

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 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, October 8, 2024, at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Jade Simpson.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Councilors Rhonda Kelley and Kevin LeBlanc

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 10th, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Republican Elbert Guillory, candidate running for Louisiana's 6th Congressional District introduced himself and asked for support in the upcoming election. Guillory represented District 24 in the state Senate from 2009 to 2016 and District 40 in the Louisiana House of Representatives from 2007 to 2009. He ran unsuccessfully for lieutenant governor in 2015 and 2023 and for the 4th Congressional District in 2016. In addition to his work as a lawyer and a law professor, Guillory also worked at multiple state government agencies. He also served in the U.S. Navy. According to Guillory his priorities include public safety, border security, inflation, and education.

CORRESPONDENCE

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY: Mayor Toups reminded everyone that this event is scheduled for October 26th from 8am-12pm at Alexander Park in Brusly.

ROCKIN' ON THE RAILROAD: Mayor Toups reminded everyone that the first fall 2024 ROTR event is scheduled for Friday, October 11th with Justin Cornett band.

2024 ELECTION: Mayor Toups advised that early voting in West Baton Rouge is October 18th-29th (excluding Sundays) from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. Early voting can be done at the Registrar of Voters Office (883 7th Street, Port Allen) or the Brusly Voting Site (158 E. St. Francis Street; behind Brusly Town Hall). Both locations are open to ALL registered voters in West Baton Rouge Parish. Sample Ballots are available in the Voter Portal at GeauxVote.com and at both early voting locations. Election day is November 5th.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

LA DOTD HIGHWAY 1 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT: Additional state funding has become available for maintenance of DOTD right-of-way statewide. As a result, the 2024-2025 maintenance agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and the Town of Addis is being amended to increase the stipulated minimum number of maintenance mowing cycles in fiscal year 2024 from four (4) to five (5). This amendment shall cover work performed by the Town of Addis for the period July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. A motion authorizing Mayor David Toups to sign the amended agreement was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

HALLOWEEN 2024: Halloween Trick or Treating for 2024 in the Town of Addis was set for Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on a motion made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY FINAL PLAT (CHRISTOPHE PROPERTIES - 7767 HWY 1 S.): Cletus Langlois with Patin Engineering representing Christophe Properties, LLC, presented the final plat for the property located at 7767 Highway 1 S (Justice Lane). The property owners are combining two lots into one large lot, both of which are zoned C-1. Mayor Toups opened the public hearing. After hearing comments, he then closed the public hearing and turned it over to the council for review. A motion to approve the final plat was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT: Mayor Toups advised that another meeting will be held with Tullier Services to discuss the status of Phase I of the ARPA project. Phase II of the ARPA project has been initiated with PEC. A pre-construction meeting for the 2024 Road Rehab Project was held today. Construction is scheduled to begin after Halloween and should be completed before Thanksgiving.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- i. **Application for Home Occupation – Firmin Tullier:** Mr. Tullier would like to use his home to serve as his office for his electrical service business. After review and discussion of the application, a motion to approve the home occupation application was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: No report.

POLICE REPORT: The September 2024 police report, given by Chief Langlois, consisted of 150 traffic citations issued, 185 calls for service, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 0 felony arrests and 13 auto accidents. Task Force stats include: 1 felony narcotics arrests and 1 misdemeanor narcotics arrests.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT – Travis Bourgoyne reported for the month of September 2024 there were 58 residential/commercial control panel issues, 39 residential/commercial tank issues, 20 collection system issues, 3 sewer plant issue, 0 new inspections, 66 dig tickets and 186 total calls.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2024-5 (RETAIL SQUARE FOOTAGE AMENDMENT): Dana Larpenteur read the ordaining clause. Mayor Toups opened the public hearing. After hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and turned over to the council for discussion. A motion to approve **ORDINANCE 2024-5**, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 113 ZONING, ARTICLE III ZONING DISTRICTS BY AMENDING SECTION 113-76 (11) TO READ “17,000 square feet retail area.” RATHER THAN “11,000 square feet retail area.” TO CONFORM WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES”, was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS:** Bernard, Parrish, Lejeune; **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** Kelley, LeBlanc; **ABSTAINED:** 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 Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

POLICE: No report.

PERSONNEL: No report.

SEWER: No report.

DRAINAGE:

- i. **Sugar Mill Drainage Failure Repair Cost Estimate – Southern Underground of Louisiana, LLC.:**
Southern Underground of Louisiana LLC has submitted a proposal for the emergency repair of the drainage failure located on Virginia Drive in Sugar Mill. The total project cost is estimated not to exceed \$60,000, based on the identified issues and required scope of work. After review and discussion, a motion to approve the cost proposal for the emergency repair work was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

BUILDINGS: No report.

STREETS AND ROADS: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss police personnel was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously. As a result of executive session, a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Allen Landry was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present. A motion to hire Michael Floyd as a full-time patrol officer at a starting rate of \$18.62/hr. was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously by those present.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

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

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