TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was called to order by Mayor Toups at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ray Lejeune.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilors Hook Cazes; Tate Acosta; Kevin LeBlanc; Rusty Parrish; Rhonda Kelley. \*Councilor Parrish arrived at the meeting at 6:07 pm and Councilor Acosta left the meeting early at 7:18 pm.

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2019 were approved on a motion by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously. The minutes of the special meeting of December 18, 2019 were approved on a motion by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Upon the request of Mayor Toups, a motion to amend the agenda adding (1) Oscar Boudreaux - Sewer Project Updates and (2) Executive Session for property negotiations was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A concerned citizen brought up the subject of an escape route out of West River Subdivision.

**OSCAR BOUDREAUX – SEWER PROJECT REPORTS**

Mr. Boudreaux reported the following:

LDEQ/SRF LOAN PROJECTS:

* **Addis Place Sewer Rehabilitation-EES Project No. 1332.** This project is complete and operational.
* **Acadian Crossing/Bernhardt Force Main-EES Project No. 1626.** This project is complete and operational.
* **Bernhardt Pump Station Upgrade-EES Project No.1607.** This project is complete and operational.
* **YMCA Force Main-EES Project No. 1627.** In the month of November/December, the contractor installed most of the HDPE along River Road. In the last segment, his pipe hit an underground obstacle that would not allow the pipe to be pulled forward. After several attempts, the work had to be abandoned with 1800 feet of pipe in the ground. At this time, we are working with the Army Corp of Engineers on an abandonment plan. After their review and approval, we can proceed with the remaining installation of the pipe. Additional project review and permits will be required for this work. Following Mr. Boudreaux’s presentation and recommendation, a motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Acosta to approve the Geotechnical Engineering Report proposal submitted by Ardaman & Associates, Inc. for the YMCA Force Main project in the amount of $6,000.00 contingent upon Dana Larpenteur’ s review of the contract. The motion was adopted unanimously.

TOWN FUNDED PROJECTS:

* **Sugarmill Parkway Upgrade-EES Project No. 1808.** Work has been completed; asking for substantial completion with punch list.
* **Drainage.** The consulting engineer has been working on different issues.

**LMA MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

Mayor Toups advised that the LMA Mid-Winter Conference for Municipal Officials will be held on February 4th and 5th. He is planning to attend and asked that if anyone else is interested in going to please contact the office so they can be registered.

**CALL FOR BIDS**

Bids were advertised for the purchase of a portable six-inch cast-iron sound attenuated skid trailer mounted diesel pump. Mayor Toups called for bids from the Public three time. The one bid which was received was from Better Pumps & Solutions, LLC, from St. Gabriel in the amount of $53,800.05. A motion to accept this bid, contingent upon its review by Mr. Phil Smith to ascertain that it met all specifications set out by the Town, was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Parish Council:** Mr. Kershaw reported the following:

* That the new water line running from Port Allen southward should be completed to the Brusly water tower by the end of the First Quarter of 2020. The completion of the line to the south end of the Parish should be complete by the end of the year.
* That the Parish Council cancelled their regularly scheduled meeting of January 9th and set the regular January meeting for Thursday January 23rd. Swearing in of the new Council and the election of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15th.

**Police Report:** Chief Anderson advised that in the month of December 2019, 409 traffic citations were issued. There were two misdemeanor arrest which were both thefts and the one felony arrest was for Video Voyeurism.

**Sewer Report:** Mayor Toups read the December 2019 Sewer report in the absence of Mr. Smith:

* There were 68 Residential and Commercial equipment calls; 16 lift station equipment calls; 148 LA One Call tickets completed and 8 inspections on new construction tie-ins.
* A check valve was installed to help with an issue with airlock on the Sunset to Bernhardt force main.
* A new rotating assemble was installed on Pump 2 at Plantation Ridge. The pulled rotating assemble is at the pump shop being rebuilt. When complete it will be installed in pump 1 at Plantation Ridge.
* CES was called in to pump out 5 wet wells due to high grease and matting.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Mayor Toups reported that Planning & Zoning didn’t have any new business or action items

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANNCES**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

A motion to introduce Ordinance 2020-1, “ AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE YEARLY SALARY FOR DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2020 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2019 SALARY AND RICKY ANDERSON, CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FOR 2020 AT A FOUR (4%) PERCENT INCREASE FROM HIS 2019 SALARY COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020”, was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:**

* A motion to pay the bills found in order was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously.
* There were no questions on the budget comparison report.

**Police:** Chief Anderson advised that he would like to meet with his Committee soon.

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** None

**Drainage:** None

**Buildings:** Tipton Construction will be contacted to move forward with Town Hall renovations.

**Streets & Roads:** DOTD will put another inch and a half of asphalt on Main Street. A short discussion was held on the proposed walkway, known as the Acadian Trail, from the River Road through Town to Myhand Park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:51 pm, at the request of Mayor Toups, a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property negotiations was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously. At 7:13 pm, the Council returned to regular session on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted unanimously. Mayor Toups advised that the purpose of Executive Session was to discuss property negotiations.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

At the request of Mr. Larpenteur, a discussion was held on whether or not the Town had a servitude along the northern property of Addis Place Subdivision. He advised that a servitude was in place in favor of the Town but it has not been used by the Town, as such, since the time the subdivision was annexed in 1996. He further advised that a servitude is automatically extinguished if it is not used for a ten-year period. Following a discussion, it was decided to accept Mr. Larpenteur’ explanation and agree to the fact that the servitude is automatically extinguished due to lack of use for a period of ten years or more.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:34 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

/s/ Jade V. Simpson /s/ David H. Toups

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Jade V. Simpson, Town Clerk David H. Toups, Mayor