**TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 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, October 2, 2019 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Oscar Boudreaux.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David Toups; Councilors Tate Acosta, Kevin LeBlanc, Rusty Parrish, Rhonda Kelley.

Absent: Councilor Wilson Cazes

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 4th regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously by those present.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public asked for an update on the lights near the YMCA. Mayor Toups advised that he had spoken with Entergy regarding this and was told that it would cost approximately $35,000.00 to install the lights. It is a subject that can be discussed further with the Council deciding if they are willing to take part in this project.

A short discussion was held on the heights of buildings in Town. Presently it is set at three stories with a maximum of 35’. The ordinance will be reviewed for possible revisions.

The problem with four wheelers in the subdivisions was discussed. Chief Anderson advised that this is an ongoing problem, but if the four wheelers are banned, it will be for everyone and not just the kids who are out riding on the street. He also advised that anyone who sees a person riding four wheelers carelessly should call 911 so that an Addis police officer can be sent to take care of the problem. Chief Anderson advised that he is more than willing to discuss any problems with individuals in his office.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups advised on the following items:

* Mayor Toups advised that Live at Five will be this Friday night with the Don Rich band playing. Other Live at Five performances are – Friday, November 8th with Rocking Doopsie; Friday, November 22nd, with The Chris LeBlanc band playing; and Friday, December 6th with Parish Country Line Band.
* The State will resurface Main Street, beginning Monday, October7 - October 9. The street will then be turned over to the Town of Addis.
* Work on Sugar Mill Parkway will begin on October 10th. The entrance will remain open with traffic to proceed around the YMCA to the subdivision using Belleville and Sandbar.
* An individual asked if the Town has considered widening Ed LeJeune Street. Mayor Toups advised that items such as this will be considered in the future.
* The West Side Journal contacted the office regarding the article naming the Town of Addis as top Town in the safety of its citizens in the State and reviewed how this decision was made. Mayor Toups commended the Police Department and the Council for giving the Police Department the support necessary to protect the Town and its people.

**2019 HALLOWEEN HOURS**

A motion was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to approve the hours of 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st for Trick or Treat hours in the Town of Addis. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**MR. BRANDON BERGERON – CANDIDATE FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Brandon Bergeron, a candidate for the District 18th position in the upcoming election was introduced and spoke on his candidacy. Mayor Toups and the Council thanked Mr. Bergeron for coming and wished him well in the upcoming election.

**OPEN CONTAINER PERMIT**

An Open Container Permit requested by Mr. “PeeWee” Berthelot for an election party to be held at the Addis Railroad and Museum Park on Saturday, October 12Th was approved on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously.

**OPEN EARLY REQUEST**

A motion to ratify Mayor Toups’ signature on the approval of an Open Early Request by Charlie’s Lounge for Saturday, September 21st was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**OSCAR BOUDREAUX, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (EES)**

Mr. Boudreaux reported on the various projects presently being worked:

**LDEQ/SRF LOAN PROJECTS:** Mr. Boudreaux provided the following project updates.

1. **Addis Place Sewer Rehabilitation – EES Project No. 1332**. This project is complete and operational.
2. **Acadian Crossing/Bernhardt Force Main – EES Project No. 1626**. This project is complete and operational.
3. **Bernhardt Pump Station Upgrade – EES Project No. 1607**. This project is complete and operational.
4. **YMCA Force Main – EES Project No. 1627.** Since the Mississippi River has dropped, active work on this Project has begun. Pipe is being fused and work has begun between the plant and Addis Lane. Mr. Boudreaux feels that this project should be operational by the end of the year.

**TOWN FUNDED PROJECTS:**

1. **Sugar Mill Parkway Upgrade – EES Project No. 1808**. – Mr. Boudreaux advised that work on this project

has been completed and he is asking for Substantial Completion of the project. A motion was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley to approve Substantial Completion on The Sugar Mill Parkway Upgrade project. The motion was adopted unanimously. Councilor Acosta abstained due to the fact that he is an employee of the Company who has the contract on this project.

1. **Drainage** – Mr. Boudreaux advised that the consulting engineer has been working on different issues. This Is an ongoing Project.

**UPDATE – BIBLE PROPERTY – 4554 MOLAISON STREET**

Mr. Phil Smith advised that approximately ½ of the cleanup of the Bible property has been done. The family has advised that they will continue to work to complete the cleanup. They have been working to try to find out the problem with the drainage from an old line that is on the property.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Parish Council:** Parish representative, Mr. “Fish” Kershaw reported on the following:

1. Construction of the new water well is complete and the plans are for the line to be to Brusly by the end of the year during the First Phase. The 2nd Phase should bring the water line to the Addis area.
2. He further advised that the Assessor, Mr. Barney Altazan, advised the Council that the Parish assessment for Real Estate for the year increased 4.3%, and the Personal Property increased by 13%, for an overall increase of 9.2%. Reassessment of real estate in the Parish is due next year.
3. A short discussion was held on speed bumps on the streets. Mr. Kershaw advised that he is not in favor of speed bumps for traffic control. Requests for speed bumps in the Parish must be brought to the Parish Council for approval.

**Police Report:** Chief Anderson gave the Police Report for the month of September which included 111 traffic citations issued; one misdemeanor arrest; one felony arrest and three vehicle crashes. The misdemeanor arrest was a theft; the felony arrest was on a warrant. Chief further advised that Officer Allen, working with Narcotics reported 20 misdemeanor narcotic arrests with one theft, and one felony narcotic arrest. He also reported that Sentry, the police K-9, was poked with a needle and was brought to the Vet for evaluation with a bad reaction. He is working with her to be sure that she has no bad remaining side effects from the needle.

**Public Works:** Phil Smith reported that the new rotary cutter and the skid steer attachments have been received. Culverts in River Landing, Molaison Street, Georgette Avenue, and Una Street were cleaned and the ditches were cleaned and dug to grade on Molaison, Georgette and Una. Some residential culverts were installed on Bird Heights and low hanging branches on Foret and Myhand Streets were trimmed. A low quote Gooseneck trailer from Truck and Trailer World, Load Trail brand, was ordered and a new 50-amp circuit was installed at the railroad park for vendor use. Materials are to be ordered for the Town’s Culvert Program and installation will begin soon.

A discussion was held on clearing ditches where the servitude is only 7 ½’ instead of 15’. Mayor Toups advised that he asked Phil to look for some type of equipment to take care of these areas as there is not room for the large “boom” mower to be utilized.

Phil further advised that a concerned citizen had expressed a problem that the people coming out of Bird Heights to the Red Light getting onto the Highway because of traffic on the Service Road, are having She asked if a STOP sign could be installed at the corner of Bird Heights and the Service Road to relieve this situation. The Council will look into this further before a decision is made on the installation of this sign.

**Sewer:** Mr. Phil Smith gave the sewer report for the month of September which included 72 residential and commercial equipment items, 16 calls on lift station equipment, for a total of 88 for the month. There was one electrical relocation, 19 new construction tie-in inspections; and 203 LA One Call tickets completed.

Phil advised he received the following – spare parts inventory for Gorman Rupp pumps; 3HP and 5HP spare back up submersible pumps; and 10 spare residential grinder pumps. A Flyght submersible pump was replaced at Acadian Crossing 2 and one new residential grinder system was installed. One plugged check valve was cleared at Sunset pump station. The YMCA force main project is underway. Contractors are currently staging pipe and starting to fuse sections on this project.

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** Mayor Toups advised that there was no business to discuss under Planning & Zoning.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

Councilor Acosta entertained a motion to introduce the following: (1) an amendment to Building Heights Ordinance and (2) Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance, particularly, reviewing of plans by a Third Party engineering firm with cost being the responsibility of developer; the Town to issue a construction permit when the review is complete; and update Sewer Video Specifications and set guidelines. The motion was seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:**

1. A motion was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Acosta to pay bills found in order. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.
2. Mayor Toups advised that the monthly budget to actual reports were provided to each Council member and asked that they be reviewed. There were no questions.

**Police:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** Phil Smith advised that he would like to get a by-pass pump for the Sewer Department, at a cost of approximately $11,000. He advised that the State does not have a contract on this equipment. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Kelley to put a by-pass pump for the Sewer Department out for bids. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Drainage:** Mayor Toups advised that he is looking for a Drainage Engineer to help with all drainage in the Town, and contacted Owen & White Engineers. Following a discussion, it was decided to take this matter under advisement to be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Buildings:** Mr. LeBlanc presented a proposal for architectural services on the proposed renovation of the Town Hall. It was pointed out that the $132,583.00 proposal amount was approximately 10% of the cost of the total project which is normally what is expected. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to Authorize the Mayor to sign the proposal for the architectural services on the proposed renovation to the Town Hall in the amount of $132,583.00. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Streets and Roads:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

At the request of Mr. Phil Smith, Councilor Acosta entertained a motion to declare the following equipment as surplus: (1) 1997 John Deere 1070 tractor; (2) 2004 John Deere Bush Hog; (3) 2005 Zero Turn Scag Mower. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parrish adopted unanimously by those present.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously by those present.

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

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