TOWN OF ADDIS

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Aaron Williams.

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

**Absent:** Kelley

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of January 7, 2015 were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** The following items were added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Cazes (1) Update on Jeff Court property, (2) Trailer Parks in Town, and (3) the Mayor and Police Chief’s salaries. The motion was adopted.

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

**Correspondence:**  Mayor Toups advised that the annual Mardi Gras parade will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. February 8.

**Early Openings:** A request to open Chuck’s at 9:00 a.m. on Parade Day was approved on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

A request to open the Side Porch at 9:00 a.m. on Parade Day was approved on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**Oscar Boudreaux updates:** Mr. Boudreaux reviewed the streets which are in need of repair and recommended that bids be put out for the project. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes for the Town to accept the recommendation of Mr. Oscar Boudreaux and go out for bids for the repairs/upgrades of streets at Mr. Boudreaux’s estimated cost of $289,393. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Boudreaux advised that he had looked at the servitude between property on the south of West Nic and the north property lines of properties north of Harris. He advised that this is not a ditch and does not handle drainage for these properties, further, that there would be no way to maintain it, if it were a ditch. It was further noted that to culvert the ditch south of Mr. Poirrier’s house would cost approximately $17,000.00, which appears prohibitive.

‘ Mr. Boudreaux further advised that the discharge permit to the Mississipppi River is due in March, and he will have the application ready soon.

**Sartain Property:** Following a discussion on the Sartain property, located west of the Town Hall, which is for sale, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to authorize Mayor Toups and Mr. Boudreaux to contact Mr. Sartain and offer him $80,000.00 for the property, and allow the offer to go up to $100,000.00. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Parrish. **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kelley **Abstaining:** None

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**Parish Council:** Mr. Randy Mouch advised that 1) the Parish Fire District is working good; 2) talks are still going on with property owners for a new fire station in Addis; 3) Mr. Charles Stephens has resigned as Fire Chief and Mr. Kenny Hunts was appointed new fire chief; 4) there are plans in the works to combine the Addis and Brusly departments; 5) the Civil Service Board has been sworn in, and salaries, vacations, etc have been taken care of. Mr. Mouch offered thanks for the renewal of parish taxes for drainage, the library and recreation. He further advised that, 1) work has begun on a “Levee Trail” on the levee with work starting in Brusly; 2) there are plans to build a “one man” tennis wall at Myhand Park and they are working on getting a skateboard area/park in Myhand Park. Mr. Mouch thanked the Mayor and Council for the invitation to ride on the Addis float for the annual Mardi Gras parade. He advised that this is his last term as Parish Councilor.

**Police Report:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 106 traffic citations issued; 14 misdemeanor arrests; 1 felony arrest; and 9 vehicle crashes. The **misdemeanor arrests**  were: 5 disturbances; 3 Domestic Abuse Battery; 1 simple battery; 1 aggravated assault; 2 warrants; 1 traffic; and 1 DWI. The **felony arrest** was burglary.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 34 equipment failures; 18 jammed pumps and 1 tank installation. The screen at River Bend is being cleaned once a week. There were 6 pump failures including the 3 H.P. pump at Acadian Crossing Pump Station.

Mayor Toups advised that more pumps are needed. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to purchase 10 full unit Myers grinders at $2,049.50 each ; and 5 units without the rail adaptor at a cost of $1,584.70 each, for a total cost of $28,418.50. The motion was adopted.

**Planning & Zoning Commission: (1) Home Occupation:** A request for a Home Occupation by Ms. Thein-Kieu Lam to produce Art Works was approved on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

**(2) Rezoning request:** Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on a request for rezoning from AG to R-80 on property in the Crystal Lakes area of Sugar Mill Plantation. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed. Mayor Toups turned the Ordinance over to the Council for discussion and/or action.

Following a discussion in which Councilor Acosta asked the developer to consider making lots along the northern boundary of the property into 100’ lots, a motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to approve the rezoning of the property (shown on the attached map) from AG to R-80. The motion was adopted.

**Trailer Parks:** Mr. Cazes asked that an ordinance be adopted to prohibit any new trailer parks from being built within the Town of Addis. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to introduce an ordinance to amend the Town’s Code of Ordinance to prohibit any new

Trailer parks in the Town of Addis.

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Councilor Parrish withdrew his motion due to the fact that he owns a trailer park. A substitute motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Council Gauthreaux to introduce an Ordinance, being designated as Ordinance #2015-8, to amend the Town of Addis Code of Ordinances to prohibit any new trailer parks in the Town of Addis, and related matters. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yea:** Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kelley **Abstaining:** Parrish.

