

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
YEAR 2016 BUDGET MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 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 Wednesday, November 4, 2015 and called to order by Council Vice Chairman Barry Hughhins.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Chris “Fish” Kershaw, Ricky Loupe, Barry Hughhins, Ms. Charlene Gordon

Absent: Ms. 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.

Vice Chairman Hughhins 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 Sales Tax Budget, Mr. Bourgoyne reviewed and briefly explained revenues and expenditures, explaining there is an increase in Salaries due to wanting to hire another auditor, stated that any questions would have to be answered by Mrs. Melanie David, there were no questions at this time.

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;

Employers Portion of Retirement decrease;

Professional fees for levee top engineering, wellness program, Rosedale Rd engineering, PMI Resources for Fire District, Detention Center Consulting, GIS Mapping services and engineering for LA1 connector; Replacement Vehicles for Maintenance;

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

Information Technology department required equipment maintenance, and some additional backup equipment;

Under Public Works Contractual Fees for a 4% increase in garbage collection;

Mr. Kershaw mentioned being in favor of raises for Justice of the Peace and Constables, handed out a breakdown of current neighboring parishes and what they were paying at this time, followed by a discussion between the following:

President Berthelot

Mr. Barry Hughhins

Mr. Ricky Loupe

Mr. Jason Manola

Mr. Phillip Bourgoyne

Ms. Michelle Tullier

Mr. Chris Kershaw

In closing Mr. Kershaw questioned who would appoint a replacement for Mr. Mike Ryan former Justice of the Peace, per President Berthelot the Supreme Court will appoint someone until an election can be setup, we have notified the State of the vacancy through the proper channels.

Mr. Bourgoyne continued on with the following items:

Public Safety Increase due to Law enforcement at Intracoastal;

Engineering;

Animal Impound in need of Equipment – generator;

Mosquito Control;

Litter Abatement;

Poverty Program;

Capital Outlay Transfers;

Roads;

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

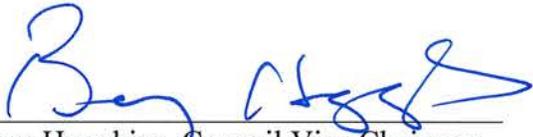
Community Centers – purchases for replacement and/or upgrade- Ms. Charlene Gordon requested adding more chairs to the community center and questioned the rocks at William & Lee Park; Ricky Loupe questioned Mr. Anatole Vincent on the location of the bleachers once Rivault Park is finished;

Mr. Bourgoyne moved on with the Roads – Capital Outlay proposed projects as listed and explained to the council that not all of these will happen but were included for a worst case scenario idea, some may be moved or may not happen at all;

Mr. Bourgoyne finished up with Building and Land – Capital Outlay Program as listed;

Ms. Gordon reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Parade Sunday, November 8, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.



Barry Huggins, Council Vice Chairman



Michelle Tullier, Council Clerk
