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, October 5, 2016 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Supt of WBR Schools Wes Watts.

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

Absent: Gauthreaux; Kelley.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 7th regular meeting were approved, as mailed, on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes and adopted.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Wes Watts:** Superintendent Watts was recognized and spoke on an aggressive tax plan to improve WBR Parish Schools, which will be on the December 10th ballet. Future plans include an increase in teacher and employee pay; improvements to buildings and school property; a new Brusly High School; and shifting classes to help with overcrowding.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Lester Poirrier again addressed the Council relative to an “escape route” for the subdivisions behind the Main Line. Mayor Toups explained plans that are in the works for the construction of such a road and the problems involved with obtaining the property needed.

**Correspondence:** Mayor Toups advised that the $3,000,000.00 DEQ loan which was applied for to make improvement to the Sewer facilities has been approved at .95% interest with a 20 year payback.

**Parish Report:** Mr. Allain advised that the Addis fire station is almost complete. The Parish Council is working on next year’s budget with plans to put concrete behind the new fire station and First Street readied to be turned over to Addis next year. He further advised that some drainage work has been done in alleviate problems in subdivisions behind the “Main Line”.

**Police Report:** The monthly police report, given by Assistant Chief Jones included 139 traffic citations issued; 17 misdemeanor arrests; 2 felony arrests; and 6 vehicle crashes.

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**The misdemeanor arrests were:** 7 disturbances; 2 damage to property; 4-warrants; 3-traffic; and 1 animal at large. The **felony arrests were:** 2 narcotics.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report, read by Mayor Toups, included 63 equipment failures; 29 jammed pumps; 1 grease problem. A motor and gearbox was installed on the Aerator at the plant. There were 23 Scada calls and pumps were changed at two locations.

**Planning & Zoning: (1) Huey Hebert Subdivision:** Mr. Court Bradford was recognized and presented a map for the subdivision of property owned by Mr. Huey Hebert.

At 6:38 p.m. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on the subdivision request. Mayor Toups presented a petition from adjoining property owners opposing the development of this property for commercial use. Mr. Hebert requested a copy of the petition. There were no further comments or questions from those present and Mayor Toups closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. and turned the request over to the Council for discussion and/or action.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Parrish to approve the request for a subdivision of property by Mr. Huey Hebert, contingent upon (1) the map being signed by both Mr. Huey Hebert and Mr. Jeremy Prejean; (2) the designation of a 60’ private servitude to front on Addis Lane between lots JP-1 and JP-2 be firmly stated on the map; (3) the fact that HP-2 and HP-3 will be purchased by Mr. Jeremy Prejean after the property is subdivided; and (4) this map will be declared null and void if the transfer of the designated property does not take place. The motion was 2nd by Council Member Acosta and adopted.

**(2) Sugar Mill 13th Filing:** The preliminary plat of the 13th filing of Sugar Mill Subdivision was presented for approval. Following a discussion on drainage in the area and on the R-50 zoning of the property, a motion was made by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes to approve the preliminary plat of the 13th filing of Sugar Mill Planation Subdivision. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Mr. Cutno:** Mr. Kenneth Cutno who is running for the House of Representations was recognized. Mr. Cutno spoke on his candidacy for this position and asked for everyone’s support.

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**Halloween:** Trick or Treat hours for Halloween were set for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016 on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Cazes and adopted.

**Grass Cutting Contract:** A motion was made by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Parrish to advertise for the annual grass cutting contract. The motion was adopted.

**Open Container:** An open container permit for the three “Live at 5 on the Westside” events was approved on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Parrish

and adopted.

**Resolution:** A resolution to support the 1984 sales tax distribution calculation as presented by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council was adopted on a motion by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Acosta; Cazes; Parrish. Nays: None Absent: Gauthreaux; Kelley.

A complete copy of the resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**Resolution:** A resolution congratulating the City of Port Allen for being a municipality for one hundred years and celebrating its centennial on October 7, 8 & 9, 2016 was offered by Council Member Acosta, 2nd by Council Member Parrish and adopted on the following vote:

Yeas: Acosta; Cazes; Parrish Nays: None Absent: Gauthreaux; Kelley Abstaining: None

A copy of the resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

**Introduced Ordinances: The** discussion and action on a proposed ordinance to raise the salary of the Council Members in January, 2017 was tabled on a motion by Council Member Cazes, 2nd by Council Member Acosta and adopted.

**Introduction of Ordinances:** None

**Committee Reports: Finance:** A motion to pay bills presented was made by Council Member Cazes, 2nd by Council Member Acosta and adopted. Mayor Toups advised that it is time to start preparing the 2017 budget and asked for items which might be considered.

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**Sewer:** The purchase of 4 complete grinder units at a cost of $8,305.48 and 4-motor & pumps with no discharge piping at a cost of 6,338.80- total $14,644.28 was approved on a motion by Council Member Cazes, 2nd by Council Member Acosta and adopted.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Council Member Parrish, 2nd by Council Member Cazes and adopted.

David H. Toups

Vera T. Lucas Mayor

Town Clerk