of the members were present and voting.


Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk