**TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 5, 2019**

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, June 5, 2019 at the Addis Civic Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Ms. Faye Watts.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2019 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilor Cazes, seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

The Final Plat for the 19th Filing of Sugar Mill Subdivision was added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chris Graves asked if the Town has any plans to address the problem of individuals blowing grass clippings onto the Road when cutting grass in yards. Also brought up was the fact that some people are putting yard debris in the ditches which impedes drainage.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Mayor Toups advised on the following**

A.The City of Baker will have a Prayer Breakfast on 6:30 am on Friday, June 28th at the Baker

Municipal Center.

B. The LMA Convention will be held in Monroe on August 1-3. Mayor asked that everyone interested in going, let him

know so they can be registered.

C. The annual census count is 5,837, according to the report received from the State Treasury.

**WESTSIDE JOURNAL**

A motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley to approve the bid submitted by the West Side Journal to be the Official Journal for the Town of Addis for the year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**ADDIS CIVIC LEAGUE**

Mrs. Faye Watts advised that the Addis Civic League is being dissolved and presented a plaque to the Town donating the

“Donor Tree” to the Town. The tree hangs on the wall in the Chambers and a memorial leaf can be purchased for $50.00 with names of those being remembered inscribed on the leaf. Mrs. Watts further advised that the $40,000.00 assets being held by the League was donated to the four schools in Brusly. Mayor Toups thanked Mrs. Watts for the donation of the Donor Tree to the Town and advised that he would like to locate it in an area that is more accessible to the public after the renovations to the Town Hall.

**OSCAR BOUDREAUX, EES**

**LDEQ/SRF Loan Project Updates:** All projects have been bid and are in the construction phase. Currently we have some remaining in contingencies. If funds remain, several items of work at the plant are in need.

1. Addis Place Sewer Rehabilitation – EES Project No. 1616: This project has been completed.
2. Acadian Crossing/Bernhardt Force Main – EES Project No. 1626: Contractor has completed all directional drilling of force mains. Only the open cut pipe near Peter Messina Road remains to be installed. Also, the tie in to Sugar Hollow 6-inch force main is needed. We anticipate by July 15, 2019, all pipe will be installed, tested, and ready for operations. The high water in the river has not affected this project.
3. Bernhardt Pump Station Upgrade – EES Project No. 1607: This project has been completed.
4. YMCA Force Main-EES Project No. 1627: The contractor is waiting for the Mississippi River to drop. Work is currently on hold. We anticipate late July or early August for work to begin.

**Town Funded Projects:**

1. Sugar Mill Parkway Upgrade – EES Project No. 18: Bids were received on March 26, 2019. Notice to Proceed and construction contracts are complete. A pre-construction conference was held today, June 5, and work shall begin in ten days.
2. Drainage - The consulting engineer GSE should be completed with the work by the end of this week on the Lousteau property.

**HURRICANE PREPARATION**

Mayor Toups advised that quotes are being obtained for rental of generators and other equipment which may be necessary in the event of a Hurricane. More information will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

**RAILROAD CROSSING CAMERAS**

A discussion was held on the possibility of installing cameras at the Railroad Crossings . A Service Proposal & Quotation was received from Active Solutions in the amount of $27,683.20, which is the State’s contract. Mayor Toups advised that he feels these are needed, especially at the railroad crossings in Town. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion to accept the quote of $27,683.20 received from Active Solutions, to purchase and install cameras and equipment for installment at the railroad crossings through Town was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes . The motion was adopted unanimously.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Parish:** Mr. “Fish” Kershaw, in the absence of Mr. Allain, gave the Parish report which included the following:

1. HB 578: He reported that HB578, which involves the construction of the road from 415 to LA 1, passed the House vote and is on the Governor’s desk for his signature.
2. Mr. Kershaw gave an overview of the new water well and line being run in the Parish. Bids should be let in the near future for this project. Phase 1 should be to the Brusly Water Tower and Phase 2 will be to Addis.
3. The Parish Health Unit, located in Port Allen, is presently run by West Baton Rouge and State

Employees. The Parish is presently negotiating with the State to try to get this Health Unit run by Parish

Employees instead of State and Parish.

1. Carroll P. Bourgeois Road, the new road from Sid Richardson to 448, has been completed and is now open to traffic.
2. Mr. Kershaw advised that the new 280 mile natural gas pipeline being built to run from Richland Parish to Plaquemine would not affect West Baton Rouge Parish as there is only 200 or 300 yards in the Parish, which is part of the servitude.
3. He mentioned the fact that term limits for the Parish President will come up at the next Parish meeting. He advised that he will stay awhile after this meeting if anyone has any questions or comments they would like to discuss.

**Police:** The May 2019 police report, given by Jason Langlois, included 25 traffic citations written; 30 Misdemeanor arrests, 10 Felony Arrests and 4 vehicle crashes worked. The Misdemeanor Arrests were: 1 traffic related, 3 warrant related, 25 narcotics and 1 violation of protective order. The Felony Arrests were all Narcotics. It was noted that the Department should receive the K-9 dog in July.

**Public Works:** Public Works Superintendent Phil Smith reviewed problems related to the recent heavy rains, which amounted to approximately 11.4 inches in four days. Drains in town were checked and cleared where necessary, and many

potholes were repaired. Phil further advised the following:

1. The 30-foot slope mower is out of commission pending receipt of new hydraulic cylinder for boom arm.
2. He is also presently receiving quotes for a heavier equipment trailer. This will be ordered after all quotes are in.
3. He is also receiving quotes for skid steer attachments, and the new public works truck will be delivered in June.

**Sewer:** Mr. Smith’s report for May 2019 included: 25 Lift Station equipment; 61 on Residential and Commercial Equipment; 179 LA One Call tickets completed; and 13 new construction tie-in inspections. Total for the month was 192.

Phil further reported:

1. The 10” force main line to the plant was damaged by a local farmer on Sunday. The crew was called out to

repair the line which took approximately six hours. The farmer did not have One Call at this time.

1. The chlorination system will be replaced during June.
2. The Sewer Dept. cameras have been down and are being repaired at a cost of approximately $9,500.00.
3. Received two 200 watts generators to put on the trucks for use on trouble calls so the residents’ facilities will not have to be used.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:**

1. Sugar Mill 19th Filing Final Plat - Mr. Geoff Wilson and Mr. Deane Bryson were present to answer questions and discussions on the Final Plat for the 19th Filing of Sugar Mill Subdivision. Mayor Toups advised that the only thing that is not complete on the 19th Filing is the sewer and it will be complete as soon as the new line can be completed. Problems with completion of the sewer was caused by the high water in the River. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Parrish to approve the Final Plat, as is, of the 19th Filing of Sugar Mill Subdivision, subject to completion of the sewer system tie-in when the Sewer lines are completed and connected. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Cazes, Acosta, LeBlanc, Parrish. **Nays:** Kelley **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None

**ORDINANCE #2019-3**

Mayor Toups read the ordinating clause for Ordinance #2019-3. He then opened a public hearing to give the public the opportunity to express its views on the proposed Ordinance. There being no comments or questions, the Public Hearing was closed and the Mayor presented the Ordinance to the Council for their comments and/or action. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes, and adopted on the following roll call votes:

**Yeas**: Cazes; Acosta; LeBlanc; Parrish; Kelley. **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None. A copy of this Ordinance is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:**

1. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to pay invoices which are found in order. The motion was adopted unanimously.
2. Mayor Toups advised that the monthly budget to actual expenditures and income report is included in their packets and asked that they be reviewed.

**Police:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** None

**Drainage:**

1. Councilor Parrish discussed a problem with drainage between his property and his neighbor’s. The Mayor advised that he feels some of the work which is being done with drainage in this area should take care of the rain water going into sheds on the various properties.
2. Cooperation Endeavor Agreement - A Cooperation Endeavor Agreement between the Town of Addis and A. P. Dodson, LLC for a collaborative partnership to improve drainage and other public facilities within the Town of Addis which directly help to enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses located within the municipal limits of the Town. Further, should there exist the transfer of public funds, services or property, of any kind, any such transfer is not a gratuitous donation but for the public purposes stated herein, to be subject to a discussion of the water supply in this area and use of the Peter Messina Pump Station for the sewer, as noted in the March 6, 2019 meeting minutes, was approved for the Mayor’s signature on a motion by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**Buildings:** None

**Streets and Roads:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M. on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

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

JADE V. SIMPSON DAVID H. TOUPS

TOWN CLERK MAYOR