TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

April 3, 2019 – 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, April 3, 2019 at the Addis Municipal Building located at 7818 Highway 1 South. The Pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Chuckie Tuminello.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, March 6, 2019 were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Cazes and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Upon the request of Mayor Toups, a motion to add two Executive Sessions, one for personnel and one for possible litigation and, possibly another one, to the agenda was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Charles Tuminello was introduced by Mayor Toups and his request to open Chuck’s Bar and have the Town issue the necessary permits were added to the agenda on a motion by Councilor Parrish, 2nd by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.

Mr. Tuminello advised that he wants to open Chuck’s under the name of Chuck’s Fishbowl LLC d/b/as Chuck’s Lounge. He further advised that he has applied to the State for his alcohol permits and is coming to the Town to ask for the issuance of permits required by the Town. A motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc, 2nd by Councilor Kelley to add this request to tonight’s agenda. The motion was adopted. A motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc, 2nd by Councilor Cazes to approve the issuance by the Town of the permits necessary for Mr. Charles “Chuckie” Tuminello to operate Chuck’ Lounge under the name of Chuck’s Fishbowl LLC d/b/as Chuck’s Lounge, pending approval by the State of those permits required by the State The motion was adopted unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups reported on the following items…

1. Chamber of Commerce advised that the Town of Addis was ranked the fifth safest city in Louisiana according to the Safewise report.
2. Tier 3 financial report is due by May 15th.
3. MTL is closing operations on May 1st.
4. The Notice to Proceed has been issued on the turn lane in Sugar Mill. Residents in the area will be notified when the work begins.
5. Spring Live at Five events will be held on Fridays April 26th,with the Band Louisiana playing; May 10th with Don Rich, and May 24th with Mojeaux playing.

**OPEN CONTAINER PERMIT**

An Open Container Permit request by Tokai Carbon CB (formerly Sid Richardson) was approved on a motion by Councilor Cazes, seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously.

**SEWER TRUCK BID**

Mayor Toups called for bids from the floor three times for the 2009 Ford Pickup truck (VIN ending with #5542). Receiving no further bids, the one and only bid which was previously submitted was opened and read. The bid, submitted by Mr. Raymond Gillard, in the amount of $400.00 for the old sewer truck was accepted on a motion by Councilor Acosta, seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**LGAP CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Kelley to authorize Mayor Toups to sign the LGAP contract in the amount of $19,450.00. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**LMA RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta, 2nd by Councilor Parrish to concur with a resolution received from LMA which is in opposition of all proposed legislation that permits the Legislature to remove the authority of local governments to administer and collect local sales & use taxes. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**WEBSITE UPGRADE**

A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to accept the proposal of $5,616.00 from Bizzuka for the Website Conversion to WordPress Platform of the Town of Addis’ website, with the fee to be paid in full, up front. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**UNION PACIFIC UPDATE- FORET STREET RAILROAD CROSSING CLOSURE PROPOSAL**

Mayor Toups advised that it was announced at the last meeting that Union Pacific and DOTD were moving forward with the addition of the safety signs/signals and gates at the Main, Foret and Myhand Street crossings. He stated that Councilor Acosta asked that this item be placed on the agenda for further discussion. Councilor Acosta stated that he asked Mayor Toups to find out if the funds that were submitted in Union Pacific’s original proposal were still available and they are. He went on to say that the citizens of Addis, specifically those that would be affected should be given the opportunity to vote on the Foret Street Railroad crossing closure. He proposed that the Town of Addis mail letters to all citizens that reside along the railroad tracks, inviting them to attend a public hearing on the subject at hand. He stated that the amount of money the Town would receive from DOTD if the citizens vote to close the crossing could be used to fund other projects such as the cameras at the crossings, signage or possibly a new escape route on the westside of the tracks. Councilor Kelley stated that the constituents that have reached out to her are not in favor of the closure. After further discussion, a motion to not support the closing of the Foret Street Railroad Crossing was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted on the following roll call vote. **Yeas:** Parrish, Cazes, Kelley; **Nays:** Acosta, LeBlanc; **Absent:** None; **Abstaining:** None

**OSCAR BOUDREAUX**

**Sugar Mill Road Project** – In accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Boudreaux, a motion was made by Councilor Cazes, 2nd by Councilor LeBlanc to approve the low bid of R. J. Daigle & Sons Contractors, Inc. of Gonzales, Louisiana in the amount of $279, 650.00, and authorize Mayor Toups to sign any and all appropriate documents necessary for this project . The motion was adopted with Councilor Acosta abstaining because he is employed by the

Contractor.

**Project Updates**

Mayor Toups advised that Mr. Boudreaux is on vacation and has left a list concerning the various projects in progress. All projects have been bid and are in the construction phase. His financial summary of the $3,000,000.00 loan shows the Town has about $248,932.01 in contingencies; however, a portion of that fund will be expenses towards Davis Bacon compliance. If funds remain, several items of work at the plant are needed.

1. **Addis Place Sewer Rehabilitation** – EES Project No. 1332. His work is complete and we are awaiting final payment
2. **Acadian Crossing/Bernhardt Force Main** – EES Project No. 1626 - Contractor has begun work on this project. HDPE pipe is being fused on Peter Messina Road. First bore has started in drainage ditch on the north side of Acadian 1 and Acadian II subdivisions. The 3,000 feet of the first should be installed in two weeks. This project is outside of 1,500 feet of the Mississippi River restrictions. We expect work to continue through June.
3. **Bernhardt Pump Station Upgrade** – EES Project No. 1607 - This project has been completed and is currently in the lien period.
4. **YMCA Force Main** – EES Project No.1627 - Contractor is waiting on the Mississippi River to drop. Work is currently on hold.

**REPORTS**

**Parish** – Parish Councilman, Mr. Kershaw reported on the following items:

1. The traffic in the Parish leading to the bridge appears to have improved some, however delays are still a problem for people trying to get to work and/or home. There is a bill in the House at the present time which includes monies for the construction of the 415 overpass which is a part of the proposed 415 extension to LA 415.
2. New test water well should be done by the end of the month, with the lines to Brusly done by the end of the year. Extending the lines to the Addis area should be done in 2020.
3. Work on Sid Richardson Road to Choctaw Road is nearing completion and should be open to traffic by the end of the month.
4. The Parish is discussing plans for an Assisted Living Facility on LA 1, between the Chinese Restaurant and DC Grill. The Parish ordinance needs to be revised to include Assisted Living as presently it only reflects rules and regulations for Nursing Homes.
5. Mr. Kershaw advised that redistricting will probably take place following the 2020 Census.

**Police Department:** The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 70 traffic citations issued; 44 misdemeanor arrests; 12 felony arrests; and 4 wrecks worked. The Misdemeanor Arrests were: 1- child endangerment; 2-disturbances; 2-traffic; 3- warrants and 32- narcotics. The Felony Arrests were: 2- narcotics.

**Public Works:** Please see attached report for the month’s Public Works information.

**Sewer Department:** The monthly sanitation department report, given by Mr. Phil Smith, included 65 residential and commercial equipment problems, 15 lift station equipment problems; 108 LA One call tickets completed and 7 new construction tie-in inspections, for a total of 115 calls for the month.

**Planning and Zoning Commission:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance #2019-2:** Dana Larpenteur read the following ordaining clause, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCE, PARTICULARY, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, BY MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR SERVANTS, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES OF SUCH PERSON HOLDING A RETAIL DELAERS ALCOHOL PERMIT TO INVITE OR PERMIT ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE (21) YEARS TO VISIT OR LOITER IN OR ABOUT ANY PLACE WHERE ALCOHOL BERVARAGES ARE THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITY SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY”. Mayor Toups opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance #2019-2 to give the public the opportunity to express its opinion on the proposed Ordinance. Hearing no questions or inquiries concerning the proposed Ordinance, he closed the Public Hearing and turned the discussion over to the Council for their action.A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes to approve the adoption of Ordinance #2019-2. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Cazes, Acosta, LeBlanc, Parrish, Kelley**; Nays:** None; **Absent:** None; **Abstaining:** None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE:**

1. A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted.
2. Mayor Toups reminded the Council that the monthly Budget Comparison reports were enclosed in their packets and asked that they be reviewed.

**POLICE:**  A lengthy discussion was held on the possibility of hiring a “motorcycle” policeman whose main job would be patrolling Highway 1. Councilor Acosta worked with Chief Anderson to compile expected expenses to set up and maintain this position. Councilor Acosta asked that this item be taken under advisement and put on the agenda for the May, 2019 meeting.

**PERSONNEL:** None

**SEWER:** Councilor Acosta discussed results of his research on Impact Fees and suggested that 50% of expected impact fees be used to do projects which can be done now. A discussion was held on this possibility and the plans that can be made for the future use of the balance of the Impact Fees.

**MAINTENANCE:** MTL, Inc submitted an estimate on repairs to the maintenance truck. A motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to approve the expenditure of $3,261.95 for repairs to the maintenance truck. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**DRAINAGE:** None

**BUILDING:** None

**STREETS & ROADS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Councilor Kelley, 2nd by Councilor LeBlanc to go into Executive Session to discuss

(1) Police Personnel and (2) Pending Litigation. The motion was adopted unanimously. At 8:20 p.m. a motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Toups advised that police personnel and pending litigation were discussed in Executive Session.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Larpenteur advised that the attorney for the developer of the Lousteau family property is working on a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the developer and the Town of Addis addressing the drainage in the proposed Lousteau Subdivision.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

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Jade V. Simpson, Town Clerk David H. Toups, Mayor