TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES

October 10, 2023 – 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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at the Addis Municipal Center. Pledge to the flag was led by Jade Simpson.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Councilor Kevin LeBlanc

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the September 12, 2023 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Toups reminded everyone that election day voting is October 14th 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. You may visit geauxvote.com for your polling location and a sample ballot. He also reminded everyone that Trick or Treat hours were set at the September meeting and it is Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30-7:30 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Toups reminded everyone that Hazardous Materials Collection Day is Saturday, October 28th at Alexander Park in Addis. He also reminded everyone that the next Rockin’ on the Railroad event is scheduled for Friday, October 20th with Ryan Foret & Foret Tradition. He announced that the 2024 Addis Fireman’s Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled for February 3rd at 11:00 am. The theme for this year’s parade is Through the Century and is in honor of the 100th Anniversary of “No.1”.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**LA DOTD HIGHWAY 1 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT:** Additional state funding has become available for maintenance of DOTD right-of-way statewide. As a result, the 2023-2024 maintenance agreement between the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and the Town of Addis is being amended to increase the stipulated minimum number of maintenance mowing cycles in fiscal year 2023 from four (4) to five (5). This amendment shall cover work performed by the Town of Addis for the period July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. A motion authorizing Mayor David Toups to sign the amended agreement was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Bernard and adopted unanimously by those present.

**2023 ROAD REHAB PROJECT – BID REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE:** After review and discussion, a motion was made by Councilor Bernard; seconded by Councilor Lejeune that the Town of Addis award the 2023 Road Project contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder – RJ Daigle & Sons Contractors, LLC. in the amount of $575,465.49. The motion was adopted unanimously by those present.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**ENGINEER REPORT:** No report.

**PLANNING & ZONING:**

1. **Application for Variance Request – Sandi Fruge: Ms.** Ordinance states that a twenty (20) foot setback is required off the front (Main St.) and zero setbacks on sides and rear. Ms. Fruge’s home (brick structure) burned down on July 4th and she is replacing it with a 28x48 double wide mobile home. The mobile home will not face Main Street like the previous structure. Main Street will now be to the left of the home. She is requesting a variance on the twenty (20) foot setback. A motion to approve the variance was made by Councilor Lejeune; seconded by Councilor Parrish and adopted unanimously by those present.

**PARISH COUNCIL REPORT:** No report.

**POLICE REPORT:** The September 2023 police report, given by Assistant Chief Langlois, consisted of 116 traffic citations issued, 200 calls for service, 5 misdemeanor arrests, 4 felony arrest and 12 vehicles crashes.

**PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER REPORT –**

1. **Wastewater Department:** Travis Bourgoyne reported for the month of September 2023 there were 11 residential/commercial control panel issues, 33 residential/commercial tank issues, 6 collection system issues, 2 sewer plant issue, 3 new inspections, 76 dig tickets and 131 total calls.

* The continuing dry conditions have led to multiple grinder discharge line leaks due to ground shifts and breaking of glue joints. Total leak repairs for September 2023 were 10.
* Had a discharge line leak on East Nic pump station due to fitting failure and it has been repaired.
* Addis Lane is running off the control system. New air bubbler is in place and operating normally.

1. **Public Works/Maintenance Department:**

* Grass cutting is slowing down.
* Patching pot holes as needed. Starting to see significant road issues due to the drought conditions, especially around large live oak trees.

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

A budget meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th at 5:30 pm. Jade will publish the meeting notice in the west side journal.

**POLICE:** No report.

**PERSONNEL:** Jade will send an email reminder regarding the required annual trainings.

**SEWER:** No report.

**DRAINAGE:** No report.

**BUILDINGS:** No report.

**STREETS AND ROADS:** No report.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business.

**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