

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10TH, 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, September 10th, 2024, at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Kim Panepinto.

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 August 13, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion to amend the agenda to add an executive session for possible litigation, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

TROPICAL STORM FRANCINE UPDATE: Mayor Toups advised that the Emergency/Hurricane Plan has been activated. Generators and by-pass pumps have been secured and the Public Works Department is in the process of getting them stationed. West Baton Rouge Parish is actively preparing for Tropical Storm Francine. West Baton Rouge Parish Government, Council, Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security, Fire Department and local government officials have been meeting daily to prepare for the storm, establishing sandbag distribution points and taking additional measures to ensure a coordinated and effective response to potential weather-related challenges. Sandbag Distribution Locations in Addis include Myhand Park and Addis Fire Station on Highway 1. Residents must bring their own shovel to fill sandbags. WBRP road crews are working diligently to pick up bulk trash throughout the parish. To assist them in managing this task effectively, please ensure that only bulk trash which is already placed out is collected. Per WBRP, to report fallen trees, debris or other storm non-emergency issues, please email Francine@wbrCouncil.org.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT: Mayor Toups advised that West Baton Rouge Parish received three proposals for the Solid Waste, Recycle and Debris Contract. Based on pricing and references, they have selected Waste Pro for the services. Waste Pro will be servicing West Baton Rouge Parish on October 1st. A motion to authorize Mayor Toups to sign the contract was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

2024 ADDIS ROAD PROJECT – ACCEPT BID & AWARD CONTRACT: A public bid opening for the 2024 Addis Road Rehab Project was held on August 22nd. After review of the bids received, Novus Reb Engineering, LLC is recommending that the Town of Addis award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder – Epic Paving, LLC in the amount of \$583,525.65 for the Base Bid plus Alternate No. 1. A motion to approve the recommendation and award the contract to Epic Paving, LLC, was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER REPORT: No report.

PLANNING & ZONING:

- i. **Public Hearing – Subdivision of Property Request – Authur Christophe (7767 HWY 1 S.):** Mr. Authur Christophe has applied for subdivision of property to combine 2 lots into 1 large lot with the intent to build a structure to house a cigar lounge. The address of the property is 7767 Highway 1 S. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. Residents that live near the property expressed concerns with having that sort of establishment in their “back yard”. Alcohol consumption, loud music and parking were a few items discussed. The public hearing was closed and turned over to the Council for discussion. Council members discussed the issue at hand, which is subdivision of property, not any proposed future plans. A motion to approve the request was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: No report.

POLICE REPORT: The August 2024 police report, given by Chief Langlois, consisted of 220 traffic citations issued, 163 calls for service, 2 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrests and 14 auto accidents. Task Force stats include: 6 felony narcotics arrests and 2 misdemeanor narcotics arrests.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT – Travis Bourgoyne reported for the month of August 2024 there were 43 residential/commercial control panel issues, 46 residential/commercial tank issues, 21 collection system issues, 3 sewer plant issue, 0 new inspections, 45 dig tickets and 158 total calls. New employee started on 9/9.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A motion to introduce **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 Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard.

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 Bernard and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

POLICE:

- i. **Equipment Surplus:** A motion to declare the following police equipment surplus was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.
 - i. **2017 Silver Chevy Tahoe, Patrol Package (VIN 3764)**
 - ii. **2016 Brown Chevy Tahoe, Undercover/Admin Package (VIN 2402)**

PERSONNEL: No report.

SEWER:

- i. **Sewer Tank Installation Cost:** Public Works Director advised of the increased cost for materials and what it cost the town to install a new sewer system. The homeowner is only paying \$5200 for a new

sewer system, which barely covers half the material cost. The council asked that additional information be provided before making a decision to increase the homeowners cost.

DRAINAGE:

- i. **Acadian Crossing Drainage Servitudes:** Mayor Toups advised that a meeting was held with WBR Parish officials regarding the drainage servitudes. To move forward, the town needs to have the properties officially surveyed. A motion to authorize Mayor Toups to hire a surveyor to survey the property, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

BUILDINGS: No report.

STREETS AND ROADS: Mayor Toups advised that on September 4th he met with WBR Parish President, Jason Manola and Drew Maciasz with Harry L. Laws & Company, Inc. to discuss a potential escape route.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss property negotiations and possible litigation 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.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

ADJOURN

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

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

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