WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
YEAR 2016 BUDGET MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2015
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL/GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
880 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE, PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6:00PM

The Year 2016 Budget Meeting of the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and called to order by Council Vice Chairman Barry Hugghins.

The following members were present:
Messrs. Chris "Fish" Kershaw, Ricky Loupe, Barry Hugghins

Absent: Mses. Charlene Gordon, Naomi Fair, Messrs. Randal "Randy" Mouch, Gary Spillman, Edward "Bob" Robertson, Phil Porto Jr.

Also present were Riley L. Berthelot Jr., Parish President, Jason Manola, Executive Assistant, Phillip Bourgoyne, Director of Finance and Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk.
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Vice Chairman Hugghins announced that a quorum was not required as this meeting is for informational purposes only.

Finance Director Phillip Bourgoyne was recognized and began with the Museum Budget. Museum Board Member Ms. Sue Blanchard was recognized representing said department and reviewed revenues and expenditures stating that the only significant changes from 2015 were ad valorem & possibly the levee project, and finished by thanking Mr. Phil Porto for his help working with the board.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the Library Budget. Library Director Ms. Beth Vandersteen was recognized and reviewed revenues and expenditures as previously approved by the Library's Board of Control, including hiring two staff members to replace two retiring members, operating costs increase to possibly expand on to the lot on the south side of library to build an outreach department and $75,000 dollars to upgrade the outdated computer system. There were a few questions in regard to the invested Landry account monies and options were expressed in ways to try and get a better interest rate on this monies.

Mr. Bourgoyne and Mrs. Pam Keowen of Public Utilities reviewed revenues and expenditures of said department. Discussion held on following:
Gas sales/purchases;
Capital Outlay projects and equipment;
State credits and type of qualified projects;
Water sales;
Sewer projections;
There were a few questions on Capital Outlay projects, sewer losses and gas services due to Intercostal boring.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the Tourist Commission (Convention & Visitors Bureau) Budget and reviewed revenues and expenditures. Discussion was held on following:
Events;
Bonds;
Capital Outlay;
Sinking & Reserve funds.
There were a few questions on Capital Outlay projects increase from 2015 to 2016.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with Fire District 1 budget reviewing revenues and expenditures. Discussion held on the following:
Clarified 2015 Salaries;
Additional employee(s);
Professional Fees/Grants;
Laboratory/drug testing;
Decrease in Workmen's Comp;

Explained anticipated Capital Outlay for vehicle purchases & Addis station;
Outstanding debt reduction/payments;
Five year Capital Outlay as presented.

Mr. Bourgoyne explained the following budgets and reviewed revenues and expenditures for same:
Health Unit;
Jail Operations;
E911;
Mr. Deano Moran, Director of Homeland Security explained a few of the Capital Outlay items and answered questions from the council.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued with the following budgets and reviewed revenues and expenditures for same:
Central Communications;
Community Alert;
LEPC Grants;
Juvenile Detention;
Criminal Court;
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 the meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Barry Hugghins, Council Vice Chairman

Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk