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, May 6, 2015 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Randy Mouch.

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 1, 2015 meeting were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 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 Parrish and adopted: (1) DOTD Grass Cutting Contract, (2) Trailer Purchase, (3) Executive Session for Personnel, and (4) Flag Day.

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

**Correspondence:** Mayor Toups advised that the LMA District H meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the Baker Municipal Center Auditorium.

Mayor Toups received an email from Republic Services and Jason Manola of the Parish advising that the trash pickup in Addis has been extended a few days due to the excessive amount of debris to be picked up.

**Open Container:** A request for an Open Container permit was received from Ms. Allison Hebert for the St. John Alumni’s annual Softball Tournament to be held at Myhand Park on July 31, August 1st and 2nd. This request was approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and approved on a 4 to 1 vote of the Council.

**Disclosure Reports:**  Mayor Toups reminded the Council that their Tier III reports are due by May 15, 2015.

**Flag Day:** Councilor Gauthreaux advised that May 15th is designated as Flag Day and asked that everyone who supports the United States be sure to fly their flags.

**Parish Council:** Mr. Randy Mouch advised that a survey on the I-10 corridor from 415 to LA 1 is on line at [www.i10br.com](http://www.i10br.com), and asked everyone to consider filling out the survey.

Mr. Mouch further advised; **1.** A summer day camp will be held at William Lee Park this summer; **2.** A National Day of Prayer will be held Thursday, with a Prayer Service to be held at the Old Ferry Landing at 6:30 p.m., **3.** Brusly and Addis Fire Districts has been combined and is working well, as is WBR Parish Fire District #1; 4**.** Parish tractors are cutting grass on the south side; **5**. Plans on the Escape Road from WestRiver Subdivision is waiting on the transfer of property, and **6.** the Firemen are still installing free fire alarms to residences in the Parish.

**Police Report:** The police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 114 traffic citations issued; 9 misdemeanor arrests; 0 felony arrests; and 7 vehicle crashes. The **misdemeanor arrests** were 4-disturbance related; 1-theft; and 4-traffic.

**Sewer Report:**  The monthly sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 32 equipment failures; and 12 jammed pumps. There were 31 scada calls, and the screen in River Bend Trailer Park is still being cleaned once a week.

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John advised the Mayor that the pump inventory has gotten very low. The refurbished pumps are not holding up and about 30 of them are ready to be trashed. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to declare the 30 damaged as surplus and no longer useful by the Town and gave John Artigue the “go ahead to get rid of them. The motion was adopted.

**Planning & Zoning Commission: Leonard Gauthreaux Subdivision.** Mr. Lance Gauthreaux excused himself as a Counselor for this portion of the meeting. He then presented a plat showing a subdivision of a piece of property at 8123 First Street building and provide for the required set-back line. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the subdivision request. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed and the matter turned over to the Council.

A motion was made by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to approve the subdivision as requested by Mr. Leonard Gauthreaux at 8123 First Street. The motion was adopted, with Mr. Gauthreaux being listed as absent.

**Mr. Calvin Blount:** Mr. Blount presented a plat showing the subdivision of property adjacent to the Day Care property. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the proposed subdivision. There were no comments from the public and the Public Hearing was closed and the request turned over to the Council for their action.

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to approve the proposed subdivision as presented by Mr. Calvin Blount. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

**DOTD Grass Cutting Contract:**  Mayor Toups presented the annual grass cutting contract from the State with the same payment to the Town of $6,860. The State is now requiring the Town to keep track of the number of hours the grass cutting takes, and to keep track of how much trash is picked up.

A motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to authorize Mayor Toups to sign the DOTD Grass Cutting contract for the upkeep of Highway 1 through the Town. The motion was adopted.

**Trailer Ordinance Committee:** Mr. Bobby Hebert, speaking for the Committee, gave a summation of items that have been discussed in the Committee’s meetings. More meetings will be held before they present their recommendations to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**100th Anniversary Celebration:** Councilor Acosta reported that the Committee has been working on plans for the 100th celebration and many good ideas are being discussed. There will be a night parade on Sept 11th with 2 bands and fireworks at the Railroad Park. Saturday, Sept 12 many events will take place at Myhand Park with many activities for children, several bands and other attractions. He invited anyone who is interested to please join the planning committee.

**Shirts for Office:** A motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to order shirts for the office to wear several times a week. The motion was adopted.

**Trailer Purchase:** John secured four quotes on a trailer for the maintenance department. After reviewing the prices and types of trailers involved, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to accept the quote of Mike Gerald’s Trailer Depot in the amount of $3, 499 .00. The motion was adopted.

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**Police Department:** Chief Anderson advised that the two new Tahoe’s have been received. They are waiting for equipment to come in to outfit the cars.

**Sewer:** None

**Personnel:** Mayor Toups advised that he getting a quote on long-term disability insurance for the employees.

**Drainage:**  There were no major drainage problems following the heavy rains and storms experienced recently.

**Buildings:** None

**Streets, Roads, etc.** Mayor Toups advised that the contract for the road improvements have been signed. A pre-construction conference was held this afternoon.

A discussion was held on the various “No U or No Left Hand turns” on Highway 1. Mayor Toups advised that he does not feel that any changes will be made in the near future.

**Executive Session:** At 7:15 p.m. a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

At 7:29 p.m. a motion to return to regular session was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted. Mayor Toups advised that personnel was discussed in Executive Session.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk