TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

January 3, 2018 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Addis Municipal Building located at 7818 Highway 1 South. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Tom Acosta.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David Toups; Councilors Cazes, Kelley, LeBlanc & Parrish

Absent: Councilor Acosta

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted. The minutes of the December 20, 2017 special meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Tom Acosta informed the Council of his candidacy for Division B District Judge. He gave a brief overview of his experience and qualifications and provided the dates for Early Voting and Election Day. Mr. Acosta thanked the Council for giving him the opportunity to speak and introduce himself.

Mr. Beecham addressed the Council regarding an issue he has with the growing number of off-road vehicles on city streets in the Town of Addis. He stated that the citizens need to be reminded and made aware of the law before something serious happens. Mr. Beecham suggested that the Town put out some sort of Public Notice informing them of what is and is not legal. After further discussion, Mayor Toups stated that he would share the information by publishing an article in the Vision West.

Owner of Kyle’s Express addressed the Council regarding his liquor and gaming permit. A motion to amend the agenda to consider liquor and gaming permits for Kyle’s Express was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and approved. After presenting his state and parish licenses to the Council for review, a motion to approve the liquor and gaming permits for Kyle’s express was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**JULY 4TH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING – CONSIDER DATE CHANGE**

Mayor Toups informed the Council that after reviewing the 2018 Town Council meeting dates, he realized that the July meeting fell on Independence Day, which is a holiday. After brief discussion, a motion to change the July 2018 Town Council meeting from Wednesday, July 4th to Tuesday, July 3rd was made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups announced that the AVFD Ladies Auxiliary Annual Mardi Gras Ball will be held Saturday, January 27th from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the Addis Community Center. He also mentioned that the 56th Addis Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd and will begin at 1:00 p.m. He congratulated Councilor Kelley for being chosen as Grand Marshall. stated that after the parade, music will be provided by REWIND at the Railroad Park and Museum.

Mayor Toups reported that West Baton Rouge Parish Natural Gas and Water issued a Boil Advisory due to low water pressure caused by the freezing temperatures.

**REPORTS**

**Parish Council:** Mayor Toups stated that no one from the Parish could attend the meeting and he did not have any updates to provide.

**Police Report:** The police report for the month of December was provided by Chief Ricky Anderson and included 225 traffic citations; 16 misdemeanor arrests; 1 felony arrest; and 9 vehicle crashes worked. The **Misdemeanor Arrests** included 1 Disturbance, 6 Warrants, 4 Theft/Shoplifting, 1 Hit and Run/Careless Operation, 3 Criminal Trespass and 1 Criminal Mischief. The **Felony Arrest** included 1 Home Invasion and 2nd Degree Kidnapping (Domestic Related).

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report for the month of December was read by Mayor Toups and included 13 equipment failures and 15 jammed pumps.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Mayor Toups reported that the Planning & Zoning business was handled at the Special meeting held on December 20th and there wasn’t any new business to discuss or take action on tonight.

**PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2018-1 (2018 Mayor & Chief Salaries) -** A motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-1, “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE YEARLY SALARY FOR DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2018 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2017 SALARY AND RICKY ANDERSON, CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2018 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2017 SALARY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2018”, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:**

1. Amotion to pay the bills found in order was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.
2. A motion to expend the funds for the Addis Mardi Gras parade was made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**Police:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** None

**Drainage:** None

**Buildings:** Mayor Toups reported that the awnings at the Civic Center should be changed out in the next few weeks and the design for the new doors should be submitted to him soon. Mayor Toups asked the Council to provide him with a list of things they wish to change/upgrade on the inside of the Civic Center. He said he would eventually like to purchase new tables and chairs for the building as well. Chief Anderson reported that he has not contacted anyone yet to give him a quote for the addition of awnings outside the police department.

**Streets and Roads:** Mayor Toups reported that the change order for Sunset Subdivision Road Project was signed and that project should start soon if the weather cooperates.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Anderson asked if the recent water pressure issue could be caused by the rapid growth of subdivisions and residents in the Town of Addis. He expressed his concern with WBRP Utilities and them not being able to meet the demand in situations such as the recent freezing temperatures. Mayor Toups stated that freezing or below freezing temperatures in Louisiana for days at a time is not something that happens often and when everyone is running their faucets to prevent their pipes from freezing, water pressure becomes an issue.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. on a motion made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

/s/\_Jade V. Simpson\_\_ /s/ David Toups

Town Clerk Mayor