

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 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, December 10, 2024, at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Jaselyn Berthelot.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 12th, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT: Mayor Toups reported that the 2024 Road Rehab Project is close to completion. According to the project engineer, the only work left to do is paint a catch basin grate and verify if the railroad crossing striping is complete.

They will schedule a final inspection for next week with Travis and Eric and make a punch list. We should have the Substantial Completion and Pay App for review and approval at the next meeting.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- i. **Application for Home Occupation:** Cherie Leonard has submitted an application for approval to operate a home florist business. She is a resident of Sugar Mill Plantation Subdivision. She has obtained her license from the state. A motion to approve the home occupation application for Cherie Leonard was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Information Only – Toby Berthelot – Commercial Property (7440 Highway 1 S.)** – Mr. Berthelot advised that he is looking at purchasing the commercial property located at the front of Cane Ridge Subdivision. The zoning of the property was discussed. Lot is approximately 1.6 acres. He is looking to build two separate dwellings. He was advised to closely review the town’s commercial development ordinance and submit required plans and studies to the town for review.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: No report.

POLICE REPORT: The November 2024 police report, given by Chief Langlois, consisted of 205 traffic citations issued, 185 calls for service, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrests and 12 auto accidents. Task Force stats include: 2 felony narcotics arrests and working in conjunction with WBRSO on vehicle burglaries.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT: The November 2024 report, given by Mayor Toups consisted of 22 residential/commercial control panel issues, 21 residential/commercial tank issues, 10 collection system issues, 1 sewer plant issue, 5 new inspections, and 52 dig tickets.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2024-8 (BOTTLE CLUB PROHIBITION): 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 2024-8** "AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 4: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE I, BY AMENDING SECTION 4-1: DEFINITIONS TO INCLUDE A DEFINITION OF "BOTTLE CLUBS" AND BY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 4: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARTICLE 1, BY INCLUDING SECTION 4-4: BOTTLE CLUBS AND OTHER CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PROHIBITED WHICH DEFINES BOTTLE CLUBS AND CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR DE FACTO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PROHIBITS THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON PREMISES OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS." was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc 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 Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.
- iii. **Special Meeting Reminder:** Mayor Toups reminded everyone that a Special Meeting to review and adopt the 2025 budget has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm.

POLICE: Chief Langlois reported that all in-service training for the year has been completed. Mayor Toups advised that after speaking with Chief Langlois, he was informed that the Grosse Tete Chief of Police inquired about the 2016 Chevy Tahoe that was previously declared surplus at the 9/10/24 meeting. After further discussion, a motion to donate the 2016 Chevy Tahoe (VIN ending in 2402) to the Grosse Tete Police Department was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

PERSONNEL:

- i. **Annual Required Trainings:** Another reminder about the annual required trainings was given.

SEWER: No report.

DRAINAGE: No report.

BUILDINGS: The ongoing complaints received about the home located at 5355 Myrle were discussed. The condition of the washeteria located on First Street was also discussed. Mayor Toups advised that he would arrange a meeting with West Baton Rouge Parish regarding the inspections of the properties. If the parish is unable to provide those services for the town, a motion to authorize Mayor Toups to hire an inspector was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

STREETS AND ROADS: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss police personnel was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously. As a result of executive session, a motion to accept the resignation of full-time Officer Garrett Joffrion effective Friday, December 13th was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously. A motion to hire Casey Williams as a full-time patrol officer at a starting rate of \$18.99/hr. was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilor Parrish; 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