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, July 6, 2016 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Kathleen Beard, CPA.

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

Absent: None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the June 1, 2016 meeting were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** An Executive Session for Personnel was added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**Public Comments:** Mayor Toups asked for a moment of silence in memory of members of the Fitzgerald family who were killed in a Kenner plane crash in July, 1982.

**Kathleen Beard-2015 Audit:** Mrs. Kathleen Beard was recognized and presented a review of the recently completed 2015 Audit report. Following her presentation, a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to accept the 2015 Audit for the General and Enterprise Funds as presented by Mrs. Beard. The motion was adopted.

**Oscar Boudreaux: Road Project Update:** Mr. Boudreaux advised that the Missouri Acres road project is complete. He presented a Certificate of Substantial Completion, which included two punch list items. The Certificate of Substantial Completion was accepted on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Acosta and adopted.

**Sewer Project Update:** Mr. Boudreaux explained a program where loans and/or grants for the proposed sewer project may be available through the State Revolving Loan Fund through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to authorize Mayor Toups to submit a pre-application for a loan under the LA EPA as explained by Mr. Boudreaux.

A formal resolution setting out the authority given to the Mayor in regards to the submission of a pre-application, application, and issue debt in the amount of $3,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the Town of Addis for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the State Revolving Fund Loan program was offered by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously. A copy of the complete resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

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**Chuck’s Early Opening:** A request by Ms. Linda Crosbie of Chuck’s Lounge to open at 9:00 am on July 16th for a St. Jude Poker Run was approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**Resolution for Carl Acosta:** A resolution praising and applauding the heroic efforts of Carl Acosta on the evening of June 24, 2016 for saving countless lives, and thanking him on behalf of the Town of Addis and all its residents for his actions of that evening was offered by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux and adopted unanimously.

**Parish Council:** Mr. Allain of the Parish Council advised that everything is relatively quiet in the Parish. Work is still being done on the road from Sid Richardson to Choctaw. Mayor Toups advised that he has been advised that (1) the Parish public works office in Brusly will begin as a drive-through only; (2) the Parish will stripe Laws Road, and they are looking into putting lights on Laws Road.

**Police** R**eport:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 176 traffic citations issued; 23 misdemeanor arrests; 4 felony arrests; and 9 vehicle wrecks worked. The **misdemeanor arrests** were: 10 damage to property; 1 theft; 3 warrants; 2 traffic; 3 DWI; 1 trespass and 3 disturbances. The **felony arrests** were: 1 attempted 2nd degree murder (3 counts); 1 aggravated battery; 1 narcotics; and 1 aggravated flight from an officer.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 43 equipment failures; 14 jammed pumps; 2 leaks; and 1 tank installation. There were 74 Scada calls; and pumps were changed at 4 locations.

**Planning & Zoning: Cody Duplechain:** A request was made by Mr. Cody Duplechain for a variance to put a fence and pour a slab on the Town’s servitude on the rear of his lot in order to build a dog pen. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux to approve this request, with the stipulation that Mr. Duplechain will maintain the grass on the remaining 10’ portion of the servitude and will work with the Town in the event of a major problem where the fence may have to the removed. The motion was adopted.

**Troy Benoit:** Mr. Troy Benoit approached the Council with the request to move his mother’s trailer on property with an existing dwelling in order to help with her medical condition. Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Gauthreaux, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to approve the

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request by Mr. Benoit to locate a trailer on a lot with an existing dwelling in order to assist his mother with her medical condition, contingent upon the fact that he and the family understand that the trailer will be removed, and not occupied by other tenants after his mother vacates it further, that the family has to give the Town a status report on the situation in two years. The motion was adopted.

**Calvin Blount-Evans Graves:** Mr. Evans Scroggs of Evans Graves was introduced and again presented the request by Calvin Blount of Sugar Mill Plantation for rezoning of Lot B-3-A-2, fronting on Bell Vale Drive in Sugar Mill Plantation, from C-1 to R-A in order to build apartment buildings.

Mayor Toups opened a public hearing to give those present an opportunity to express their comments, questions or views. Hearing no response from those present, Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and presented the request to the Council for their discussion and/or action.

Following a discussion by the Council, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta to approve the request by Mr. Blount to rezone Lot B-3-A-2, fronting on Bell Vale Drive in Sugar Mill Plantation from C-1 to R-A in order to build some apartment buildings, noting that several issues that had been presented in the past regarding this rezoning have been taken care of and adjoining property owners had no objection to the additional apartment buildings. The motion was duly 2nd by Councilor Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas**: Acosta, Cazes, and Parrish. **Nays**: Gauthreaux, Kelley. **Absent**: None Abstaining: None.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Kelley to introduce an Ordinance, being designated as Ordinance #2016-2, pertaining to the maintenance of property, especially grass cutting, within the Town of Addis, with a public hearing to be held on the proposed ordinance at the regular meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The motion was adopted.

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

Mayor Toups advised that the LMA conference will be held July 28; 29; 30 in Alexandria. Reservations have been made for Wednesday through Saturday.

**Police:** Chief Anderson advised that the newest unit is now in use and that one of the old units will be released when it has been stripped.

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**Sewerage:** Mayor Toups advised that there was an Entergy power outage at the plant. No issues were caused by the outage.

**Personnel:** Executive Session later

**Drainage:** Drainage problems in Sugar Hollow and Sunset Place were discussed. Mayor Toups advised that several options were discussed with the Parish to help drainage in these areas.

**Buildings:** Mayor Toups advised that the project at the Park is progressing. The lights have been replaced; new fans installed; the “baggage wagon” has been enclosed; screens are being installed to block some of the sun; and the security cameras will come in next week.

Mayor Toups further advised that All Star will give property (1/2 circle) in Sugar Mill for a park.

A discussion was held on the tree line between the Addis Place/Lousteau property lines.

**Streets, Roads, etc.** A discussion was held on the Sugar Mill entrance, especially the turn into the Day Care parking lot. More discussion at a later meeting.

**Executive Session:** At 7:30 p.m. a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor Kelley and adopted.

At 7:55 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 7:56 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Gauthreaux and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk