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## THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS

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The special meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderpersons was held in the Courtroom at City Hall at 5:44 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Mayor Betty Alford-Olive presided.

Roll call was as follows:

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

Absent: Charles Bradford (District B)

The Invocation was given by Mr. Loche. Mr. D. Green led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Charles Bradford, spoke as a resident to provide public comments to address engaging the services of a consultant for the American Rescue Plan, repairs for City Hall, the Ordinance requiring monthly financial statements to the City Council and the posting time listed on the agenda.

District B resident Mr. Henry Doaty asked if a meeting would occur if the posting time stated the same date as the meeting. The Council discussed the validity of continuing the meeting. Attorney Devin Jones said the agenda must be posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Security footage can confirm posting time was completed within the required time frame of the meeting time. Mr. Doaty asked Mr. Bradford to take his place on the platform as the representative for District B.

Resolution 24-2083, commending Damon Carroll upon retirement as District Fire Chief with the Bastrop Fire Department, was approved on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote of four.

Mr. Bradford entered the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Mr. Bradford was introduced to the meeting on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

The Council discussed the American Rescue funds and Resolution 24-2084, to engage the services of Ms. Laura Hartt, American Rescue Plan Consultant, the use of ARPA funds for premium pay for employees and Key Marketing Solutions website updates. During discussion, the Mayor left the meeting at 6:56 p.m. and returned at 7:03 p.m. Resolution 24-2084, to engage the services of Ms. Laura Hartt, American Rescue Plan Consultant, was approved on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a vote of 4-1. Mr. Bradford voted no. After discussion, Mr. Bradford motioned, and Mr. D. Green seconded to rescind the contract for the American Rescue Plan Consultant. The motion failed due to lack of a vote. Mr. Bradford left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Council is scheduled Monday December 30, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. on a motion by Mr. D. Green, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote of four.

The Rules of Order were suspended to consider Fire Department needs on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

Bastrop Fire Chief Timothy Williams requested ARPA funds to address needs in the Department.

The Mayor and Council discussed premium pay for eligible employees through ARPA funds.

Discussion of Key Marketing Solutions was tabled on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. Loche, followed by a unanimous vote.

A bid in the amount of \$473,000.00 by Triad Maintenance Service of Ruston, for City Hall repairs, was accepted on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. J. Green, followed by a vote of 3-1. Mr. D. Green voted no.

Ordinance 24-4280, requiring monthly financial statements and other financial information to be provided to the Bastrop City Council, was introduced.

The Mayor and City Council discussed the expiration of term of Civil Service Board member Dr. Destinee Matthews, whose service will continue until a replacement is made.

The following establishments were approved for a liquor license on a motion by Mr. Loche, seconded by Ms. Tappin, followed by a unanimous vote:

LLL Stop N Shop, Inc 1001 East Madison Avenue	Class A	\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
JLLL Stop N Shop # 5 741 Collinston Road	Class A	\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Primetime 924 Luther Street	Class B	\$500.00 (Retail Dealer, on Premises Only)
Dad's Sports Bar 1703 North Washington Street	Class B	\$500.00 (Retail Dealer, on Premises Only)
Louisiana Discount Tobacco 1008 East Madison Avenue	Class A	\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Circle K Stores, Inc. 1514 East Madison Avenue	Class A	\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)
Quick Pac 9505 Carbon Plant Road	Class A	\$400.00 (Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)

Handy Stop #1  
1610 West Madison Avenue

Class A        \$400.00  
(Retail Dealer, Off Premises Only)

Mr. J. Green left the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Mr. D. Green asked that the images of the posting of the minutes be added to the minutes.

The meeting was expanded for a briefing from the Mayor on a motion by Ms. Tappin, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote of three.

Mr. J. Green returned to the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The Mayor informed the Council the City' current IT manager will be retiring and said it had received two quotes for providing the service.

The meeting was expanded to discuss the \$600,000 funds to be provided through the Governor's Office Homeland Security (GOHSEP) on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote. The Mayor explained funds given through GOHSEP go through several stages before it is received by the City.

During discussion, Ms. Tappin left the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m. on a motion by Mr. J. Green, seconded by Mr. D. Green, followed by a unanimous vote.

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**BETTY ALFORD-OLIVE, MAYOR**

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**MONICA AUSTIN, CITY CLERK**