

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL  
YEAR 2015 BUDGET MEETING – NOVEMBER 5, 2014\  
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING  
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA  
6:00PM**

The Year 2015 Budget Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Chris Kershaw, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Spillman explained the following members' absence at this time:

Mr. Hughhins' Mother turned 91 today so he would either be late or not make this meeting at all due to birthday party celebration;

Mr. Porto had to leave out to be at work for 7:00PM tonight down the Bayou.

Roll call was taken with the following members being recorded as present:

Mr. Chris "Fish" Kershaw, Ms. Charlene Gordon, Messrs. Ricky Loupe, Gary M. Spillman, Randal "Randy" Mouch, Edward G. "Bob" Robertson

Absent: Mr. Phil Porto, Jr., Ms. Naomi Fair, Mr. Barry Hughhins

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

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Finance Director Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and expressed thanks for support on millage renewals. Mr. Bourgoyne began with the Sales Tax Budget announcing that Director Melanie David could not attend meeting as husband was hospitalized. Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed and briefly explained revenues and expenditures and stated that any questions would have to be answered by Mrs. David.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the General Fund Budget reading some factors affecting expenses into the record as listed. Some of the line items discussed were:

Wellness program;

Computer upgrades;

Changes in Legislative department;

Changes in Judges' and District Attorney Offices;

New accounting software and data conversion, laptops, and new phone system;

Information Technology department required equipment maintenance;

Planning & Zoning professional fees, flood plan audit, travel and acquisition;

General Governmental Buildings increase in maintenance of grounds due to tree trimming at Courthouse and equipment purchases;

Civil Defense salary decrease due to transfer of Fire District Chief to own department;

Engineering increase in professional services for study north of U S Highway 190 requested by Mr. Porto;

Mosquito and other insect control increase in salaries, chemicals, and equipment purchases due to additional spraying;

Litter Abatement Program increase due to use of commissioned Deputy for Saturday trash pick-up;

Roads Fund superintendent clarified increases were due to repair to bridges (maintenance and/or replacement) and equipment purchases;

Recreation acquisition of equipment, hours/revenues/expenses Arena concession stand, webpage calendar for arena events;

Drainage salary increase due to 2 additional employees and equipment purchases;

Drainage projects to be considered Bueche Road Canal tree removal, culvert replacements North & South of Lynndale, Silvery Estates swale ditch across Bradford;

Community Center(s) capital outlay purchases for replacement and/or upgrade;

Lighting District Trust history of 25 percent allocation from video poker trust fund for maintenance and consider making change in funding allocation in future.

Director of Parks & Recreation Anatole Vincent was recognized, reviewed & explained Recreation Special Projects as listed.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued reviewing & explaining the following:

Roads Capital Outlay proposed upgrades;  
Buildings & Land Outlay;  
Five Year Capital Outlay tie-back funding sources;  
Five Year Road Outlay Program as listed.

Executive Assistant confirmed adding purchase of defibrillator live-saving devices to the budget to be located at all recreational facilities. Mr. Spillman thanked everyone for assistance on voter approval 11/4/14 of millage renewals. Ms. Gordon reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Parade Sunday, November 9, 2014.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 8:35PM.

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

/s/Sharon Zito  
Sharon Zito, Council Clerk