

TOWN OF ADDIS MINUTES
May 6, 2020 – 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, May 6, 2020 at the Addis Municipal Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Phil Smith.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Toups; Councilmen Wilson Cazes; Tate Acosta; Kevin LeBlanc; Rhonda Kelley; Rusty Parrish. Absent: None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 4, 2020 meeting were approved on a motion by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor Kelley and adopted unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Toups advised that the Parents of the 2020 High School Graduates have approached the Towns and Police Departments of Addis and Brusly to have a parade for the Graduates at 6:30 p.m. on May 15th. The parade will start in Brusly and go throughout Brusly and then through Addis and end at the Addis Community Center. Mayor Toups asked that everyone try to go out and support our 2020 Graduates. The Addis Police Department will assist with traffic control for the parade.

COVID-19 UPDATES:

Mayor Toups advised that declarations have been signed by the Parish and State concerning the present Covid-19 pandemic. Following a short discussion, with no opposition from the council or the public; a motion was made by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Kelley to approve Mayor Toups' signing of the local State of Emergency declaration, presented by LMA, concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Mayor Toups advised that a distribution of masks for the pandemic went smoothly. He thanked those essential businesses which remained open and the first responders and others who were on the front lines ready to assist in any way possible. He also advised that this is the year of the Census and it is very important for everyone gets counted. He asked that everyone please fill out their census form so all can be counted.

In reply to a question, Mr. Berthelot, West Baton Rouge Parish President, advised that the finances for the Parish for the year should reach the estimated amounts. He further advised that he sees some good projects coming to West Baton Rouge which will help the finances of the Parish and help maintain the projected amounts for the year.

LMA UPDATES

Mayor Toups advised that all LMA meetings and the annual convention have been cancelled for this year. Baton Rouge will have the opportunity to host the Convention next year. Several elections which were scheduled for this year are also being postponed.

At the request of the LMA, a motion to approve a resolution in opposition of all proposed legislation that permits the Legislature to remove the authority of local governments to administer and collect local sales and use taxes, was made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously on a roll call vote. The resolution was read , section by section, by Mayor Toups and a copy is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

TIER 3 DISCLOSURE

Mayor Toups reminded the Council of the May 15th deadline for filing their Tier 3 Disclosure Report.

2019-2020 LAGAP

Mayor Toups advised that the Town was awarded \$25,150.00 of the 2019-2020 LGAP funds for the installation of culverts and catch basins within the Town limits.

OSCAR BOUDREAUX

A resolution of acceptance was offered by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor Parrish approving the self-evaluation report on the 2018 MWPP report. The resolution was adopted on a unanimous vote by the Council. The 2019 MWPP report was approved on Resolution of Acceptance by Councilor LeBlanc; seconded by Councilor Cazes and was adopted on a unanimous vote by the Council.

Under Project Updates, Mr. Boudreaux advised that work is continuing on the River Road project with reports being sent to the Corp of Engineers for approval. Hopefully the project will be completed in the near future.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Parish Report: Mr. Berthelot advised that tests for the Virus will be done throughout the Parish with Addis being on Monday. Also, Thursday has been named a National Day of Prayer with a special program to be held at 4:00 p.m. The Parish will hold its regular monthly meeting, as usual. Mr. Berthelot also advised that the mask distribution and food distribution were held. He thanked the Food Bank and WBR Sheriff's office for their assistance.

Police Report: The monthly police report, given by Chief Anderson, included 127 traffic citations issued, 2 misdemeanor arrests and 3 vehicle crashes. The misdemeanor arrests were for one disturbance and one traffic problem.

Sewer Report: Mr. Phil Smith reported 77 residential and commercial equipment calls and 15 lift station equipment calls for the month of March, with 151 La One Call tickets completed and 12 new construction tie-in inspections. For the month of April, he reported 56 calls for Residential and commercial equipment and 14 lift station equipment calls for a total of 70 for the month. There were also 139 La One Call tickets completed and 15 new construction tie-in inspections for the month. There were no comments or questions from the Council or public.

Planning & Zoning Commission: No business

ACT OF DONATION RESOLUTION-ACADIAN TRAIL

The following resolution was offered by Councilor Kelley; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and duly adopted: "A resolution authorizing the Honorable David H. Toups, Mayor, Town of Addis, to execute an Act of Donation and any other documents necessary donating a right of way to the Parish of West Baton Rouge and/or the State of Louisiana in connection with the Acadian Trail project particularly State of Louisiana Project No. #H.-011558, parcels Nos 5-1 and 6-1 and more particularly described on the Two (2) attached exhibits labeled Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part of this resolution." The resolution was adopted unanimously. A complete copy of this resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON INTRODUCED ORDINANCES

None

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: A motion to pay all invoices found in order was made by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted with no questions or comments from the Council or public. The monthly budget to actual expenditures and income was reviewed with no adverse comments or opposition from the Council or the Public. Mayor Toups advised that the Health Insurance was renewed for employees for the year 5/1/2020-4/30/2021. There were no adverse comments or opposition.

Police Committee: None

Personnel: Mayor Toups advised that one employee has resigned, which leaves an opening in the work force. This position will be taken care of in the future.

Sewer: Mr. Smith advised that a quote for a new Polymer Skid System for the Sewer Plant has been awarded. It will be about five weeks before this System will be operational.

Drainage: Mr. Smith advised that there were no major problems from the recent severe weather, however, several trees fell and the Parish came in and removed these. He expressed the Town's appreciation for their help in this matter.

Buildings: Mayor Toups advised that a meeting was held with the architects involved in the renovation of the Town Hall. He reviewed some of the plans presently being discussed. He further advised that the renovations will be done in phases. Mayor Toups advised that the rental halls in Town are closed and rentals that were on the books for the duration of the pandemic have been cancelled. No set time for the reopening of these buildings.

Streets and Roads: Mayor Toups advised that he has signed the transfer and acceptance between DOTD and the Town of Addis of that part of Main Street from LA 1 West Frontage Road to Ed LeJeune Street. He further advised that the State will issue a check to the Town to cover some improvements which are needed in this road. Councilor Acosta advised that he is working on obtaining information on all the roads in Town which are in need of any repairs, etc.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. on a motion by Councilor Cazes; seconded by Councilor LeBlanc and adopted unanimously.

JADE V. SIMPSON, TOWN CLERK

DAVID H. TOUPS, MAYOR