TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

August 3, 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, August 3, 2022 at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by Lance Gauthreaux.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 6, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A resident asked that the Town contact the new owners of the property located at 7728 Ed Lejeune. He stated that the property is zoned residential, but it appears as though they may be operating a business from the residence. Other residents expressed their concerns with drainage near the Eudora Drive area after the rain event on August 3rd.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2022-2023 Highway Grass Mowing – Authorize Bid Advertisement:** A motion authorizing Mayor Toups to advertise for 2022-2023 LA Highway 1 grass mowing was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously.

**2022 Road Rehab Project – Change Order No. 1:** A motion approving Change Order No.1 with a decrease of $2,445.50 was made Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**ENGINEER REPORT:** No report.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**

1. **Request for Variance – Fermin Tullier:** Mr. Fermin informed the Council that he is wanting to add on to his existing house, but in order to do so the Council would have to approve a variance which would allow him to encroach upon the 20’ rear building set-back. Mr. Tullier resides at 3241 Tullier Lane. He stated that there isn’t a ditch located behind his property. It’s only a narrow strip of woods owned by Mr. Jumonville. A motion to approve the 10’ variance request was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously.
2. **Application for Subdivision of Property – Jocelyn Gautreaux:** Lance Gautreaux informed the Council that they are requesting to subdivide the property located at 4223 Myhand Street into 3 lots – lots M-2-A-1, M-2-B-1 and 1A-1-A. He stated that no lot will be landlocked. Mayor Toups opened a public hearing. After hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and turned over to the council for review. A motion to approve the Subdivision of Property request was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** Parish Councilman, Chris Kershaw reported that the construction of the new intracoastal canal bridge is ahead of schedule. He also discussed the large rain event and drainage in the area.

**POLICE REPORT:** The July 2022 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 338 traffic citations issued, 140 calls for service, 16 misdemeanor arrests, 5 felony arrest and 8 vehicles crashes. The misdemeanor arrest included: Warrants (5), Domestic Abuse Battery (1), Possession of Marijuana (2), Resisting an Officer (2), Reckless Operation of a Motor Vehicle (2), Misuse of 911 (1), Simple Battery (1), Cruelty to Animals (1), DWI Assisted by LSP (2). The felony arrests included: Domestic Abuse Battery (1), Poss. w/intent to Distribute Marijuana (1), Unlawful Presence of a Sex Offender (1), Felony Warrant (1), 2nd Degree Murder (1). The Task Force had (5) misdemeanor arrest and 13 felony arrest. They also assisted in the surveillance and apprehension of 2nd degree murder suspect.

**PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT:** Mayor Toups reported for the month of July 2022 there were 28 residential/commercial control panel issues, 24 residential/commercial tank issues, 27 collection system issues, 2 sewer plant issue, 14 new inspections, 139 dig tickets, 1 new tank installation and 235 total calls. He reported that there was a minor chlorine leak at the treatment plant that was contained in the Chlorine building. Both 911 and WBR first responders arrived and entered with SCBA and isolated the bottle in question.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2022-2 (ADDIS RAILROAD PARK RULES & REGULATIONS) –** The ordaining clause was read aloud by Dana Larpenteur. Mayor Toups then opened a public hearing. After hearing no comments from the public, the hearing was then closed and Ordinance 2022-2 was turned over to the Council for review/discussion.A motion to approve **Ordinance 2022-2,** “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS FROM TIME TO TIME TO ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING OPERATION OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS RAILROAD PARK. THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY COVER OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES, ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ON PARK PREMISES, SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS AND ANY AND ALL OTHER RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE TOWN SHALL DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE ORDERLY ENJOYMENT OF THE PARK BY THE PUBLIC. FURTHER, PROVIDING THAT VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SET BY RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADDIS CODE OF ORDINANCES”, was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted on the following roll call vote: **YEAS**: Bernard, Parrish, Lejeune, Kelley, LeBlanc; **NAYS**: None; **ABSENT**: None; **ABSTAINED**: None.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

A motion to introduce **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3,** “AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONERS OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF ADDIS, LOUISIANA. MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL BE COMPENSATED AT A RATE OF $50 PER MEETING AT WHICH SAID MEMBER SHALL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND VOTING AT SUCH MEETING”, was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**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 Kelley and adopted unanimously.
2. **Monthly Budget to Actual Reports:** The monthly budget to actual reports were reviewed with no comments.

**POLICE:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**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 Personnel/Police Personnel was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously. A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously. As a result of Executive Session, a motion to hire Rushing Juneau as a full-time police officer, pending Matrix at a starting hourly rate of $17.33 was made by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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