

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2025 – 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, February 11, 2025, at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilors Rusty Parrish, Bliss Bernard, Rhonda Kelley, Kevin LeBlanc, Dustin Hebert
Absent: None

MINUTES:

The minutes of January 14th, 2024, regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Hebert and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

ADDIS MARDI GRAS MAMBO & MARKET: Mayor Toups reminded everyone of the Mardi Gras Mambo & Market event scheduled for Saturday, February 22nd. The event will include a vendor market from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm as well as live music by John Foster Benoit from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CAPITAL AREA HUMAN SERVICES – TODDIE MILSTEAD: Mayor Toups advised that unfortunately Mrs. Milstead is unable to attend due to an illness but has informed him via email that her term limit has ended in the appointed position for West Baton Rouge Parish as the Addiction Specialist from which she has served under 2 administrations proudly. Mrs. Milstead stated, "It has a been a great and distinct honor serving my Parish in many capacities since 1997 and in the Town of Addis as well. Thank you for the privilege and I look forward to continuing to serve in other ways."

WBRP LIBRARY TAX RENEWAL – TAMMY MARTIN: Mrs. Martin, the director of the program provided a summary of the programs that WBRP Library offers and the many reasons why its so important to vote for the 10-year tax renewal. She advised that it will be on the March 29th ballot and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION (MWPP) RESOLUTION: The 2024 MWPP report was approved by Resolution of Acceptance on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

LGAP GRANT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT: Mayor Toups advised that to complete the LGAP Grant application, the Town must provide a resolution of support from the Town Council. A motion to authorize Mayor Toups to apply for a \$50,000 LGAP grant to continue improving the drainage in the Town of Addis, was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Hebert and adopted unanimously.

SURPLUS POLICE UNIT(S) DONATION: A motion to approve the donation of the 2013 Chevy Tahoe (VIN 1094) to Cottonport Fire Department and the 2015 Chevy Tahoe (VIN 4405) to Brusly Police Department, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

ENGINEER: No report.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:

- I. **Application for Home Occupation – Lina Saale:** Mrs. Saale wishes to have a home bakery business. She will use her existing kitchen. She has already obtained her state license. A motion to approve the Home Occupation application was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.
- II. **Commercial Development Site Plans – Toby Berthelot:** The property is already subdivided and zoned for commercial purposes. Mr. Wyatt Berthelot presented the commercial site plans for each business - (1) Fur Seasons will be for animal boarding & grooming and (2) Speedee is for oil changes and tire rotations only as requested by customers. Tires will be stored indoors and picked up occasionally as needed. Mr. Berthelot advised that they are currently working on the drainage and traffic studies that are required by town ordinance. They will be submitted to the Town of Addis for review once complete.
- III. **Public Hearing – Subdivision of Property (7728 Ed Lejune) – Steve LeBlanc:** Steve LeBlanc representing Hard Times Cattle LLC for subdivision of property. Property is zoned R-100B and fronts on Clouatre Lane, which is a private road. Owner wishes to divide the property into 3 lots, Tract A-2-A, Tract A-2-B and Tract A-2-C. On Tract A-2-B, the new lot created by the subdivision, the owner will put a mobile home. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. After no comments from the public, the hearing was closed and turned over to the Council. After reviewing, a motion was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL: No report.

POLICE: The January 2024 police report, given by Chief Langlois, consisted of 89 traffic citations issued; 176 calls for service; 4 misdemeanor arrests; 2 felony arrests; and 8 auto accidents. The felony arrest was for domestic abuse with child endangerment and domestic abuse aggravated assault. Chief Langlois reported that there were no major incidents during the snow event.

PUBLIC WORKS & WASTEWATER: The January 2024 sewer report, given by Travis Bourgoyne, included 20 residential and commercial equipment calls; 36 residential and commercial tank issues; 27 collection system issues; 1 sewer plant issue; 2 new inspections and 51 one-call tickets completed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2025-1 (MAYOR TOUPS 2025 SALARY) – 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 2025-1 (MAYOR TOUPS 2025 SALARY)** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE YEARLY SALARY FOR DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2025 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2024 SALARY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025”, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS:** Bernard, Parrish, Hebert, Kelley, LeBlanc **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** None; **ABSTAINED:** None.

ORDINANCE 2025-2 (CHIEF OF POLICE 2025 SALARY): 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 2025-2 (CHIEF OF POLICE 2025 SALARY)** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE YEARLY SALARY FOR JASON P. LANGLOIS, CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2025 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2024 SALARY AND COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025”, was made by Councilor Hebert; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS:** Bernard, Parrish, Hebert, Kelley, LeBlanc **NAYS:** None; **ABSENT:** None; **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 Kelley; seconded by Councilor Hebert and adopted unanimously.
- ii. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

POLICE: No report.

PERSONNEL: Councilor LeBlanc advised that he and Councilor Hebert are working on a salary evaluation. He is hoping to have something prepared to be reviewed at the next meeting.

SEWER: No report.

DRAINAGE: No report.

BUILDINGS: No report.

STREETS AND ROADS: No report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into an executive session to discuss police personnel, property negotiations and pending litigation was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Hebert and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously. As a result of the executive session and recommendation by Chief Langlois, a motion to re-hire Logan Anderson as a full-time patrol officer at a starting rate of \$19.88/hour, was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Hebert and adopted unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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

/s/ Jade V. Simpson

JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK

/s/ David H. Toups

DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR