TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

March 2, 2022 – 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, March 2, 2022 at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Mrs. Carolyn Bourgeois.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

Councilor Lejeune advised that the Open Early Request was requested by Chuck’s Lounge NOT Charlie’s and asked that the minutes be revised to reflect the correct information. The minutes of the February 2, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Addis Museum & Fire Station was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RATIFY SPRAGIO PROPERTY SALE:** Attorney Dana Larpenteur advised that the Council previously discussed property negotiations for the Spragio property during an Executive Session, but failed to make a motion authorizing the mayor to move forward with the purchase. A motion authorizing Mayor Toups to sign the sale and complete the purchase of the Spragio property was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADDIS MUSEUM:** Councilor Bernard advised that she received a call from Mrs. Joselyn Gautreaux regarding the condition of the Addis Museum. She stated that they are having some issues with moisture in the building that needs immediate attention. A meeting has been scheduled with Sid Gray which is a Historic Building Consultant on Wednesday, March 9th at 3:00 pm. They would like to get his renovation recommendations and obtain a cost proposal and then put a plan in place to move forward. Mayor Toups & Phil Smith will attend the meeting along with Councilor Bernard.

**ADDIS FIRE STATION:** Councilor Bernard advised that at the December 2016 meeting, the old Addis Fire Station was designated as The Caldwell-Marchand Memorial Fire Station and the Council approved to have a sign placed on the building. The design & location of the sign as well as the dedication ceremony was discussed. Mayor Toups asked that everyone send him their ideas & recommendations.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**ENGINEER REPORT:** Mayor Toups advised that Jason with Novus Reb is working on the cost proposal for engineering services for the 2022 Road Rehab project. We should have it for the next meeting.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**

1. **Application for Variance – David Messina:** Mr. Messina is requesting to be allowed to install a modad septic system on his property located at 5386 Lorraine Street until the Town of Addis is able to provide sewer services to this area of town. Mr. Messina has to be out of his current residence soon, so he needs to get something in place quickly. For this reason, he is requesting a variance. After further discussion, a motion to grant the variance to Mr. Messina to install the modad septic system until the Town of Addis is able to provide sewer services at which time the homeowner would be required to tie-in to, was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted with opposition from Councilor Parrish.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** No report.

**POLICE REPORT:** The February 2022 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 283 traffic citations issued; 11 misdemeanor arrests; 8 felony arrest; 10 vehicle crashes and 118 calls for service. The misdemeanor arrest included: Warrants (5), Possession of Marijuana (1), Cruelty to Animals (12), Illegal Carrying of Weapons (1), Illegal Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile (4), Simple Battery (1) and Domestic Abuse Battery (2). The felony arrests included: Possession w/Intent to Distribute Marijuana (1), Possession w/Intent to Distribute Ecstasy MDMA (1), Aggravated Battery (1), Aggravated Assault upon a Peace Officer with Motor Vehicle (4), Aggravated Flight from an Officer (4) and Possession of Stolen Things/Stolen Vehicle (4).

**PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT -** Phil Smith reported that for the month of February 2022 there were 24 residential/commercial control panel issues, 27 residential/commercial tank issues, 1 sewer plant issue, 12 collection system issues, 7 new inspections, 68 dig tickets and 140 total calls. He advised that the new boat clarifier extension is close to completion and will be delivered to the plant this month. Children at Play signs were installed on Sandbar and Bird Heights.

**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 Parrish; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.
2. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

**POLICE:** Chief reported that the Addis Mardi Gras parade ran smoothly and they didn’t have any issues. He advised that they have a new K-9 that was donated to the department. The cost to train the dog is $10,000, which will also be covered by donations. He mentioned that they are still working on finalizing the purchase of new police units and hope to have them by next month.

**PERSONNEL:** Councilor LeBlanc advised that he is almost done with the Employee Policy Manual review.

**SEWER:** No report.

**DRAINAGE:** No report.

**BUILDINGS:** No report.

**STREETS AND ROADS:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously. As a result of Executive Session, the council authorizes Attorney Dana Larpenteur to meet with the property owner to discuss the right-of-way agreement.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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