TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

October 6, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Addis was called to order by Mayor David Toups at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Officer Ronald Carroll.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilors Bliss Bernard, Kevin LeBlanc, Ray Lejeune Sr., Rusty Parrish

Absent: Councilor Rhonda Kelley

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 1, 2021 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Hazardous Materials Collection:** Mayor Toups advised that Hazardous Materials Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 30th from 8AM to 12PM at Alexander Park in Brusly.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**First Street Drainage Improvement Project:** Toby Fruge with Owen & White, Inc. provided an update on the First Street Drainage Improvement Project. He will begin working on a preliminary cost estimate and hopes to be able to bid out the project at the beginning of 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Halloween 2021:** Halloween Trick or Treating for 2021 in the Town of Addis was set for Sunday, October 31st from 5:30Pm to 7:30PM on a motion made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

**2021-2022 Highway Grass Mowing – Bid Opening & Award:** Mayor Toups advised that the Town only received one closed bid prior to the meeting. He then asked three times if there was anyone else in the audience wishing to bid; no other bids were received. Mr. Larpenteur, Town Attorney, opened the one and only bid received from Collins Property Maintenance and noted that all required documents/licenses were included. A motion to accept the bid submitted by Collins Property Maintenance in the amount of $2,495.00 per month for grass cutting along Highway 1 in the town limits; and authorizing Mayor David Toups to sign the contract commencing October 1, 2021 and ending on or before September 30, 2022 was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously by those present.

**Suicide Awareness Walk Proclamation:** A motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish; to proclaim the month of September 2021 as National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and call upon all Citizens, Governmental Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies, Schools, Businesses, Faith Based Organizations and all Clubs to support and participate on September 30th, 2021, with the West Baton Rouge Healthy Community Coalition A Suicide Prevention Walk and Run hosted by Jack’s Running and Walking Club. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**Side Porch Daiquiris Bar – Bronwyn Creighton:** Bronwyn, owner of Side Porch Daiquiris expressed her concerns with the 21 years of age qualification for bartenders in the Town of Addis. She informed the Council that she is having a hard time filling vacant positions and believes that if the age was lowered it would help. After further discussion, a motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-9 to lower the age qualification for bartenders in the Town of Addis from 21 to 18 was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**Engineer Report:** No report.

**Planning & Zoning Commission:**

1. **Application for Home Occupation – Angelica Peterson:** The application for home occupation presented by Angelica Peterson to perform administrative duties for her Community Outreach/Behavioral Health business was approved on a motion made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present.

**Parish Council Report:** No report.

**Police Report:** The September 2021 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 197 traffic citations issued; 0 misdemeanor arrests; 2 felony arrest; 4 vehicle crashes and 116 calls for service The felony arrests included 1 attempted 2nd degree murder (shooting) and 1 aggravated assault with a firearm.

**Public Works and Sewer Report:** Mayor Toups advised that Phil Smith was out of the office on vacation and there wasn’t a report to share for the month of September.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance :**

1. **Pay Bills Found in Order:** A motion to pay bills found in order was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.
2. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.
3. **2022 Budget:** Mayor Toups advised that he will begin working on the 2022 Budget and asked that if anyone has any projects/expenses they would like to include in the budget to submit them to him as soon as possible.
4. **ARPA Funds:** A motion authorizing Mayor Toups to move the funds into LAMP and/or create a new bank account for the ARAP funds was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

**Police:** Officer Ron Carroll spoke about the Narcotics Task Force and proposed that the Council consider adding an Addis officer to the force.

**Personnel:** None

**Sewer:** None

**Drainage:** None

**Buildings:** None

**Streets and Roads:**

1. **2021 Road Project – Change Order No.2:** Change Order No. 2 in the amount of (-$22,680.37) for the 2021 Addis Road Project was approved on a motion made by Councilor Parrish; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.
2. **2021 Road Project – Substantial Completion:** A motion to accept Substantial Completion for the 2021 Road Project was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously by those present.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Police Personnel and Property Negotiations was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present. A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present. As a result of Executive Session, a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Chandler Badeaux effective October 15, 2021 was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present. A motion authorizing Chief Anderson to suspend one of his officers for two days without pay as discussed in Executive Session was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

/s/ Jade V. Simpson ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_ /s/ David H. Toups\_

JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR