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, June 3, 2015 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Kenny Hunts, District #1 Fire Chief.

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

Absent: None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of May 6th were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** A request by Ms. Trista Bourg for a Hardship designation to move a trailer by her father to help him was added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

Public Comments: Mr. Kenny Hunts, Fire Chief of Fire District #1 approached the Council and gave an update on Fire District #1. He advised that a 24-hour full-time fireman was hired for Addis. The contract workers are still working and there have been five new volunteers join the Department. Mr. Hunts said that the merger of the Brusly/Addis departments is working very well with both departments being called out for fires, hazmat calls or very serious other calls. Having more firemen answer call- outs should eventually help the overall fire rating of the District. Mr. Hunts touched briefly on the recent train derailment and advised that it was handled very orderly and the general public did very well with their part of the evacuation.

**Correspondence:** Mayor Toups advised that the LMA District H meeting will be held in Baker on Wed., June 17, 2015; and the CRPC meeting will be hosted by Iberville Parish in Rosedale on June 15th.

**Open Container:** An open container request by the Police Department for a crawfish boil on June 20, 2015 at the Museum Park was approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted

**Official Journal:** A bid, attached to and made a copy of these minutes, by the West Side Journal of Port Allen, LA to be the official journal for the Town of Addis for the period of July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 was accepted on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux and adopted. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Train Derailment:** Mr. Jeff DeGraff, Director of Corporate Relations and Media, with Union Pacific Railway, reviewed the events which occurred at the time of the derailment of four cars on the main line in Addis. He expressed his appreciation and that of the officials of Union Pacific for the help rendered by Town officials; West Baton Rouge Parish officials; State Troopers as well as the Addis, Brusly, and West Baton Rouge Parish police deputies. Mr. DeGraff advised that a meeting was held at

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the Addis Town Hall yesterday with the Mayor, representatives of Union Pacific and the Parish which he felt was very productive. He further advised that the railroad wants to improve relations with the Town.

Mr. DeGraff explained that the cause of the derailment is still under investigation and that a large portion of the track was removed to be examined carefully to detect any problems so they can be fixed. Reports are to be sent to Washington when the investigation is complete.

Mayor Toups explained that the office remained open until approximately 1:00 am when the evacuation order was lifted. The Addis, Brusly and WBR Parish police went door to door to explain to the people in the evacuation area what was going on. Mayor Toups advised that people need to sign up for the First Call service so they will be notified whenever an emergency occurs.

**Trailer Ordinance Committee Report:**  Councilor Cazes, Chairman, advised that the committee has reviewed the entire Trailer Ordinance and is compiling some changes which they would like to see made. He advised that the next meeting of the Committee should be held on Tuesday, June 30th.

**Parish Council:** Mr. Randy Mouch, Parish Councilman, advised that security cameras have been installed at Parish facilities; the Parish is moving forward with the new fire station on Myhand Street in Addis; the Parish has been mowing on the southside; and some concerns are being looked at with the mosquito abatement program, involving bees; cricket; and some vegetation.

Mr. Mouch expressed appreciation for Mr. Kenny Hunts taking over the Fire Chief position for

Fire District #1. He feels that Mr. Hunts is doing a fantastic job helping to get Fire District #1 up and running well.

Mr. Mouch advised that the Prejean family is planning a family reunion and inquired about an open container. He was advised to contact the office for necessary paperwork.

**Police Report:** Chief Anderson reported 95 traffic citations issued; 16 misdemeanor arrests; 2 felony arrests; and 5 vehicle crashes worked. The **misdemeanor arrests** were: 5-disturbance related;

2 warrants; 6 traffic; 1 damage to property; and 2 remaining after forbidden. **The** **felony arrests** were

2 -2nd degree battery charges.

**Sewer Report:** The monthly sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 38 equipment failures; 20 jammed pumps; 1 leak at 4414 Myhand Street; a tank and panel were rewired at 8043 Ray Rivet Street; new pump installed at 7676 First Street and a panel installed at 5321 Myrle Street.

A request by Mr. Artigue, read by Mayor Toups, to order 10- 2hp Myers grinder pumps with slide rail pump adapters and 5 Myers 2 HP grinders ( without rail adaptors) at a cost of $28,418.50 was approved on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:** Ms. Trista Bourg requested that she be allowed to move a trailer onto her father’s property, as a Hardship designation, to help take care of her father who is a

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parapalegic. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to approve the request of Ms. Trista Bourg to move her trailer onto her father’s property, as a Hardship, to help her father—with the stipulation that the trailer be moved at the time the hardship is removed. The motion was adopted, with Councilor Parrish abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Toups advised that Mr. Frank Foret’s term on the Planning & Zoning Commisssion has expired and he does not wish to be reappointed. Mayor Toups asked for names of possible replacements. The names of Mr. Stanley Fenton and Mr. Tony Bonadona were mentioned.

**Ordinances:**  None

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

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

Councilor Acosta reported that planning for the Centennial celebration was progressing very well. He advised that more help would be appreciated for the planning committee and especially during the celebration, many volunteers will be needed.

Attorney Larpenteur will check into whether or not two or more councilors can serve on the same committee.

**Sewer:** Mayor Toups advised that there is $74,245.75 debt on the books that the Enterprise Fund owes the Town and asked that the Council consider forgiving this debt. Following a discussion a motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Acosta to forgive the $74,245.75 debt that the Enterprise Fund owes the Town of Addis and consider said monies as a contribution to the Sewer Fund.

The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Personnel:**  None

**Drainage:** Mayor Toups advised that the 2 new guys hired to keep the highway cleared of debris are doing a great job. They are each working four hours a day.

**Buildings:** Mayor Toups advised that an electrical panel on the outside wall of the bay attached to the Civic Center burned. Mr. Roy Lavergne, electrician, did the repair work.

**Streets, Roads, etc.:** R. J.Daigle should start on the Road Project tomorrow on Berthelot Street. Mayor Toups advised that some work may need to be done on Jaselyn Ann if any money is left over.

Councilor Gauthreaux advised that he noticed several lights along the Highway were out. The Mayor will contact the Police Dept and ask them to help in reporting lights that are damaged or not burning.

**Executive Session:** None

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**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk