

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
YEAR 2014 BUDGET MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2013
WEST BATON ROUGE COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6:00PM

The Year 2014 Budget Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Phil Porto, Jr., who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Finance Director Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and stated debt schedule recap sheet added to packet for clarification of debts payable, total years, pay-out year, total debt, and remaining debt. At this time Chairman Spillman requested that roll call be taken.

Roll call was taken with the following members being present:

Messrs. Phil Porto, Jr., Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Gary M. Spillman, Randal “Randy” Mouch, Edward G. “Bob” Robertson, Ms. Naomi Fair, Mr. Barry Huggins

Absent: Ms. Charlene Gordon, Mr. Ricky Loupe

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

Mr. Bourgoyne was recognized and read brief description of each fund into the record, reviewed the revenues and expenditures commencing with the Sales Tax Budget, and stated would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Spillman requested that under Tax Disbursements “Police Jury – Parish Sales Tax” be changed to “Parish Council”.

Ms. Gordon entered the meeting at this time.

Revenue & Taxation Director Melanie David confirmed the previously used occupational license tax computer program had been replaced in either 2008/2009. There were no further questions.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the General Fund briefly discussing the following items:

- Funded through ad valorem tax;
- Contributions to various retirement systems;
- Increase in contractor registration;
- Clerk of Court record restoration;
- Police Jury Association of Louisiana submitting proposal on group health insurance;
- Cooperative endeavor agreement with City and/or Ward Court, contingent upon revenues;
- Professional fees/judgments/damages;
- Planning & zoning;
- General governmental buildings (maintenance) equipment purchases & repairs;
- Successful litter abatement program and assistance received from sheriff.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Special Roads Fund briefly discussing the following items:

- Bridges scheduled for repair in connection with DOTD Off-System Bridge Replacement Program;
- Equipment purchases required as replacements.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for Recreation Fund briefly discussing the following items:

- Professional fees/contracts;

Dumpster fees;
Concrete work at parks;
Acquisition/purchase of equipment;
Referee funding;
Arena booking fees & procedure;
Extending Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall parking to facilitate access to Myhand Park;
Myhand Park personnel and security;
Port Allen middle school football field improvements;
Sports registration fees and ad valorem tax funding.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for Community Centers Fund briefly discussing the following items:
Funded through ad valorem tax;
Janitorial contract - clean-up following functions;
Capital outlay projects.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for Drainage Fund briefly discussing the following items:
Funded through ad valorem tax;
Further cleaning of Coulee Canal;
Projects and equipment acquisition.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the following Trust Funds:
Parish Road Trust;
Video Poker Trust;
Lighting District.

Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the following Capital Outlay Funds:
Recreation Capital Outlay – discussed projects, security camera feed at facilities, and type of murals for arena, match for levee-top trail grants.
Roads Capital Outlay – discussed master plan/transportation projects;
Buildings & Land Capital Outlay –discussed projects;
5 Year Capital Expenditure Budget – listed by department & project;
Capital Road Program – Williams & Lee Park Bypass as access, contingent upon concurring resolution from City of Port Allen.

Mr. Bourgoyne restated would be happy to answer any questions upon further budget review. Brief discussion held on timeline for budget approval in compliance with Home Rule Charter.

There being no further business, a motion adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and approved by acclamation at 8:30PM.

/s/Gary M. Spillman
Gary M. Spillman, Council Chairman

/s/Sharon Zito
Sharon Zito, Council Clerk