
THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 6:14 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

A moment of silence was held in the memory of Ms. Bernice Williams, grandmother of Bastrop Civil Service Board Member, Dr. Destinee Matthews. The Invocation was led by Mayor Betty Alford-Olive. Mr. James Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Charles Bradford (District B), James Green (District C),
Absent: Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche (District E)

Mr. Ricky Anderson, Kammell, asked the Council not to pass the general budget resolution.

The Regular Meeting recessed to the Sales Tax District No. 1 at 6:18 p.m.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:24 p.m.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Angela Tappin (District A), Charles Bradford (District B), James Green (District C),
Absent: Darry Green (District D), Howard Loche, (District E)

The Mayor announced the special meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024, to adopt the millage rate for the millage for the 2024 property tax year. The hearing will begin at 5:15 p.m. Ms. Tappin announced there is a new variant of covid. She said though not at pandemic levels, Ms. Tappin urged the public, if feeling weak or showing symptoms, to get tested and to stay home. The Mayor thanked community organizations for sponsoring back-to-school events. The Mayor announced the City of Bastrop received a Community Achievement Award from the Louisiana Municipal Association for improvements made to the City Parks.

Ms. Tappin motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting June 13, 2024 and Special Meetings June 20, 2024 and June 27, 2024 and the Regular Meeting July 11, 2024. The motion failed due to the lack of a second.

The Finance Committee Report was accepted with corrections to dates reflected in the report by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Ms. Debbie Rogers presented a report regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The Council asked for updates on Code Enforcement.

In Unfinished Business, the Council inquired about the status on the SWOT analysis for the Police Department. They requested updates: on the red light on Marable, security lights, cameras, and the Attorney General's Opinion regarding powers of the Mayor and Council, status on work for the McFee Bridge, Street grant, and flooding on Fairfield.

Ordinance 24-4279, establishing the Finance Committee and the rules therein, was introduced.

The Mayor read Resolution 24-2073, amending the consolidated budget (general fund and all special funds) for the revenues and expenditures for the City of Bastrop, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and adopting the consolidated budget (general fund and all special revenue funds) for revenues and expenditures for the City of Bastrop, Louisiana for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. After a brief discussion for clarity by the Attorney, Mr. James Green motioned to table Resolution 24-2073. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Ms. Tappin made a motion to reject the budget, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-2074, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with the Office of Debt Recovery for collection of municipal debts, was tabled on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.


Resolution 24-2075, FY 2025-2029 Aviation Priority Program was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

Resolution 24-2076, of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Bastrop, Louisiana, to authorize the Mayor on behalf of the City to enter into a contract with Volkert, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for Master Agreement for the Morehouse Memorial Airport was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.

The properties located at 806, 808, 818 North Marable, Bastrop, Louisiana, were ordered to be condemned on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ricky Allen Anderson, Kammell, waived his discussion of the 2024-2025 budget, and discussed a letter of complaint he sent to the Office of Local Government Service.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. James Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin and Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.


BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, MAYOR


MONICA AUSTIN, CITY CLERK

THE SPECIAL MEETING SALES TAX DISTRICT NO.1

The meeting of the Sales Tax District No. 1 of the City of Bastrop, Louisiana was held on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 6:18 p.m. in the courtroom at City Hall. President Betty Alford-Olive presided.

Roll Call was as follows:

Present: Angela Moore, Charles Bradford, James Green,

Absent: Darry Green, and Howard Loche

Three members were present and due notice was published.

Minutes of the July 11, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. James Green, followed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Bradford voted no.

Resolution 24-2068 (BST 134), amending an operating budget and street projects for revenues and expenditures for the Bastrop Sales Tax District #1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and adopting an operating budget and street projects for revenue and expenditures for the Bastrop Sales Tax District #1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. James Green, followed by a vote of 2-1. Mr. Bradford voted no.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. Bradford, followed by a unanimous vote.


BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, PRESIDENT


MONICA AUSTIN, SECRETARY/TREASURER