

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
May 14, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was called to order by Mayor David Toups at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Assistant Chief Langlois.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilors Rusty Parrish, Bliss Bernard, Rhonda Kelley, Kevin LeBlanc, and Ray Lejeune Sr.

Absent: None

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 9, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alonzo Goldman thanked the Public Works Department for the work they are doing in the ditch between Bird Heights & Plantation Ridge.

At the March 2024 council meeting, Paula Rhodes on behalf of Sugar Mill HOA proposed adding stop signs in multiple locations along the parkway and throughout the neighborhood to help mitigate the speeding issue. The approval to expend the funds to purchase and install the additional stop signs was made by the council pending research and recommendations from the Public Works Director and the Addis Police Department. At the April 2024 council meeting it was determined that it would be in the best interest of all to have a third-party traffic engineer review the suggestions and provide recommendations to the town based on their knowledge and expertise. Councilor Bernard advised that she did receive a response from the traffic engineer, that stated per the MUTCD – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, she would not recommend the use of stop signs for speed control. Other mitigation measures such as, do not pass signs, double striping and digital speed limit signs were discussed. Mayor Toups stated that the town would research these measures and discuss the findings at the June council meeting.

Donald Anderson, who resides in Addis Place Subdivision addressed the mayor and members of the council regarding the Town of Addis Culvert Program. Mr. Anderson stated that he did complete an application years ago and was placed on the list but was informed after numerous follow-up calls that the program was placed on hold indefinitely. Since then, he has paid to have the culverts installed and work done himself. He is asking the town to consider reimbursing him a portion of his out-of-pocket expenses. The council asked that he provide a copy of the invoice, and they would take it under advisement after reviewing his invoice, application and additional culvert program documents.

Mayor Toups reported that the final spring ROCKIN' ON THE RAILROAD event is scheduled for Friday, May 17th with After 8. He encouraged everyone to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING – FINAL PLAT – SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY – MARCHAND PROPERTY: Court Bradford representing Lyman Marchand III advised that Mr. Marchand is requesting to subdivide the property

located at 8325 First Street into two lots (Lot M-1 and Lot 8-A). Lot 8-A would now become an extension of Lot 8 located on 4135 Berthelot Street, owned by Donny Hotard. The Myhand property was rezoned at the previous council meeting and the preliminary subdivision of property plat was also reviewed and approved. Mayor Toups opened the public hearing. After hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and turned over to the council for review and discussion. A motion to approve the final plat - subdivision of property request was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT:

- i. **Sugar Hollow Drainage Project – Pay Application No. 2:** A motion to approve Pay Application No. 2 in the amount of \$558,315.00 was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Sugar Hollow Drainage Project – Substantial Completion:** A motion to approve the Sugar Hollow Drainage Project Substantial Completion was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- i. **Application for Home Occupation – Kevin LeBlanc:** Mr. LeBlanc wishes to make woodworking items in his shop. No employees. No additional vehicles. No signage. No added traffic or deliveries. A motion to approve the Home Occupation request was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously. Councilor LeBlanc abstained.
- ii. **Public Hearing – Rezoning of Property Request (Tuminello Property):** Steve LeBlanc representing Charles Tuminello advised that Mr. Tuminello is requesting to rezone the property located at 7922 First Street. Requests to rezone lot #CT-1 to R-0. Access will remain on 30' servitude to carport of home. Preliminary map does reflect "lean to" where the carport is located. Requesting lot #CT-2 be changed to C-1. This lot includes Chuck's bar and house. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. After hearing comments from the public, it was then closed and turned over to the council for review and approval. A motion to approve the rezoning request was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.
- iii. **Public Hearing – Subdivision of Property Request (Tuminello Property):** Steve LeBlanc representing Charles Tuminello advised that Mr. Tuminello is requesting to subdivide the property located at 7922 First Street. The owner is requesting to combine seven (7) lots into two (2) lots, Lot #CT-1 and Lot #CT-2. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. After hearing comments from the public, it was then closed and turned over to the council for review and approval. A motion to approve the subdivision of property request was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: No report.

POLICE REPORT: The April 2024 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 159 traffic citations issued, 175 calls for service, seven misdemeanor arrests, three felony arrest and eleven vehicle crashes. Task Force stats include: five felony narcotics arrests and two misdemeanor narcotics arrests.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT –

- i. **Wastewater Department:** Travis Bourgoyne reported for the month of April 2024 there were twenty-three residential/commercial control panel issues, thirty-four residential/commercial tank issues, seventeen collection system issues, one sewer plant issue, six new inspections, eighty-one dig tickets and 162 total calls.
 - Total leak repairs for March 2024 were seven.
 - Work is ongoing at the wastewater treatment plant for boat extension on ditch 1.
 - Advertising for wastewater department employee.
 - The new truck has been placed in service.

ii. **Public Works/Maintenance Department:**

- Cut grass as needed.
- The exterior of bathrooms at Railroad Park have been painted.
- Installed culverts on Karen Drive.
- The museum was painted, and bricks sealed.

iii. **Declare Surplus – Ford Truck (VIN 9230):** A motion to declare the 2016 Ford Truck (VIN 9230) surplus, was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

- i. **Pay Bills Found in Order:** A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

POLICE:

- i. **Resolution – Interim Chief of Police Appointment:** A motion approving the following resolution, “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JASON P. LANGLOIS, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE TOWN OF ADDIS TO SERVE THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE WHICH WAS VACATED BY RESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, RICKY ANDERSON, EFFECTIVE ON APRIL 30, 2024 PURSUANT TO LA. REVISED STATUTES 18:602 ET SEQ”, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **ORDINANCE 2024-4 (INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE LANGLOIS 5% SALARY INCREASE) –A** motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-4, “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE YEARLY SALARY FOR JASON P. LANGLOIS, INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE, OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS, LOUISIANA FOR 2024 AT A FIVE (5%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS CURRENT SALARY COMMENCING MAY 14, 2024.”, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL: No report.

SEWER: No report.

DRAINAGE: No report.

BUILDINGS: No report.

STREETS AND ROADS: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

/s/ Jade V. Simpson
JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK

/s/ David H. Toups
DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR