TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

September 1, 2021 – 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 Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was recited by Mr. Skipper Grady. Mayor Toups asked that everyone keep the people and surrounding communities that were affected by Hurricane Ida in their prayers.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilors Bliss Bernard, Rhonda Kelley, Kevin LeBlanc, Ray Lejeune Sr., Rusty Parrish

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 4, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups did not have any correspondence to share.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Hurricane Ida:** Mayor Toups advised that the Town of Addis was very fortunate and hasn’t had any reported damages from Hurricane Ida. He went on to say there were approximately 1,200 citizens who lost power and Entergy worked to restore services as quickly as possible. He reported that the Town did have to utilize four generators that were obtained for emergency response. He advised that the State Fire Marshall and the Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner issued a cease-and-desist order for all private burning and West Baton Rouge is included in the parishes that it applies to. Mayor Toups also advised that due to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) being without power and without the ability to process materials, Republic Services has suspended its curbside recycling service until further notice. He ended by saying that the maintenance and sewer employees did a great job in preparing for the storm.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:**

1. **Final Plat – Myhand Property (Laws Road):** Mr. Skipper Grady presented the final plat, which included the requested changes from the previous meeting: (1) note stating there is a 35’ maintenance servitude from top of south ditch bank, (2) addition of a 20’ “Miriam Lane” emergency exit right-of-way along the east boundary line of lot MH-5, (3) addition of the language “and the Town of Addis” to the Sewage Disposal note and (4) certification by the subdividing owners stating that pursuant to section 111-2B that this land will be used for agricultural purposes. After further review and discussion, a motion to approve the final plat as presented for the Myhand Property (Laws Road) was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.
2. **Final Plat – Sugar Mill 15th Filing Phase I:** Mr. Kevin Normand with Evans Graves Engineering presented the final plat for Sugar Mill 15th Filing Phase I. After further review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune to approve the final plat as presented for Sugar Mill 15th Filing Phase I, contingent upon the check list being completed and final review/approval from DPW Phil Smith and Eric Paille with Gulf South Engineering. The motion was adopted with opposition from Councilor Kelley.

**Parish Council Report:** No report.

**Police Report:** The August 2021 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 215 traffic citations issued; 2 misdemeanor arrests; 10 felony arrest; 3 vehicle crashes and 105 calls for service. Of the misdemeanor arrests, 1 was a warrant and 1 theft by shoplifting. The felony arrests included 1 sexual battery; 1 home invasion (narcotics related); 3 criminal conspiracy to commit kidnapping; 1 illegal possession of firearm by convicted felon; 1 illegal possession of stolen things; 1 domestic abuse battery (child related) and 1 aggravated battery (vehicle used in attack). Mayor Toups thanked the Police Department for their hard work and assistance during Hurricane Ida.

**Public Works and Sewer Report:** Mayor Toups advised that Phil Smith was out of the office on vacation and there wasn’t a report to share for the month of August. Chief Anderson thanked the Public Works department for putting up barricades near Race Trac to help with increased traffic due to Hurricane Ida.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance 2021-7 (Weeds & Noxious Growth) -** Dana Larpenteur read the ordaining clause. Mayor Toups then opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was then closed and Ordinance 2021-7 was turned over to the Council for review/discussion. A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-7, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARTICULARLY***; CHAPTER 20 – Nuisances, ARTICLE III. - WEEDS AND NOXIOUS GROWTHS*** to provide amended specifications for growth height; to amend time to respond to notice and deadlines; to add administrative costs to this chapter; and to provide the penalties for such violations” was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS**: Bernard, Kelley, LeBlanc, Parrish, Lejeune; **NAYS**: None; **ABSENT**: None; **ABSTAINED**: None.

**Ordinance 2021-8 (Home Occupations) -** Dana Larpenteur read the ordaining clause. Mayor Toups then opened the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was then closed and Ordinance 2021-8 was turned over to the Council for review/discussion. A motion to approve Ordinance 2021-8 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARTICULARLY***, PART II – LAND DEVELOPMENT; CHAPTER 113 - ZONING, ARTICLE 1V SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS, DIVISION 3 HOME OCCUPATIONS*** to eliminate the family member provision for number of family members and residence requirement; to disallow fumes and odors; to provide traffic limitations; to eliminate prohibition of retail and wholesale transactions” was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS**: Bernard, Kelley, LeBlanc, Parrish, Lejeune; **NAYS**: None; **ABSENT**: None; **ABSTAINED**: None.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance :**

1. **Pay Bills Found in Order:** A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.
2. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.
3. **Live at 5 on the Westside:** The Council discussed the Live at Five events scheduled to begin October 1st. With so many people being affected by Covid and Hurricane Ida, it was decided to cancel all three events.

**Police:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** None

**Drainage:** None

**Buildings:** None

**Streets and Roads:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

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

JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR