

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2020

A special meeting of the Mayor and Town Council was called to order by Mayor Toups at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

PAY BILLS FOUND IN ORDER

A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

2020 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT – BAXLEY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC.

A motion was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Cazes to again engage the firm of Baxley & Associates, LLC to perform the Town's 2020 Audit. The motion was adopted unanimously.

2021 HOLIDAYS AND COMMITTEES

2021 Holidays: The following were approved on a motion by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously: Holidays: New Year's Day-Friday, January 1; Civil Rights' Day (MLK)-Monday, January 18; Mardi Gras- Monday & Tuesday, February 15 & 16; Good Friday – Friday, April 2; Memorial Day – Monday, May 31; Independence Day – Friday, July 2; Veteran's Day-Thursday, November 11; Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 25; Thanksgiving Friday – Friday, November 26; Christmas Eve-Friday, December 24; Christmas Day-Thursday, December 23; New Year-s Eve (Floating) - Friday, December 31.

2021 Committees: The following Committees for 2021 were approved on a motion by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously: *Denotes Chairman

Finance: All Council *Mayor Pro Tempore

Sewer: All Council *Mayor Pro Tempore

Personnel: All Council *Mayor Pro Tempore

Drainage: *Bernard and Parrish

Police: *LeJeune and Kelley

Streets & Roads: * LeBlanc and Bernard

Buildings: *Kelley and LeBlanc

Grass Cutting: *Parrish and LeJeune

CONSIDER 2021 EMPLOYEE RAISES AS PRESENTED TO BE APPROVED IN 2021 BUDGET

Following a discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Acosta; seconded by Councilor Cazes to approve a 4% cost of living raise to all town employees, as included in the proposed 2021 budgets. The motion was adopted unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2020-5 (2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET)

Mayor Toups opened a public hearing on Ordinance #2020-5, which is a proposed 2021 budget for the Town's General Fund. Following a discussion, the Mayor closed the public hearing and turned the Ordinance and 2021 budget for the General Fund over to the Council for their discussion and/or comments. A motion was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc to adopt Ordinance #2020-5, for the 2021 budget for the General Fund, as amended during a discussion and review of the budget. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** Parrish, Cazes, Kelley, Acosta, LeBlanc. **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None. The 2021 budget is made a part of these minutes. It will be available for review at the Town Hall by any of the public who may be interested.

ORDINANCE 2020-6 (2021 SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGET)

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2020-6 which is a proposed 2021 budget for the Town’s Sewer Enterprise Fund. Following a discussion, Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and turned the budget over to the Council for their consideration and action. Following a short discussion, a motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley to adopt Ordinance #2020-6 which adopts the 2021 budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** LeBlanc, Acosta, Cazes, Parrish, Kelley. **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None. The budget is made a part of these minutes and is available for review by the public at the Town Hall office.

ORDINANCE 2020-7 (LOAD LIMITS 7 DEDICATED TRUCK ROUTE)

A public hearing was held on Ordinance #2020-7, which is AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARTICULARLY, *CHAPTER 28 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES*, by striking the existing language, supplementing and amending § 28-2 Load LIMITS TO provide THAT IT SHALL BE unlawful to operate any vehicle on any roadway within the corporate limits of the town of Addis when the gross weight is greater than 80,000 lbs and all axle weights must meet current axle loads set forth by Louisiana State Police. further, providing that all axle weights must meet standards for any roadway where the weight of vehicles permitted on such street is limited by resolution and signs indicating such limitations are posted. Additionally, all vehicles accessing the section of town west of LA 1 and south of Bird Heights Avenue shall use First Street as the dedicated truck route. Following a brief discussion, Mayor Toups closed the public hearing and turned it over to the Council for review and action. A motion was made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Kelley to adopt Ordinance #2020-7 as written. The motion was adopted on the following roll call vote: **Yeas:** LeBlanc, Acosta, Cazes, Parrish, Kelley. **Nays:** None **Absent:** None **Abstaining:** None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Swearing in of members of the Council and the Mayor for the year 2021 will be held at 5:00 p.m. before the meeting on January 6, 2021. Mayor Toups thanked Councilor Cazes and Councilor Acosta for their hard work and years of service to the citizens of Addis.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor Acosta and adopted unanimously.

/s/ Jade V. Simpson
JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK

/s/ David H. Toups
DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR