

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13th of March 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr. presiding, the meeting was called to order.

The Mayor requested the City Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed and Alderman Reginald Tatum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 02/14/2012 with the following corrections: Page #1, under PUBLIC HEARINGS, changing "In addition, seven positions have been eliminated and some employees have received pay cuts and decreases in hours worked." to "In addition, seven unclassified positions have been eliminated and employees across the board have received pay cuts and decreases in hours worked."

On a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: adding under the CONSENTS Section, Item No. 22, "Approve the termination of Military Leave without pay for Police Officer Romalis Curtis, effective 03/15/2012"; Item No. 22-A, "Approve the administrative leave with pay pending termination for Police Officer First Class Yolanda Lewis, effective 03/12/2012"; adding under the RESOLUTIONS Section, Item No. 18-A, "A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO MAKE THE BUDGET CUTS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CPA TO AVOID ANY BUDGET SHORTFALLS"; adding under the PRESENTATIONS Section, No. 10-A, "Request by Mrs. Margaret Doucet for additional revenue of \$2,500 for the Trash Bash".

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Mr. Clarence Watson, Parks & Recreation Department, regarding regional and national tournament wins by the nine and ten year old Biddy Basketball Team. Mr. Watson congratulated the team members and the coaching staff on their win. He also thanked the parents for their support. Mr. Watson also pointed out that there are four All Americans on the team. He requested that the plaque be displayed for everyone to see it.

Presentation for recognition of the Employee of the Month. The Employee of the Month chosen for February 2012 is Mr. Keith Batiste. Mr. Batiste has been employed with the City of Opelousas Water Department for the past 3 years. He is married with one daughter.

Discuss request for approval for ZONING CHANGE from NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone to C1 (Commercial) Zone of property located at 921 S. Union Street to continue the operation of a fast food restaurant under new ownership (BITT INVESTMENTS, LLC). Ms. Doucet stated that this is Popeye's Restaurant. A public hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 03/12/2012. The Commission approved the request. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to APPROVE the request for ZONING CHANGE from NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone to C1 (Commercial) Zone of property located at 921 S. Union Street to continue the operation of a fast food restaurant under new ownership (BITT INVESTMENTS, LLC).

Presentation by Mr. Raymond Duplechain with Keep Opelousas Beautiful regarding a request to amend the budget to include the revenue and create an expense line item for the 2012 KLB Healthy Communities Grant. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to create a revenue and expense line item for the \$5,000 KLB Healthy Communities Grant.

Presentation by Mrs. Melanie LeBouef regarding a request to amend the Tourism budget line item 54560-3420 for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$1,250. On a motion by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously carried, it was resolved to amend the Tourism budget line item 54560-3420 for a Historic Preservation Grant in the amount of \$1,250.

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Request by Mrs. Margaret Doucet for additional revenue of \$2,500 for the Trash Bash. On a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously seconded and carried, it was resolved to amend the line item for Trash Bash to include the additional \$2,500 in funds that were raised in order to pay expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 @ 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Julius Alsandor, Chairman, Jacqueline Martin, Blair Briggs

ABSENT: Joseph Charles

1. *Presentation by Mrs. Linda Walker regarding Municipal Civil Service Budget.* Mrs. Linda Walker, Municipal Civil Service Director, addressed the committee in regards to the Municipal Civil Service Budget. Mrs. Walker stated that the department is already in the red in postage and attorney's fees and the City owes for two months of attorney's fees and the Commission members have not been paid for their last meeting. Mrs. Walker is asking for an increase in her budget for Travel & meetings and attorney fees. ***On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was recommended to increase the Municipal Civil Service travel & meetings line item by \$500 and to increase the attorney fees line item by \$5,500. All in favor.***
2. *Presentation regarding the Audit report for 09/01/2010 to 08/31/2011.* Mr. Troy Courville, (Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company), presented a complete copy of the 2010-2011 Audit report. Mr. Courville also presented an audit summary that contained a breakdown of findings, a comparison of total fund revenues and expenditures for years ended August 31, 2011, 2010, 2009, and 2008 to the committee. Mr. Courville stated that this audit was an independent auditor's report that states the financial position and the changes in the financial position of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information that are the responsibility of the City's management and are presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Mr. Courville stated that there are five internal control deficiencies that were related to amending and/or adopting policies and procedures. Two internal control deficiencies were related to issuing purchase orders. The other internal control deficiencies were related to updating and maintaining the Business Enterprise loan files, reconciling the annual physical inventory of fixed assets to the City's lists, computer software not being capable of maintaining and recording accounts payables, paying finance and/or late fees, maintaining lists and reconciling customer deposits to the general ledger, and submitting late invoices for payment. The two compliance items consist of a finding related to amending the sales tax fund budget when actual expenditures exceeds budgeted expenditures by 5% or more and complying with monthly sinking fund requirements of bond covenants. Mr. Courville stated that the overall financial condition of the City of Opelousas continues to decline due to total expenditures exceeding total revenues. Also, it is imperative that the current year's budget be monitored closely to ensure that excess spending does not occur and management continues to pursue avenues to generate additional revenues and/or reduce expenditures. ***On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was recommended to accept the audit report and bring to the full council for approval. All in Favor.***
3. *Presentation by Mrs. Margaret Doucet regarding Code Enforcement Budget.* Mrs. Margaret Doucet informed the committee that the City is currently in litigation concerning the home located at 810 N. Main. The Board of Aldermen voted to demolish the home on January 10, 2012. The home has asbestos and needs a qualified contractor to remove the asbestos and demolish the home. Mrs. Doucet stated that only one contractor is willing to demolish the home and his bid is \$9,300. The current Code Enforcement budget only has \$4,000 and a total of \$5,300 is needed to complete the demolition. Mrs. Doucet also stated that as of last week no work had been done to the house. Alderman Briggs questioned the process for the City to recoup the money spent on the demolition from the property owner. Mrs. Doucet informed the committee that a lien would be put on the property. ***On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Blair Briggs, it was recommended to increase Code Enforcement's demolition line item by an additional \$5,300.***
On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, the committee adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Budget Committee Report.

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

PRESENT: Louis Butler, Chairman, Julius Alsandor, Reginald Tatum.

ABSENT: Joseph Charles

1. *Discuss amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Creswell Lane.* Mr. John Lamke, Community Development Director, stated that issues have been coming up in regards to zoning. Mr. Lamke spoke about a recent issue regarding a business that had issues

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come up because part of Creswell Lane was not zoned for C1. Mr. Lamke stated that some areas in the city throughout the major corridor were zoned for NMU and should have been zoned for C1. Mr. Lamke asked the committee to look at the current zoning ordinance to look at major corridor areas to see if they should be zoned for commercial only. Mr. Lamke wants the city to be proactive rather than reactive. Mrs. Margaret Doucet, Code Enforcement Director, stated that only a small area in NMU and R1 but the majority of Creswell is commercial. Mrs. Doucet stated that it would make it a lot simpler to just make it all commercial (C1). *On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, it was recommended to amend the zoning ordinance to change the portions of Creswell that are currently zoned R1 and NMU to C1. All in favor.*

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Alsandor, the general services committee was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the General Services Committee Report.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

PRESENT: Jacqueline Martin, Chairman, Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, Louis Butler, Jr. ABSENT: None

1. *Discuss personnel issues for the following: a. Clarence Howard.* Mr. Clarence Howard was served a notice of the meeting on March 5, 2012 @ 12:34 p.m. Mr. Howard was not present at the meeting. No action taken on this item.
- b. Donald Tyler.* Mr. Donald Tyler was present for the meeting. Mr. Tyler was asked if he wanted to discuss his personnel issue in an open meeting or in executive session. Mr. Tyler responded that he wanted to discuss his personnel issues in an open meeting. Mr. Tyler stated that he was not prepared for the meeting today. The notice he received stated that the meeting would be held on Thursday and he is not prepared to make any statements today on such a short notice. *On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was recommended to move this item to the regular council meeting on March 13, 2012. All in favor.*

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, the personnel committee adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Personnel Committee Report.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. Mr. Jarrell stated that the Hiram Street Bridge is under construction and the next step is the paving of the channel before the bridge is put in. The second item is the elevated storage tank project. They were short of funds on this project so he requested that the Office of Community Development delete the elevated storage tank and put in a ground storage tank with pumping facilities and this has been approved so they can start on this project.

Presentation by City Attorney. Attorney Frank Trosclair stated that he had no business to discuss.

BIDS

Accept Bids for Uniforms for the Police Department. (Bid #03-12). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Uniforms for the Police Department (Bid #03-12), three (3) bids were received:

LAWMEN'S & SHOOTERS' SUPPLY INC. - NO BID

GUIDRY'S UNIFORMS

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PRICE, each</u>	<u>OVERSIZE CHG</u>
1. Long sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9103	\$50.50	NONE
2. Short sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9203	\$49.50	NONE
3. Long sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, Brand Bid – Southeastern	\$51.80	NONE

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	Style # Z9101		
4.	Short sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9201Z	\$50.50	NONE
5.	Long sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Flying Cross Style #07W8486Z	\$62.25	NONE
6.	Short sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Flying Cross Style #57W8486Z	\$59.90	NONE
7.	Pant, polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Flying Cross Style #47280	\$65.50	NONE
8.	Raincoat/reversible, black/hi-vis yellow Brand Bid – Blauer Style # 733/123	\$144.90	NONE
9.	Rain slicker, 3 piece reversible, black/hi-vis yellow, with hood, pant	N/A	N/A
10.	Jacket, water proof, wind proof, with hood and pull down reflective panels Brand Bid – Blauer Style#9810Z	\$159.90	NONE

ABFORM

<u>ITEMS</u>	<u>PRICE, each</u>	<u>OVERSIZE CHG</u>
1. Long sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9103 WHT	\$38.45	(18-19) \$42.50 / (19 ½ -22) \$46.20
2. Short sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9203 WHT	\$35.25	(18-19) \$38.75 / (19 ½ -22) \$42.25
3. Long sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, unstitched Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # Z9101 NAVY	\$38.45	(18-19) \$42.50 / (19 ½ -22) \$46.25
4. Short sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets Brand Bid – SOUTHEASTERN Style # Z9201	\$35.25	(18-19) \$38.75 / (19 ½ -22) \$42.25
5. Long sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – HORACE SMALL Style #HS 1445	\$68.00	NONE
6. Short sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – HORACE SMALL Style #HS 1446	\$61.50	NONE
7. Pant, polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – HORACE SMALL Style #HS 2331	\$77.25	NONE
8. Raincoat/reversible, black/hi-vis yellow Brand Bid – NEESE Style #4703/RSC3M	\$116.95	+ 10%
9. Rain slicker, 3 piece reversible, black/hi-vis yellow, with hood, pant	N/A	N/A
10. Jacket, water proof, wind proof, with hood and pull down reflective panels Brand Bid – PROPPER	\$117.25	NONE

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On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously carried, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Accept Bids for Type E Multi Mix and Type B Cold Mix. (Bid #04-12). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Type E Multi Mix and Type B Cold Mix (Bid #04-12), one (1) bid was received:

Bidder	Price
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Material Resources, Inc.

Type E Multi Grade Cold Mix

BULK

Picked up at Material Resources facility: \$90.00 per ton.

Delivered to Opelousas: \$98.00 per ton. Delivered by trailer, 25 tons.

50# BAGS

Picked up at Material Resources facility: \$9.85 per bag.

Delivered to Opelousas: \$11.75 per bag. Minimum 1 pallet, 48 bags per delivery.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award if bidder meets specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, and Reginald Tatum.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin (stepped out).

Accept Bids for Chlorine. (Bid #05-12). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Chlorine (Bid #05-12), two (2) bids were received:

ALTIVIA Corporation NO BID

Harcros Chemicals \$700.00/one ton cylinder

\$125.00/one hundred fifty pound cylinder

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Reginald Tatum and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REFINANCING OF THE CITY'S DEBT SERVICE.

On a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles and seconded by Aldermen Julius Alsandor and Reginald Tatum, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 05 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO TAKE PRELIMINARY ACTION RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF NOT EXCEEDING \$11,000,000 AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ALL IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTER 14-A OF TITLE 39 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AS AMENDED, AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY AUTHORITY SUPPLEMENTAL THERETO; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF BOND COUNSEL AND UNDERWRITER; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") governed by the Mayor and City Council (the "Governing Authority") has heretofore issued Public Improvement and Utility Revenue Bonds described in Section 2 hereof (collectively, the "Prior Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, in order to provide debt service reductions and cash flow benefits to the Issuer, the Governing Authority desires to refund and/or restructure some or all of the Prior Bonds pursuant to Chapter 14-A of Title 39 (La. R.S. 39:1444, et seq.) of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (collectively, the "Refunding Act"), through the issuance of refunding bonds; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Refunding Act, and subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission the Issuer desires to accomplish the refunding through the issuance of not exceeding Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) aggregate amount of Refunding Bonds in one or more series (collectively, the "Refunding Bonds"), to be payable as provided herein and in the Refunding Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Authority desires to make formal application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the Refunding Bonds, and further to employ bond counsel in connection therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry State of Louisiana, acting as governing authority of said Issuer, that:

SECTION 1. There is hereby preliminarily authorized subject to further action of the Issuer, and application be and the same is hereby formally made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority for the Issuer to issue, sell and deliver not exceeding \$11,000,000 of Refunding Bonds in one or more series (collectively, the "Refunding Bonds"), with each series to bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding five percent (5.00%) per annum, to mature not later than September 1, 2025, and to be sold at an aggregate price not less than ninety-seven percent (97%) of the par value thereof, all in the manner provided for by the Refunding Act, for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Prior Bonds and paying the costs of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, which Refunding Bonds shall be payable and secured in accordance with the Refunding Act and as set forth above Section 3 hereof.

SECTION 2. The outstanding Bonds of the Issuer to be refunded/restructured hereunder (collectively, the "Prior Bonds") shall include all or a portion of the following:

	Outstanding Balance
Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2005	\$4,225,000
Utility Revenue Bonds	
Series 1998 – Sewer	\$415,000
Series 1999 – Sewer	\$1,975,000
Series 2000 – Sewer	\$3,820,000

SECTION 3. A. The series of Bonds issued to refund and/or restructure the Series 2005 Public Improvement Bonds shall be secured by excess of annual revenues accruing to the budget of the Issuer for the period during which such series of Bonds remain outstanding, above statutory, necessary and usual charges, all in accordance with the provisions of the Refunding Act, and all other laws on the same subject matter.

B. The Series of Bonds issued to refund the Utility Revenue Bonds shall be secured by the income, revenues and receipts derived or to be derived from operation of the utility system of the Issuer after provision has been made for payment therefrom of the reasonable and necessary expenses of administering, operating and maintaining the utility system of the Issuer, all in accordance with the Refunding Act, and all other laws on the same subject matter.

A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission by bond counsel, defined below, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall be published as soon as possible in the official journal of the Issuer or in a newspaper of general circulation within the Issuer. For a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such publication, any person in interest may contest the legality of this resolution, any provision of the Refunding Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto, and the provisions made for the security and payment of the Refunding Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to the authorization and issuance of the Refunding Bonds. After said thirty (30) days, no person may contest the regularity, formality, legality or effectiveness of this resolution, any provisions of the Refunding Bonds to be issued pursuant hereto, the provisions for the security and payment of the Refunding Bonds and the validity of all other provisions and proceedings relating to their authorization and issuance, for any cause whatsoever. Thereafter, it shall be conclusively presumed that the Refunding Bonds are legal and that every legal requirement for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds has been complied with. No court shall have authority to inquire into any of these matters after said thirty (30) days.

SECTION 5. It is hereby recognized, found and determined that a real necessity exists for the employment of bond counsel in connection with the Refunding, and accordingly, Mahtook & La Fleur, Ville Platte and Lafayette, Louisiana are hereby employed as bond counsel to do and perform comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work. Said bond counsel shall prepare and submit to this Governing Authority for adoption of all the proceedings incidental to the authorization issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, shall counsel and advise this Governing Authority as to the issuance and sale of the Bonds, shall take all steps in their opinion necessary or desirable relative to the sale of the Bonds and shall furnish their opinion covering the legality of the issuance thereof. The fee of bond counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is hereby fixed at a sum not exceeding the maximum fee allowed by the Attorney General's fee schedule for comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue

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bonds, based on the amount of the actually issued, sold, delivered and paid for, plus reasonable "out-of-pocket" expenses, said fee to be contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds all of which is subject to review and approval by the Louisiana State Bond Commission. That pursuant to instructions from this Governing Authority and if deemed necessary, said bond counsel shall also assist in the preparation of a preliminary and final official statement containing detailed comprehensive financial and statistical data required with respect to the sale of the Bonds and the costs of the preparation and printing of such official statement shall be paid from the proceeds of the issue for which it has been prepared.

SECTION 6. Employment of Underwriter/Placement Agent. Sisung Securities Corporation, New Orleans, Louisiana, are hereby appointed as underwriter (in the event of a public sale) or placement agent (in the event of a private sale) in connection with the Bonds. Any compensation to the underwriter or placement agent is to be subsequently approved by the Governing Authority and is to be paid from the proceeds of the Bonds and contingent upon the issuance of the Bonds; provided that no compensation shall be due to the underwriter or placement agent unless the Bonds are sold and delivered and all costs must be reasonable and approved by the Governing Authority.

SECTION 7. The Mayor and Clerk of the Issuer are hereby authorized to do all things necessary, on the advice of bond counsel to the Issuer, to effectuate and implement this Resolution, including the publication and recordation hereof as required by the Refunding Act.

SECTION 8. By virtue of Issuer's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc.", adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 9. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 10. All other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

And the resolution as declared adopted on this, the 13th day of March, 2012.

Member	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Alsandor, Julius (District A)	X			
Briggs, Blair (District C)	X			
Butler, Louis Jr. (District B)	X			
Charles, Joseph (Alderman-at-Large)	X			
Martin, Jacqueline (District E)	X			
Tatum, Reginald "Reggie" (District D)	X			

Deleted: ¶

Karen Frank, Clerk

Donald Cravins, Sr., Mayor

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A PROCUREMENT POLICY TO MAKE ANY CITY PURCHASES UNDER STATE CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN THE LOUISIANA PROCUREMENT CODE (R.S. 39:1551)

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 06 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A PROCUREMENT POLICY TO MAKE ANY PURCHASES UNDER STATE CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN THE LOUISIANA PROCUREMENT CODE (R.S. 39:1551-1980)

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas wishes to adopt a procurement policy; and

WHEREAS, the City shall have the authority to make purchases from vendors who are on an approved state list of vendors for State Purchasing contracts (R.S. 39:1551-1980); and

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WHEREAS, the City may purchase an item at the state bid price through a local vendor and may pay to the local vendor the cost for shipping, preparation and delivery of the item, provided that these costs shall not exceed the state bid price by seven percent (7%) on purchases up to ten thousand dollars, five percent (5%) on purchases over ten thousand dollars and up to twenty thousand dollars, and three percent (3%) on purchases over twenty thousand dollars (Acts 1993, No. 779).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Opelousas hereby adopts the Procurement Policy to make any city purchases under state contract.

The above resolution having been submitted to a roll call vote was adopted as follows:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Done and signed this 13th day of March 2012.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE THE NECESSARY BUDGET CUTS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CPA TO AVOID ANY BUDGET SHORTFALLS.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07 OF 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE THE NECESSARY BUDGET CUTS
CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CPA TO AVOID ANY BUDGET SHORTFALLS

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas adopts an operating budget each fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the current auditing firm of Kolder & Company, Certified Public Accountants (CPA), that the City make necessary budget cuts to avoid any budget shortfalls;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas do hereby authorize the Mayor to make the necessary budget cuts consistent with the recommendation of the CPA to avoid any budget shortfalls.

The above resolution having been submitted to a roll call vote was adopted as follows:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Done and signed this 13th day of March 2012.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, and seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to award contract to Romel Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$9,333.00 to demolish the building at 810 N. Main Street and haul off all debris to appropriate LDEQ landfills. Romel Enterprises, Inc. was the lowest bidder meeting the specifications submitted by the Code Enforcement Department.

At this time, Alderman Julius Alsandor stated that he does agree that if Mr. Bellard does not meet the requirements that were set forth by the Council in the January meeting, then the building needs to be demolished. Alderman Alsandor stated that Mr. Bellard was given three month; however, Ms. Frank disputed this and pointed out that no specific amount of time was given in the motion for demolition. Mr. James "Cobb" Bellard addressed the Council regarding the demolition of the house located at 810 N. Main Street. Mr. Bellard stated that during this whole process he was never legally notified regarding this property and that Code Enforcement and the lawyer were sending the notifications to the previous owner and not to him. He stated that he notified Code Enforcement of this. He stated that he was going to move the house from the property and was under the impression that he had 90 days to complete this job.

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On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Police Officer First Class Robert Fontenot, effective 03/08/2012.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the promotion of the following from Police Officer to Police Officer First Class, effective 03/18/2012:

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- a. Thad Leger
- b. Meddrick Pickens

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the termination of Military Leave without pay and resume full-time position for Police Officer Romalis Curtis, effective 03/15/2012.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the administrative leave with pay pending termination for Police Officer First Class Yolanda Lewis, effective 03/12/2012.

A roll call vote to approve the Consents Section was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Rev. Woodrow Thompson addressed the Council regarding the issue of requesting a variance to place a mobile home on his property. Rev. Thompson stated that the City of Ville Platte is requesting that he come to court and answer questions as to why his grandson will not take the responsibility of raising his children. Alderman Julius Alsandor stated that he has no more comments with reference to this decision that was previously made. Alderman Charles made a motion to approve a variance on said property to allow a mobile home. The current zoning ordinance was discussed and it was determined that the neighbors would have to be re-notified before a decision could be made. The City Attorney stated that the whole process would have to be done again. Mayor Cravins stated that legally the Council cannot vote to change an action that was already finalized without re-advertising it because the people who left that meeting were under the impression that the issue had been laid to rest. Alderman Charles withdrew his motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Julius Alsandor announced that statewide testing starts next Tuesday and after the Easter break LEAP testing would be starting on April 12, 2012.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously seconded and carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR