TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

October 5, 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, September 7, 2022 at the Addis Municipal Center. The pledge to the flag was led by David Corona.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilor Rhonda Kelley

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 7, 2022 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard to move the WBR Parish School Board Tax presentation and the Planning & Zoning Application for Subdivision of Property request up the agenda to be discussed prior to Public Comments, Correspondence and Old Business. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**WBR PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TAX RENEWAL**

Mr. David Corona gave a presentation and provided information on the tax renewal. He informed the Council and the public that this is not a new tax and it will not increase the current property tax rates. This tax was first approved by voters in the 1960’s and if renewed it will dedicate another 10 years of critical funding for salaries & benefits, school safety & security, school resource officers, maintenance, utilities, and educational technology.

**APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY**

Mr. Court Bradford presented his clients request to subdivide the property located at 7534 Highway 1 S, which is where Charlie’s Lounge is located. He advised that there is someone who would like to purchase the building located behind Charlie’s Lounge for his “Swamp Bucket” business. Mayor Toups advised that the Planning & Zoning Commission did recommend to the Town Council to approve the request contingent upon the zoning of the property being verified as C-1.

A motion to approve the subdivision of property request for the property located at 7534 Highway 1 S., was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

A motion to adopt a resolution approving the 2009 map as the official zoning map for the Town of Addis until the new map is revised and adopted was made by Councilor Lejeune: seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chief Anderson wanted to report that him and Mayor Toups did discuss the addition of the Autistic Child Warning Signs in Acadian Crossing. Mayor Toups reported that Phil has ordered the signs and they will be installed as soon as they are received. Councilor Bernard suggested that the Police Department move the radar speed trailer to that area as well.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Hazardous Materials Collection Day:** Mayor Toups shared that Hazardous Materials Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 8AM-12PM at Alexander Park in Brusly.

**Town of Brusly – St. James Park Grand Opening:** Mayor Toups shared that the grand opening for St. James Park in Brusly will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 4-8 pm. There will be live music, food, and drinks.

**Rockin’ on the Railroad:** Mayor Toups shared that the first fall event is Friday, October 21st with Ryan Foret & Foret Tradition.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Annual Employee Meeting:** Mayor Toups reported that the date for the Annual Employee Meeting has been set for Thursday, November 17th and will be held at the Addis VFW Hall. Invites will be sent out soon. Please RSVP by deadline.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Halloween 2022:** Halloween Trick or Treating for 2022 in the Town of Addis was set for Monday, October 31st from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on a motion made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously by those present.

**2022 Road Rehab Project – Change Order No. 2:** The total amount of Change Order Number 2 results in an increase of $8,696.10 to the current contract value of $653,568.20. This represents a final increase of 1.3% to the contract. A motion to approve Change Order No. 2 was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**ENGINEER REPORT:** No report.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**No report.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** Parish Councilman, Chris Kershaw reported that the construction of the LA Highway 1 S Intracoastal Bridge is ahead of schedule. He advised that there will be lane shifts from October 17th-November 18th. He reported that budget meetings for Parish Council will begin this month. He also discussed the school board tax renewal and how important it is to the schools and our community. He encouraged everyone to support the renewal and exercise their right to vote.

**POLICE REPORT:** The September 2022 police report, given by Chief Anderson, consisted of 246 traffic citations issued, 132 calls for service, 7 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest and 10 vehicles crashes. The misdemeanor arrest included: Warrants (2), Disturbing the Peace (2), Resisting an Officer (2), Illegal Carrying of Weapons (1), Dogs at Large (1). The felony arrest included: 3rd Degree Rape & Crimes against Nature (1). The Task Force had (5) misdemeanor arrest and (13) felony arrest.

A motion to declare the 2008 Dodge Durango surplus was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously by those present.

**PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT:** Mayor Toups advised that Phil Smith has been out of the office and there was no report provided for the meeting.

**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 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. **2023 Budget:** Mayor Toups advised that he will soon begin working on the 2023 budget.

**POLICE:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** No report.

**SEWER:** No report.

**DRAINAGE:** No report.

**BUILDINGS:** Councilor Bernard spoke about the USDA Rural Development grant that the town can apply for to assist with the expense of the new town hall.

**STREETS AND ROADS:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel for the Sewer Department was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present. A motion to return to Regular Session was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Lejeune and adopted unanimously by those present.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

A motion to accept the resignation of Officer Justin McFarlain was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present.

**ADJOURN**

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

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

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