**Individual Trailers:** A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to introduce an Ordinance, being designated as Ordinance 2015-9, to amend the Code of Ordinances for the Town of Addis to disallow any new trailers to be brought into the Town limits, except replacements, with a public hearing and action on the proposed ordinance to take place at the March 4, 2015 regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council. The motion was adopted,

**Abandonment of Servitude:**  A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to take proposed Ordinance #2015-3, abandonment of the servitude located between First Street and Sixth Street along the south side of West Nic Drive off the table and hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The motion was adopted.

Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on proposed Ordinance #2015-3. Hearing no discussion and/or questions from the public, the public hearing was closed and the Ordinance turned over to the Council for its discussion and action.

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to approve proposed Ordinance #2015-3, “ an ordinance to abandon that servitude which runs between First Street and Sixth Street, along the south side of West Nic Drive.” The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Parrish, Gauthreaux **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kelley **Abstaining:** None The Ordinance was declared adopted.

**Ordinance #2015-5:** Following the explanation of the contents of Ordinance #2015-5, which is to revoke the Second Street servitude located on property owned by the Gatz family, and make the property one large lot , eliminating the several smaller lots presently located on the property, Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. Hearing no comments from the public the hearing was closed and Mayor Toups turned the Ordinance over to the Council for its discussion and/or action.

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to adopt Ordinance #2015-5; “ An Ordinance to abandon the Second Street servitude on the Gatz property and make the property one large lot”. The Ordinance was adoped on the following roll call vote. **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Parrish, Gauthreaux, **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kelley; **Abstaining:** None . The ordinance was declared adopted and signed by Mayor Toups.

**Ordinance #2015-6:** Mr. Larpenteur reviewed the contents of Ordinance #2015-6 which revokes two servitudes on the Gatz property located on Harris Street in Addis. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Hearing no comments from those present, he closed the public hearing and turned it over to the Council for their discussion and action

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A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to accept Ordinance #2015-6, as presented. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Parrish. **Nays:** None

**Abstaining:**  Gauthreaux  **Absent:** Kelley. The ordinance was declared adopted and signed by Mayor Toups.

**Ordinance #2015-7:** Ordinance #2015-7 was read by Mr. Larpenteur which was to give the Mayor a monthly car allowance for the use of his personal vehicle on town business. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. There were no comments from the public and Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and turned the ordinance over to the Council for their discussion and action.

Following the discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to adopt Ordinance #2015-7 giving Mayor Toups a $400.00 a month car allowance for use of his personal vehicle for town business, effective January 1, 2015. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Parrish. **Nays:** None **Abstaining:** None **Absent:** Kelley. The ordinance was declared adopted and signed by Mayor Toups.

**Mayor & Chief Raises:** Following a discussion on granting a raise to the Mayor and Chief of Police, a motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to introduce an ordinance, being #2015-10, to grant a 4% raise in salary to Mayor Toups and Chief of Police Anderson, effective January 1, 2015, with a public hearing and action on the proposed ordinance to take place at the March 4, 2015 regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

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

**Police:** Chief Anderson advised that one vehicle is in the shop with wiring problems.

**Sewerage:** Mayor Toups advised that Mr. Michael Boudreaux has been hired for the Sewer Dept.

**Personnel:** None

**Drainage:** John Artigue cleaned out a ditch on Bird Heights which was holding water. Mayor Toups advised that names are being taken for the new Culvert program.

**Buildings:** A quote of $725.00 was received for striping the parking lot, and a quote to repair leaks at the museum for $4,066.00 was also received. No action was taken on these quotes.

**Streets, Roads, etc.** Complaints about speeders in Acadian Crossing was discussed. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of the First and Second Filing of Acadian Crossing under the power lines. The motion was adopted.

**Executive Session:** At 8:21 pm a motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to go into Executive Session to discuss police personnel. The motion was adoped.

At 8:26 p.m. a motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted. Mayor Toups advised that police personnel was discussed in Executive Session.

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Chief Anderson recommended that Mr. Ricky Parsons, Jr. be hired as an unpaid, reserve officer, effective immediately. A motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Anderson and hire Mr. Ricky Parsons, Jr. as an unpaid reserve officer was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Parrish. **Nays:** None **Absent:** Kelley; **Abstaining:** None

**Adjourn:**  The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

*s/ David H. Toups*

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

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk