TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was called to order by Mayor Toups at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Officer Josh Falcon.

**Roll Call: Present:** Mayor Toups; Councilors Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Kelley; Parrish.

**Absent:** None

**Minutes:**  The minutes of the September 3, 2014 regular meeting were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** There were no additions to the agenda.

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**Correspondence**: Mayor Toups advised (1) A thank you note was received from the family of Gerald “Buck” Tullier for flowers for his funeral. (2) A letter was received advising that the Town of Addis was not funded in the first “round”, of the LCDBG grant which was applied for work in Addis Place. If any money is left over from the first participates, the Town of Addis’ application will be resubmitted. (3) He will attend a seminar on Capital Outlay process being put on by the State. (4) The railroad advised that they are no longer pursuing the closing of any crossing in the Town due to State Law. (5) The Parish will hold its annual Sugar Fest this Sunday and everyone is invited to attend, and (6) an email was received from Jason Manola advising that he participated in a seminar on Ebola.

**Sewer Report:** The Sewer report for the month of September, read by Mayor Toups, included 23 equipment failures; 3 jammed pumps; 1 leak and 7 miscellaneous calls. Two grinder pumps were replaced; the #2 pump was replaced in Mouch’s Trailer Park; there was one sewer tie-in inspection in Acadian Crossing and one in River Landing; and the screens in River Boat Trailer Park were being cleaned one day a week.

**Police Report:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 99 traffic citations issued; 7 misdemeanor arrests; 2 felony arrests; and 8 vehicle crashes worked. The **misdemeanor arrests** were: 3-disturbances; 1 domestic abuse battery; 1 simple battery; 1 warrant; 1 traffic related. The **felony arrests** were 1 narcotics and 1 monetary instrument abuse.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** None

**Resolution on Parish Taxes:** A resolution was offered by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted, supporting proposition numbers 1, 2, and 3 on the ballot for November 4, 2014 which are the renewals of parishwide millages supporting the West Baton Rouge Parish Library; supporting the West Baton Rouge Parish drainage program; and supporting the West Baton Rouge Parish recreation program; further, urging the citizens of the Town of Addis to vote to support these tax renewals and reminding them that these are renewals of existing taxes and not new tax proposals

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**Police Software**: Mayor Toups advised that he, Chief Anderson, and Court Clerk Sandra Broussard had researched the need for new software and server to handle traffic tickets, mayor’s court and related activities. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to purchase a new software package for the police records and the server needed for the software. The motion was adopted.

**Halloween:** Trick or Treat for Holloween was set for 5:30 p.m to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014.

**Condemnation- Former Shavers Property:**  Following a review of the inspection report received on the former Shavers property now owned by Nationstar Mortgage, L.L.C., located at 7536 Jeff Court, Addis, a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to set a hearing for the condemnation of the property for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5th, with letters and a copy of the notice of the hearing to be sent to all parties, by certified mail, by Town Attorney Larpenteur. The motion was adopted.

**Main Street:** A resolution was offered by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to accept the States’ offer relating to the Town accepting ownership of Main Street and to enter into a agreement with the State as set out in the resolution. The resolution was adopted unanimously. The resolution, in its entirety, is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Councilor Kelley left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**Ordinance #2014-6:** The title paragraph of Ordinance #2014-6 was read by Mr. Larpenteur after which a public hearing on the proposed ordinance was held. There being no comments the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes. Mayor Toups turned the Ordinance over to the Council for their consideration and action. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to adopt Ordinance #2014-6, an Ordinance amending the Addis Code of Ordinances, particularly Appendix B, Subdivisions, Section (11) Improvements, Paragraph B, Street Improvements amending, supplementing and renumbering said section and providing for specifications for street improvements in Subdivisions in the Town of Addis.” The ordinance was adopted on the following roll vote: Yeas: Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Parrish Nays: None Absent: Kelley.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** Ordinance #2014-7, an Ordinance to amend the 2014 budgets for the General and Sewer Funds and setting a public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the 6:00 p.m. meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, was introduced on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

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**Committee Reports: Finance:** A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

Mayor Toups advised that it is time to prepare the 2015 budget and asked for suggestions to be included in the budget.

**Sewerage:** Following a discussion on sewer user fee charges, a motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to amend the Town’s sewer user fee charge to $14.00 for the first 4,000 gallons of water and $2.50 for each 1,000 gallons thereafter, up to 15,000 gallons, with a cap on the amount of the final bill at $41.50. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to authorize John Artigue to purchase 5 complete pumps at a cost of $10,016.95 and 5 pumps (only) at a cost of $7,692.95, for a total of $17,709.90. The motion was adopted.

**Police:** Chief Anderson thanked the Mayor and Council for the “Speed Limit” sign. The department moves the sign to a different location every few days.

Chief Anderson advised that the Department is still waiting for the new cars to be ready for pickup.

**Buildings:** Mayor Toups advised that work is starting on the moving of the DeBlanc house**.** The fence along First Street will be removed for the moving.

**Personnel:**  Mayor Toups advised that 36 applications for the Court Clerk’s position and 8 applications for the Sewer Leaderman position have been received. He will start interviewing next week.

**Drainage:** Work has started on installing culverts in a drainage ditch between First Street and the Railroad with funds from the LGAP grant. Culverts should be delivered tomorrow.

Mayor Toups advised that the Parish has cut the ditch bank along the Sugar Mill canal.

**Streets, Roads, etc.** Land owners are being contacted regarding a Sid Richardson to Choctaw road being planned by the Parish.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

s/  *Vera T. Lucas s/ David H. Toups*

Vera T. Lucas, Town Clerk David H. Toups, Mayor