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, September 7, 2016 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Ray LeJeune, Sr.

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

Absent: None

**Minutes:** The minutes of the regular meeting of August 3rd were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Council Member Cazes, 2nd by Council Member Kelley and adopted.

The minutes of the Emergency meeting of Saturday, August 13th were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Gauthreaux and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** The introduction of an Ordinance to raise Council salaries for the incoming term was added to the agenda on a motion by Council Member Cazes, 2nd by Council Member Gauthreaux and adopted.

**Public Comments:** None **Correspondence:** None

**Open Container:** A request by Mr. Jon Barbier to hold an all-day fundraiser on September 9th and 10th was approved on a motion by Council Member Kelley, 2nd by Council Member Gauthreaux and adopted.

**Update on Flooding:** Mayor Toups advised that meetings were held with residents of Sunset Place and Sugar Hollow. Plans are in the works to improve drainage in these areas. There were two homes in each area that took on a little water. The Parish, as a whole, sustained little major damage, however, the Parish President and other officials are seeking assistance for those in need from FEMA.

**Parish Council:** Mr. Kurt Allain of the Parish was recognized. A discussion was held on the review of the sales tax allocation which is done yearly. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting concerning this matter.

**Police Report:** The monthly report, given by Chief Anderson, included 115 traffic citations issued; 11 misdemeanor arrests; and 9 vehicle crashes. The **misdemeanor arrests** were 3-disturbances; 2 aggravated assaults; 2 warrants; 3 traffic; and 1 DWI.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 55 equipment failures; 24 jammed pumps; a tank and panel rewired on Myrle Street, and 68 Scada calls. Pumps were changed out at 8113 First and 4361 Myhand Street.

Mayor Toups advised that a pump was rented for use in Addis Place to help that area’s pumps with overheating.

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**Planning & Zoning:** Mrs. Karen Younger was recognized and asked approval for use of their Minor Subdivision road to get to a newly formed lot. Mr. Larpenteur advised that action on this request by the Planning & Zoning Commission was not legal due to the fact that a quorum was not present at the meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion on the request by Mrs. Younger, a motion was made by Council Member Gauthreaux, 2nd by Council Member Kelley to table this matter until more information is obtained concerning the minor subdivision, original zoning, and a review by Mr. Larpenteur, the Town attorney. The motion was adopted.

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

**Employee Annual Meeting:** Mayor Toups set the annual Employee meeting and banquet for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th at the VFW Hall. A motion was made by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Kelley to approve funds necessary for the Annual Meeting and Banquet. The motion was adopted.

**Committee Reports: Finance: (1) A** motion was made by Council Member Gauthreaux, 2nd by Council Member Kelley to pay bills presented. The motion was adopted.

(2) Mayor Toups advised that he is planning to have three “Live at Five” type events at the Museum Park on October 21; November 4 and November 18. He also presented information on Christmas decorations for the Park with the November 18th concert leading up to Thanksgiving and turning on the Christmas lights. Following a discussion a motion was made by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes to approve the use of the $25,000.00 in the Recreation budget to get Christmas light, and for the “Live at Five” events for this year, with additional decorations to be added in coming years. The motion was adopted.

**Police:** Chief Anderson asked for Executive Session later to discuss a personnel matter.

**Sewer:** The purchase of a new Eurodrive GearMotor to replace the existing motor and gearbox for the sewer plant, at a cost of $18,735.00, was approved on a motion by Council Member Gauthreaux, 2nd by Council Member Kelley and adopted.

**Personnel:** Executive Session later. **Drainage:** None

**Buildings:** None **Streets, Roads, etc.** Potholes will be checked out in Acadian

Crossing.

**Executive Session:** At 7:20 p.m. a motion to go into Executive Session was made by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes, to discuss personnel. The motion was adopted.

At 7:27 p.m. a motion to return to regular session was made by Council Member Kelley, 2nd by Council Member Parrish and adopted.

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Mayor Toups advised that the purpose of Executive Session was to discuss personnel and asked Chief Anderson for his recommendation.

Chief Anderson recommended the hiring of Mr. William Allen Connelly as an unpaid reserve officer pending his passing the matrix exam.

A motion was made by Council Member Parrish, 2nd by Council Member Kelley to approve the recommendation of Chief Anderson and hire Mr. William Allen Connelly as an unpaid reserve officer pending his passing the matrix exam. The motion was adopted.

Council Member Gauthreaux introduced an ordinance to raise the salary of Council Members, to an amount to be announced, effective January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council Member Kelley and adopted on the following roll call vote**: Yeas**: Acosta; Cazes; Gauthreaux; Kelley; Parrish. **Nays:** None

**Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk