TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

May 3, 2017 – Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Addis Municipal Building located at 7818 Highway 1 South. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Warren Harang.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor David Toups; Councilors Acosta, Cazes, Kelley, LeBlanc, Parrish

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Toups stated that Mr. Oscar Boudreaux needed to be added to the agenda so he can provide updates on sewer and road projects. He stated that there was also a correction to the agenda with regards to Planning & Zoning Item II. He informed everyone that Bearing Point Properties was attending the meeting to request Rezoning of Property and not Subdivision of Property. A motion to approve the addition and amendment to the agenda was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Pourrier addressed the Town Council regarding an issue with all of the railroad crossings being blocked at the same time and what will happen in case of an emergency. Mayor Toups stated that he is aware of the issue and it is something that he constantly addresses with Union Pacific. He encouraged Mr. Pourrier and the Public to call the phone number posted on the crossings to file a complaint if and when the issue arises.

Mr. Warren Harang informed the Public and the Town Council that he is running for Louisiana State Senate District 2. He thanked everyone who voted for him in the Primary Election and asked everyone to consider voting for him in the upcoming Runoff Election scheduled for May 27, 2017.

Mr. Pourrier addressed the Town Council regarding drainage on his property. Mayor Toups stated that he would discuss it with the Town’s Maintenance Supervisor and continue working to come up with a solution.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups announced that the Great American Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th from 9:00am until noon and if anyone would like to volunteer they can register online.

Mayor Toups informed the Town Council that LMA District H Vice President, Mayor Michael Chauffe, Sr. announced that the 2017 annual meeting for municipal officials of District H will be held on Thursday, June 15th at the North Iberville Community Center in Rosedale, LA. Mayor Toups stated that he is planning to attend the meeting and asked the Council to let him know as soon as possible if they would like to attend as well.

Mayor Toups reported that the first Spring Live At Five event went great. He informed everyone that the next event is scheduled for Friday, May 12th and it is being sponsored by Sid Richardson and the last event is scheduled for Friday, May 26th and it is being sponsored by Republic Services, Shin-tech and Union Pacific Railroad.

**UPDATE ON ASSESSOR’S WEBSITE**

Mayor Toups informed everyone that he and Ms. Dana Strauss attended a workshop on the updated website. He stated that the website [www.wbrassessor.org](http://www.wbrassessor.org) can now be viewed from different devices such as tablets and smartphones. He said that it is a great resource that now has a new elevation feature and encouraged everyone to check it out.

**REPORTS**

**Parish Council:** Mayor Toups informed everyone that the Parish installed lights near the new fire station across from Myhand Park and finished cleaning out the right of way along the railroad tracks where they will install new lights on Laws Road.

**Police Report:** The police report for the month of April was provided by Assistant Chief David Jones and included 217 traffic citations; 15 misdemeanor arrests; 3 felony arrests; and 4 vehicle crashes worked. The **Misdemeanor Arrests** included 3 disturbances, 6 warrants, 3 theft and 3 narcotics. The **Felony Arrests** included 3 narcotics.

**Sewer Report:** The sewer report for the month of April was read by Mayor Toups and included 83 equipment failures, 46 jammed pumps, 1 leak in Addis Place Subdivision, 1 tank installation, 1 tank relocation, 3 rewiring jobs, changed out 3 bad pumps and many infiltrations.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:**

1. **Home Occupation Permits**
   1. **Jean-Paul & Heather Myrick** – A request by Jean-Paul and Heather Myrick for a Home Occupation License to operate a Lawn Maintenance business from their home located at 4449 Monte Vista Drive in Sugar Mill Subdivision was reviewed. The request was approved on a motion made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted.
   2. **Stanley & Lisa Fenton –** A request by Stanley and Lisa Fenton for a Home Occupation License to operate a Property Rental business from their home located at 4351 Foret Street was reviewed. The request was approved on a motion made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.
   3. **Melissa Acosta –** A request by Melissa Acosta for a Home Occupation License to operate an online Children’s Clothing Boutique from her home located at 3958 Cypress Hall Drive in Sugar Mill Subdivision was reviewed. The request was approved on a motion made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted. Councilor Acosta abstained because his wife, Melissa Acosta is the owner of the business.
2. **Rezoning of Property – Bearing Point Properties**
   1. **Public Hearing & Action** – Mr. John Bezel with Bearing Point Properties gave a presentation on the proposed project for the 34 acres north of the YMCA, which includes (43) single-family lots, three-story multi-family apartments, two-story townhomes, clubhouse, retention pond with fountains, a walking track, restaurant and 15,000 square foot retail strip center. He stated that they plan to extend the frontage road that runs parallel with the railroad tracks and it will be the primary access to the commercial buildings, apartments and townhomes. He stated that currently 11 acres is zoned R-A for Apartments and the remaining property is zoned C-2 for Commercial. Mr. Bezel stated that they are requesting to rezone the property towards the back as R-80 for the single residential homes, rezone the middle of the property R-A for the apartments/townhomes and rezone the property along the frontage road as C-2 for the commercial buildings. After the presentation, Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. Mr. Nick Ferlito of Neal Schafer Co. reported on the traffic impact study that was done and addressed the questions and concerns from the public with regards to the potential increase in traffic that this development may cause. Mr. Oscar Boudreaux, Engineer for the Town of Addis addressed questions from the public regarding the impact that this development may have on the Town’s sewer system. After hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Toups closed the public hearing. After further review and discussion, a motion to approve the request for Rezoning of Property was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted with opposition from Councilor Kelley.

**TOWN OF ADDIS PROJECT UPDATES – MR. OSCAR BOUDREAUX, ENGINEER**

**Addis Place Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - Engineering Agreement:** The Engineering Agreement was reviewed and briefly discussed. Mr. Boudreaux announced that the Three Million Dollar ($3,000,000) LDEQ Loan has been approved and this is the first project under the loan program. A motion authorizing Mayor David Toups to sign the Engineering Agreement for Addis Place Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**2017 Road Upgrades - Engineering Agreement:** The Engineering Agreement was reviewed and briefly discussed. Councilor Acosta informed everyone that the plan for the first project is to re-construct the roads in the first filing of Acadian Crossing Subdivision. A motion authorizing Mayor David Toups to sign the Engineering Agreement for the 2017 Road Project was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

No ordinances were introduced.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance:** Amotion to pay the bills found in order was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted.

**Police:** No report was provided.

**Personnel:** Mayor Toups reported that the Town received applications for the job opening in the Sewer Department and he will begin the interview process soon.

**Sewer:** No report was provided.

**Drainage:** Mayor Toups announced that he has been in contact with Union Pacific Railroad regarding the drainage for Sugar Hollow Subdivision. He is requesting that UP check the culverts under the railroad with a camera to see if there are any obstructions that may cause the water to not drain properly.

**Buildings:** Mayor Toups reported that thematerial for the new roof has been ordered and the project should begin in the very near future. The Town Council then reviewed and discussed the proposal for the Town of Addis Railroad Park & Museum upgrades. Mayor Toups stated that the proposal includes 3 additional cameras, conduit, and cabling to cover the pavilion area, caboose and Christmas tree. He said it includes additional electrical circuits for Christmas lighting, additional circuits for electrical along the fence line, wiring and speakers for surround sound and installation of an Automation Panel to control lighting, security and fans through a mobile application. A motion to approve the proposal for the upgrades at the Town of Addis Railroad Park & Museum was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted.

**Streets and Roads:** Mayor Toups stated that the Parrish started moving forward with the project on First Street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

An Executive Session was not held.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. on a motion made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.

/s/\_Jade V. Simpson\_\_ /s/ \_David Toups\_\_\_

Town Clerk Mayor