TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Troy Benoit.

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

**Absent:** Councilor Acosta.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May 4, 2016 regular meeting were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**Additions:** A request for an Open Container permit and Executive Session for Personnel were added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Troy Benoit approached the Council with the request for a Hardship Variance to move a trailer for his mother behind his trailer, off 7144 River Road. He was advised to take this request to the Planning & Zoning Commission which meets on Tuesday, June 21st at 6:00 p.m., then back to the Town for its July 6th meeting.

Ms. Faye Watts speaking for the Acadian Crossing Homeowner’s Association addressed erosion around the culverts in the subdivision. Ms. Watts was advised that the Town is looking into this problem and repairs will be addressed.

**Correspondence:** A discussion was held on changes DOTD made to speed limits on the River Road. It was noted that the speed limit on River Road within the corporate limits remains at 45 mph. Mayor Toups advised that he will meet with the new DOTD secretary, Dr. Shawn Wilson to become acquainted with the new secretary and discuss the Main Street project. He also noted that the State has made the right hand turn out of Sugar Mill Plantation onto LA 1 a legal turn.

Mayor Toups advised that the LMA District H meeting will be held on June 16th at 6:00 pm. at the Baker Municipal Center auditorium. He asked if anyone is interested in attending to let the office know.

**OSCAR BOUDREAUX-UPDATES:** Mr. Oscar Boudreaux was introduced and advised that the “2016 Road Project” in Missouri Acres is progressing with the entrance road ready for asphalt. The curbs at the entrance of River Landing will be taken care of also.

Addressing the sewer needs of the Town, Mr. Boudreaux advised that the Town needs to look at a possible $3,000,000 loan to take care of the additional building expected in Town. Increasing sewer fees was one thing discussed and the affect such an increase would have on individual bills. Another suggestion was raising the impact fees from the present $1,500.00 to $2,500.00 per lot. Mr. Boudreaux advised that the Town would need approximately 66 new building permits a year to meet loan requirements for a $3,000,000. Loan.

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Following Mr. Boudreaux’s presentation, a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to raise Impact Fees from $1,500.00 per lot to $2,500.00 per lot on new construction, effective immediately. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Intergovernmental Agreement-Building Inspector:**  A motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley to authorize Mayor Toups to sign a new five-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the Parish for the use of the Parish’s building inspector in Town. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Official Journal:** A motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to accept the terms set out in the April 29, 2016 letter from George Jenne, Publisher of the West Side Journal, a copy which is attached to and made a part of these minutes, and name The West Side Journal as the official journal for the Town of Addis for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Open Container:** A request for an Open Container permit by Mr. Tait Dupont of Brusly High, for the annual Brusly Alumni Softball Tourney to be held on July 22-24, was approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**Parish Council:** Mr. “Fish” Kershaw of the Parish Council was recognized and advised that the building for the new Fire Station has been ordered and the lot is being prepared. He feels the station should be operational by August 31st or the early part of September.

Mr. Kershaw further advised that work is still being done on rights-of-way for the road from Choctaw to Sid Richardson.

**Police Report:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 267 citations issued; 17 misdemeanor arrests; 7 felony arrests and 7 vehicle crashes worked. The **misdemeanor arrests were:** 3 disturbances; 2 domestic abuse battery; 7 warrants; 4 traffic; and child desertion. **The felony arrests were: 1 simple burglary of religious building; 1 simple escape; 2 narcotics; 1 aggravated flight from an officer; 1 unauthorized entry of a business; and 1 theft.**

**Sewer Report:** The monthly sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 52 equipment failures; 13 jammed pumps; 2 leaks; 1 tank installation; and 1 miscellaneous. There were 54 Scada calls and 1 pump was changed at 7846 4th Street.

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**Planning & Zoning: (1)** Mr. Barry Rafflee asked for a subdivision of his property on Peter Messina Road. Mayor Toups opened a Public Hearing on the requested subdivision. There were no objections or discussion from those present and Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and turned the request over to the Council for their discussion and/or decision.

Following a short discussion, in which Mayor Toups advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission had recommended acceptance of the subdivision, a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to accept the request for a subdivision, by Mr. Barry Rafflee, of his property located on Peter Messina Road and authorized Mayor Toups to sign the plat of said subdivision as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

(2) Sugar Mill-11th Filing: Mr. Kevin Normand of Evans Graves presented the final plat of the 11th Filing of Sugar Mill. He advised that some additional work needs to be done on the pump station and there are a few checklist items to be completed.

Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the plat of the 11th Filing of Sugar Mill. Hearing no objections and/or discussion, he closed the public hearing and turned the matter over to the Council for its discussion and/or decision.

Mr. Normand advised that the barricades at the end of Plantation Drive will be replaced by heavy duty barricades to add safety to this area.

A motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Kelley to approve the final plat of the 11th filing of Sugar Mill subject to completion of punch list items and the work to be done on the pump station. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

A request by the developers of Sugar Mill – 12th filing for an additional right-of-way on Lot 672 which was requested by the Parish, was approved on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley which included authorization for Mayor Toups to sign a new plat of Sugar Mill-12th filing with an Act of Correction noting the additional right-of-way, and removing the “Not a Building Site” note from Tract Y. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Public Hearing & Final Action on Ordinances:** None

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

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

**Police:** Chief Anderson advised that the newest Tahoe is in the shop being wired and outfitted.

**Personnel:** Executive Session later.

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**Drainage:** Mr. Ray LeJeune, Jr. advised that he feels that more water is being held in ditches and that more trash is being thrown into the ditches impeding drainage.

**Building:** Mayor Toups advised that the landscaping in front of the Town Hall has been completed and work at the Town Park should be started soon. He further advised that the GIS program work is about 50% complete.

**Sewerage:**  None **Streets, Roads, etc.:** None

**Executive Session:** At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Kelley to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. The motion was adopted.

At 7:35 pm. A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux and adopted.

Mayor Toups advised that a Personnel matter was discussed in Executive Session.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk