

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
YEAR 2015 BUDGET MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 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 Monday, November 3, 2014 and called to order. Council Chairman Gary Spillman requested that all electronic devices be silenced and recognized Ricky Loupe, who led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members being recorded as present:
Messrs. Phil Porto, Jr., Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Ricky Loupe, Gary M. Spillman, Edward G. “Bob” Robertson, Barry Hughins

Absent: Ms. Charlene Gordon, Mr. Randal “Randy” Mouch, Ms. Naomi Fair

Parish President Riley Berthelot, Jr. was also present.

Mr. Spillman announced that although have quorum it was not required as this meeting is for informational purposes only.

Finance Director Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and requested beginning with the Museum Budget. Museum Board Member Sue Blanchard was recognized representing said department and reviewed revenues and expenditures stating that the only significant changes from 2014 were for barn & equipment acquisitions.

Ms. Gordon entered the meeting at 6:05PM.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the Library Budget. Library Director Mrs. Beth Vandersteen was recognized and reviewed revenues and expenditures as previously approved by the Library’s Board of Control.

Mr. Bourgoyne and Mrs. Pam Keowen of Public Utilities reviewed revenues and expenditures of said department in line with last year. Discussion held on following:

Gas purchase sales and amending budget if necessary;
Penalty procedure;
Water Systems fund balances;
Service contracts for generators;
Capital Outlay projects and equipment;
State credits and type of qualified projects;
Sewer projections.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the Tourist Commission (Convention & Visitors Bureau) Budget and reviewed revenues and expenditures. Discussion was held on following:

Contingencies as request by said board;
Events;
Bonds;
Capital Outlay;
Sinking & Reserve funds.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with Fire District 1 budget reviewing revenues and expenditures. Discussion held on the following:

Clarified employees
Explained anticipated Capital Outlay for equipment purchases & land acquisitions;
Outstanding debt payments.

Mr. Bourgoyne explained the following budgets and reviewed revenues and expenditures for same:

Health Unit;
Jail Operations;
E911;
Central Communications;
Community Alert;
LEPC Grants;
Juvenile Detention.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with review of revenues and expenditures for Criminal Court. Discussion held on meeting scheduled with Judges, Sheriff and DA regarding lack of funding.

Mr. Bourgoyne explained the following budgets and reviewed revenues and expenditures for same:

Commodity Distribution;
Section 8 Voucher;
LIHEAP;
LRA Grant;
Erwinville Sewer Sinking & Reserve;
Westport Sewer Sinking & Reserve;
Westport Roads Sinking & Reserve;
Westport Sewer Sinking & Reserve.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Charlene Gordon and adopted by acclamation at 8:00PM.

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

/s/Sharon Zito
Sharon Zito, Council Clerk