TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

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, March 4, 2015 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Ms. Dana Strauss.

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

**Absent:** None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of February 4, 2015 were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**Additions to the Agenda:** The following items were added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted; (1) Sheriff Cazes, (2) Update on Shavers property; (3) Subdivision request by Mr. Kenny Mouch; and (4) the 100th Anniversary for the Town.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Parsons asked about the discussion of trailers and trailer parks in the Town. He was advised that a public hearing would be held later in the meeting and the public would have an opportunity to express their ideas and views on the subject.

**Correspondence:** Mayor Toups reminded the Council of the CRPC meeting to be held on March 16th at Hemingbow in St. Francisville at 6:00 p.m. He also advised that the town’s portion of the police retirement would be reduced to 29.5% (from 31.5%) effective July 1, 2015. Financial disclosure forms were provided for the Council.

**Shavers Property:** Mr. Larpenteur reviewed the steps the Town has taken to resolve the problem created by the run-down condition of the Shavers property in Addis Place Subdivision. Mr. David Gassie was recognized and advised that he is planning to buy and renovate the property. A discussion was held on the expenses the Town has had in keeping the grass cut and trash removal at the property. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to authorize Mr. Larpenteur, Attorney, to go ahead and file the lien against the Shavers property in the amount of $500.00 to cover the cost of the work that has been done by the Town. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta to amend Councilor Kelley’s motion to authorize Mr. Larpenteur to file the lien in the amount of any legally collectible expenses made by the Town on the Shavers property. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas**: Acosta; Cazes; Kelley; Parrish. **Nays:** Gauthreaux; **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None

A motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to grant another thirty (30) days for the owners to take care of the property. The motion was adopted.

**Sheriff Cazes:** Sheriff Mike Cazes addressed the Council and those present about a .5 mill tax dedicated to the Sheriff’s Department which will appear on the March 28th ballot. He asked everyone to consider supporting the tax so his department can meet all of their obligations, including the WBR Parish jail.

**Parish Council:** Mr. PeeWee Berthelot, Parish President, advised that negotiations are still going on to get the

property to extend a road from Sid Richardson to Choctaw. He also advised that the Parish has acquired property west of Laws Road to build a new fire station, which is in the planning stage.

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**Kenny Hunts:** Mr. Kenny Hunts, the new fire chief of WBR Parish Fire District #1, advised that the fire district is progressing well. A merging of Brusly and Addis departments is underway and should help with the insurance rating

especially in Addis. He advised that more trainings are being planned for the year and a Junior Fireman’s program will be initiated. Mr. Chuck Ardeneaux, Addis’ full time fireman is retiring and is now on his final vacation time.

**Police Report:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 1 traffic citations issued; 13 misdemeanor arrests; 1 felony arrest; and 7 vehicle crashes. The **misdemeanor arrests** were: 2- Narcotics; 2-hit and run; 2-theft; 1-simple assault; -3warrants; 3-traffic. The felony arrest was aggravated flight from an officer.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 29 equipment failures; 18 jammed pumps; 2 leaks; and one tank installation. A pump was replaced on Aerator #1 at the plant and one pump was replaced at Cavaliere’s Trailer Park and one at Mouch’s Trailer Park. The screen at River Bend is still being cleaned once a week.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Mr. Kenny Mouch explained the subdivision of his property. He advised that he plans to build a cabinet shop on one which will be separate from his storage buildings. Mayor Toups opened a Public Hearing on the request. No comments were heard and he turned the request over to the Council for their discussion and action.

A motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to accept the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission and approve the subdivision of property requested by Mr. Kenny Mouch. The motion was adopted.

**Trailer Parks/Trailers:** A discussion was held on what the Council wanted to include in the Ordinance in regards to trailers (mobil homes) and trailer parks in Town. Mr. Larpenteur advised that everything the Council wants to do will have to go through the Planning Zoning Commission. He advised that it would be best to further discuss this matter before any further actions is taken on the ordinances. Mayor Toups advised that he would like to appoint a committee to discuss what changes, if any, need or should be taken in regards to these ordinances.

A motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to form a committee with 3 members from the Planning & Zoning; 2 from the council and 1 or 2 from the public. It was pointed out that Councilor Parrish should not second the motion as he is the owner of a Trailer Park. Councilor Parrish recinded his 2nd. The motion was then 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted on a 4 – 1 roll call, with Councilor Parrish abstaining.

Committee members will be Councilors Cazes and Gauthreaux; member of the public: Ricky Parsons, Sr., and Stanley Fenton; Planning & Zoning members Joan Barbier; Travis Rivet; and Bobby Hebert.

**Public Hearing:** Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on proposed Ordinances 2015-8 and 2015-9. Several members of the audience expressed concerns about the elimination of trailers from Town and inquired about the reason this action is being taken now. Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and turned the Ordinances over to the Council for their discussion and/or action.

A motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to table any action on Ordinance #2015-8 and #2015-9 until the committee which was organized can give a recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Commission can give a recommendation to the Town. The motion was adopted.

Council Gauthreaux thanked the citizens for coming out for this meeting and expressing their opinions.



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**Introduce Ordinance:** Councilor Gauthreaux introduced an Ordinance to abandon the right-of-way owned by the Town located between the property formerly owned by the Cullen family on the South and property owned by the Rivet family on the north, with a public hearing to be held at the April 1st regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council and action taking place immediately following the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**Executive Session:** At 7:43 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to go into Executive Session to discuss police personnel. The motion was adopted.

At 7:52 p.m. a motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and

adopted to return to regular session. Mayor Toups advised that a matter of police personnel was discussed in Executive Session. No further action was taken.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and

adopted.

*s/ David H. Toups*

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

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk