

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2011

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 11th of January 2011 at 4:00 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 in recognition of Mr. Johnny Little, a City employee who perished in a fire during the holidays. Alderman Blair Briggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 12/14/2010.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: **adding under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 6-A**, "Request by Tanya Duffy to open a medical transportation business (Advance Care Transportation Company) in the City of Opelousas"; **deleting under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 8**, "Presentation regarding payment to Mr. Joseph Bellard"; **adding a RESOLUTIONS Section, Item No. 13-A**, "A Resolution to Adopt the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan"; **Item No. 13-B**, "A Resolution Appointing Mr. Harvey Darbonne to the Opelousas Housing Authority Board"; **adding under the Consents Section, Item No. 16-A**, "Approve the suspension of Jared Fontenot in the Fire Department"; **Item No. 16-B**, "Approve the suspension of Brad Carlin in the Fire Department"; **Item No. 16-C**, "Approve the suspension of Clarence Howard in the Code Enforcement Department"; **adding under the RESOLUTIONS Section, Item No. 13-C**, "A Resolution establishing the meeting place for all regular and special meetings of the City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen as 105 N. Main Street"; **deleting under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 7**, "Discussion regarding Mr. Ron Turner's employment status".

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Mr. Darryl Wagley for Employee of the Month. The Employee of the Month chosen for December 2010 is Mr. Raymond Thibodeaux and he has been employed with the Public Works Department for 30 years. Mr. Thibodeaux is married and has two sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren.

Request by Tanya Duffy to open a medical transportation business (Advance Care Transportation Company) in the City of Opelousas. Ms. Duffy notified Alderman Tatum prior to the meeting that she would be late so this item was passed over until her arrival.

Discussion regarding Mr. Ron Turner's employment status. (Item deleted - employee was not notified prior to the meeting).

Presentation regarding payment to Mr. Joseph Bellard. (Item Deleted)

Presentation by Attorney Pride Doran. Attorney Doran discussed the ruling from the lawsuit Richard Hollier vs. Wilbert Levier. He stated that this was an issue of controversy regarding the method of appointment of at least two members of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Hollier, who previously served on the Commission, contested as unconstitutional the statute that was passed that allowed two members to be chosen by the employees. A hearing was held in September 2010 and just this week the City received an order from Judge Daigle where he agreed with Mr. Hollier. Mayor Cravins has directed Attorney Doran to appeal this ruling before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Alderman Reginald Tatum stated that because of this litigation, Civil Service has not been able to function. They have not had any meetings in the last 5 ½ months because they were waiting on the determination of this ruling. Attorney Doran stated that this was a bad decision on Civil Service's part. He stated that the reasons for judgment are not final until the City decides not to appeal. Attorney Doran stated that there was nothing prohibiting Civil Service from conducting business as it had been until there was a final order from a court saying this is illegal. Alderman Tatum asked Ms. Linda Walker who had informed her not to

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have meetings. Ms. Walker stated that the Civil Service attorney Daniel Landry advised the board that it would be wise not to continue meeting because he was not sure of which way the suit would go. Attorney Doran stated that Civil Service should move forward even though there is a lawsuit. Alderman Julius Alsandor stated that meetings should be scheduled and business should be taking place as normal.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. The well and pumping facilities at the Med-South site will be completed and ready for service in about six weeks and the engineers are waiting for approval for the Hiram Street Bridge project to advertise and submit to Facility Planning and Control. The elevated tank is still on hold waiting on the negotiations for the site with Evangeline Downs.

BIDS

Accept bids for Concrete (Bid #01-11). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for bids for Concrete (Bid #01-11), two (2) bids were received:

Bidder	3000 psi	4000 psi	Extra Cement	Ca. Chloride	Fiber
Barry Concrete	\$84.00/yd	\$88.00/yd	\$4.00/bag	\$3.50/yd	\$7.50/bundle
Angelle Concrete	\$92.00/yd	\$96.00/yd	\$4.00/bag	\$3.00/yd	\$7.50/bundle

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World, a Public Hearing was opened at 4:36 p.m. for the purpose of amending the budget from line item to line item.

DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT	FROM	TO
Code Enforcement	\$ 2,000.00	54240-7000 (Capital Outlay)	54240-2232 (Materials & Supplies)
	\$60,000.00	Tax Revenue Grant for Permitting Software	54240-7000 (Capital Outlay)
Tourism	\$ 1,000.00	Grant from Wal-Mart	54560-3418 (Main Street Events)

The Public Hearing was closed at 4:38 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve amending of the budget from line item to line item. 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

Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World, a Public Hearing was opened at 4:39 p.m. to amend an ordinance to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Building Code (IBC), the International Existing Building Code (IEBC), the International Residential Code (IRC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code], the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC), and the 2008 Edition of the National Electric Code (NEC).

Mr. Vernon Fontenot asked how individuals can build certain things without a permit. Ms. Margaret Doucet stated that some people just don't know they have to get permits for certain projects. She stated that Code Enforcement rides around the City and if they see something like this going on, then they issue a cease order until a permit is purchased. If the project has already been completed, then they will document the fact that the project was not inspected prior to the permit being purchased. Dr. Rosemary St. Clergy stated that when she drives around, she sees many things that are done without

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a permit. Rev. Walton Dunbar suggested that the Council consider taking under advisement to add to its coffers by increasing the fine for not purchasing a permit.
The Public Hearing was closed at 4:46 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2011
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE COMPREHENSIVE
BUILDING REGULATIONS FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS,
LOUISIANA, RELATIVE TO THE BUILDING CODE;
AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that Standard Building Code, Chapter 5 of the comprehensive building regulations for the City of Opelousas, Louisiana is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ADOPTED

Effective January 1, 2011, pursuant to LA. R.S. 40:1730.21, et seq., there is hereby adopted, for the purpose of regulating the construction, alterations, repair, equipment, use and occupancy and maintenance of every building or structure or any appurtenance connected or attached to such buildings or structures, excluding farm structures and recreational camps, the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code is incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein and shall be controlling within the corporate limits of the city. The Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code shall consist of the following:

A. In accordance with the requirements set forth in RS. 40: 1730.28, effective January 1, 2011 (excepting the National Electric Code which is presently in effect), the following is hereby adopted as the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code. (The "Louisiana State Plumbing Code" shall replace all references to the "International Plumbing Code" in the following codes)

1.a. International Building Code (IBC), 2009 Edition, not including Chapter 1, Administration, Chapter 11, Accessibility, Chapter 27, Electrical and Chapter 29, Plumbing Systems. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. Furthermore, IBC shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Building Code:

- i. Amend Chapter 10, Section 1018.1 Construction., Exceptions: Add the following Exception Number 5
5. A fire-resistance rating is not required for corridors in an occupancy Group B with an occupant load greater than 30 if the corridor serves a single tenant and meets the IBC definition of aisle.
- ii. Amend Chapter 23, Section 2308.2, Limitations, Exceptions 4 as follows: Wind speeds shall not exceed 110 miles per hour (mph) (48.4m/s) (3-second gust) for buildings in Exposure Category B.

2. International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2009 Edition, not including Chapter 1, Administration, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

3.a. International Residential Code (IRC), 2009 Edition, not including Parts I-Administrative, V-Mechanical, VII-Plumbing and VIII-Electrical. The applicable standards referenced in that code are included for regulation of construction within this state. The enforcement of such standards shall be mandatory only with respect to new construction, reconstruction, additions to homes previously built to the International Residential Code, and extensive alterations. Appendix J, Existing Buildings and Structures, may be adopted and enforced only at the option of a parish, municipality, or regional planning commission. For purposes of this part, section R301.2.1.1 of the 2003 edition of the International Residential Code is hereby specifically adopted in lieu of the 2009 edition. Part IV-Energy Conservation of the latest edition of the International Residential Code is hereby amended to require that supply and return ducts be insulated to a minimum of R-6. Furthermore, IRC R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria) shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code:

- i. amendment of R301.2.1.1 (Design Criteria);
- ii. item 5, Concrete construction shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of the 2009 IRC.
- iii. item 6, the American Concrete Institute, Guide to Concrete Masonry Residential Construction in High Winds Areas, shall be added;
- iv. item 7, Institute for Business and Home Safety, Optional Code-plus Fortified for Safer Living, shall be added;
- v. item 8, Federal Alliance for Safe Homes, Optional Code-plus Blueprint for Safety, shall be added.
- vi. item 9, International Code Council ICC Standards for Residential Construction in High Wind Regions.(ICC-600), shall be added.
- vii. item 10, Structural Insulated Panel (SIP) wall shall be designed in accordance with the provisions of the 2009 IRC.

3.b. Additionally, Section 302, R302.1 Exterior Walls shall be amended to add the following exception:

- i. On lots that are 50 feet or less in width and that contain a one or two family dwelling or townhouse that was in existence prior to October 1, 2005, the following are permitted for rebuilding:
 - (a). a projection 2 feet from the property line with a 1 hour minimum fire-resistance rating on the underside.
 - (b). a wall 3 feet or more from the property with a 0 hour minimum fire-resistance rating.

3.c. Additionally, IRC shall be amended as follows and shall only apply to the International Residential Code.

- i. Substitute Chapter 3, Section R317 Dwelling Unit Separation of the 2006 IRC, in lieu of the Section 313 Automatic Fire

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Sprinkler Systems of the 2009 IRC. In addition Chapter 3, Section R 302.2 Townhouses, of the 2009 IRC, is amended as follows: Exception: a common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall is permitted for townhouses if such walls do not contain plumbing or mechanical equipment, ducts or vents in the cavity of the common wall. Electrical installations shall be installed in accordance with Chapters 34 through 43. Penetrations of electrical outlet boxes shall be in accordance with Section R302.4. Furthermore Chapter 3 Section R302.2.4 Structural Independence, of the 2009 IRC, is amended as follows: Exceptions: Number 5 *Townhouses* separated by a common 2-hour fire-resistance-rated wall as provided in Section R302.2 Townhouses as amended above.

- ii. Amend Chapter 3, Section R315.2 Where required in existing dwellings. When Alterations, repairs or additions occur or where one or more sleeping rooms are added or created in existing dwellings that have attached garages or in existing dwellings within which fuel fired appliances exist, carbon monoxide alarms shall be provided in accordance with Section R315.1.

- iii. Substitute Chapter 11, Energy Efficiency of the 2006 IRC, in lieu of Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency of the 2009 IRC.

4.a. International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2009 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state. Also included for regulation, the Louisiana One- and Two- Family Supplement to the 2006 International Mechanical Code. Furthermore, the International Mechanical Code, 2006 Edition, Chapter 1, Section 101.2 Scope is amended as follows: Exception: Detached one- and two- family dwellings and multiple single-family dwellings (townhouses) not more than three stories high with separate means of egress and their accessory structures shall comply with the Louisiana One- and Two- Family Supplement to the 2006 International Mechanical Code. Furthermore, IMC shall be amended to include the following:

- i. Amend Chapter 1, Section 103.2. The code official shall be appointed by the chief appointing authority of the jurisdiction; and the code official shall not be removed from office except for cause and after full opportunity to be heard on specific and relevant charges by and before the appointing authority.
- ii. Amend Chapter 6, Section 606.4.1 Supervision. The duct smoke detectors shall be connected to a fire alarm system where a fire alarm system is required by Section 907.2 of the International Fire Code or locally adopted fire code. The actuation of a duct smoke detector shall activate a visible and audible supervisory signal at a constantly attended location.

5. The Louisiana State Plumbing Code [Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code] as amended by the state health officer acting through the Office of Public Health of the Department of Health and Hospitals. Nothing in this Part shall be construed so as to prevent the state health officer from enforcing Part XIV (Plumbing) of the State Sanitary Code, the enforcement of which is his statutory and regulatory responsibility.

6. International Fuel Gas Code (IFCG), 2009 Edition, and the standards referenced in that code for regulation of construction within this state.

7. National Electric Code (NEC), 2008 Edition, effective January 1, 2010.

ARTICLE II.

Be it further ordained that if any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not effect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

ARTICLE III.

Be it further ordained that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on the 14th day of December, 2010, by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, notice of Public Hearing having been published on the 23rd and 26th days of December 2010, said Public Hearing having been held, title having been read and Ordinance considered, on motion by Alderman Joseph Charles, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to adopt the Ordinance. A record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the above Ordinance duly adopted on the 11th day of January, 2011.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

RESOLUTIONS

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A Resolution to Adopt the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2011
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT AND
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas has received approval of a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2010, and

WHEREAS, the LCDBG Program requires that all grant recipients adopt by resolution a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Opelousas hereby adopts the attached Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

THUS DONE this 11th day of January, 2011, in legal session in the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry and State of Louisiana.

The above resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 11th day of January 2011 as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

A Resolution Appointing Mr. Harvey Darbonne to the Opelousas Housing Authority Board. Alderman Reginald Tatum stated he thought that once they served on the Council then they had to wait two years before they could hold any position in the City other than elected. Attorney Doran will research this matter. This item will be tabled until next month.

A Resolution establishing the meeting place for all regular and special meetings of the City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen as 105 N. Main Street.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2011
A RESOLUTION STATING THE LOCATION OF ALL REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF THE CITY
OF OPELOUSAS BOARD OF ALDERMEN

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen meets on a regular basis to conduct the business of the City of Opelousas; and

WHEREAS, the Executive offices of the City of Opelousas were recently moved to a new location;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all regular and special meetings of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas will be conducted at 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana unless otherwise noted.

The above resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 11th day of January 2011 as follows:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the Mayor's recommendations for appointments for 2011 as follows:

Mayor Pro-Tempore 2011
Alderman Reginald Tatum

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Budget Committee

Julius Alsandor, Chairman
Jacqueline Martin, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Charles
Blair Briggs

Personnel Committee

Jacqueline Martin, Chairman
Blair Briggs, Vice-Chairman
Reginald Tatum
Louis Butler, Jr.

General Services Committee

Louis Butler, Jr., Chairman
Julius Alsandor, Vice-Chairman
Reginald Tatum
Joseph Charles

Official Journal

Daily World

Engineering Firm

Morgan Goudeau & Associates

Auditing Firm

John S. Dowling & Co.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to ratify the Mayor's Appointments for 2011 as heads of principal Executive Departments as follows (with the exception of the Civil Service Department of which the director is appointed by the Municipal Civil Service Board):

City Attorney – Pride Doran

City Clerk – Karen Frank

Chief Administrative Officer – Laura Balthazar

Code Enforcement Director – Margaret Doucet

Tourism & Culture Director – Melanie Lee Lebouef

Parks & Recreation Director – Ken Vidrine

Civic Center Director – Eva Noel

Fire Department Director – Chief Lee Cahanin

Purchasing Supervisor – Ms. Willie Washington

Waste Water Service Director – Patricia Barnaba

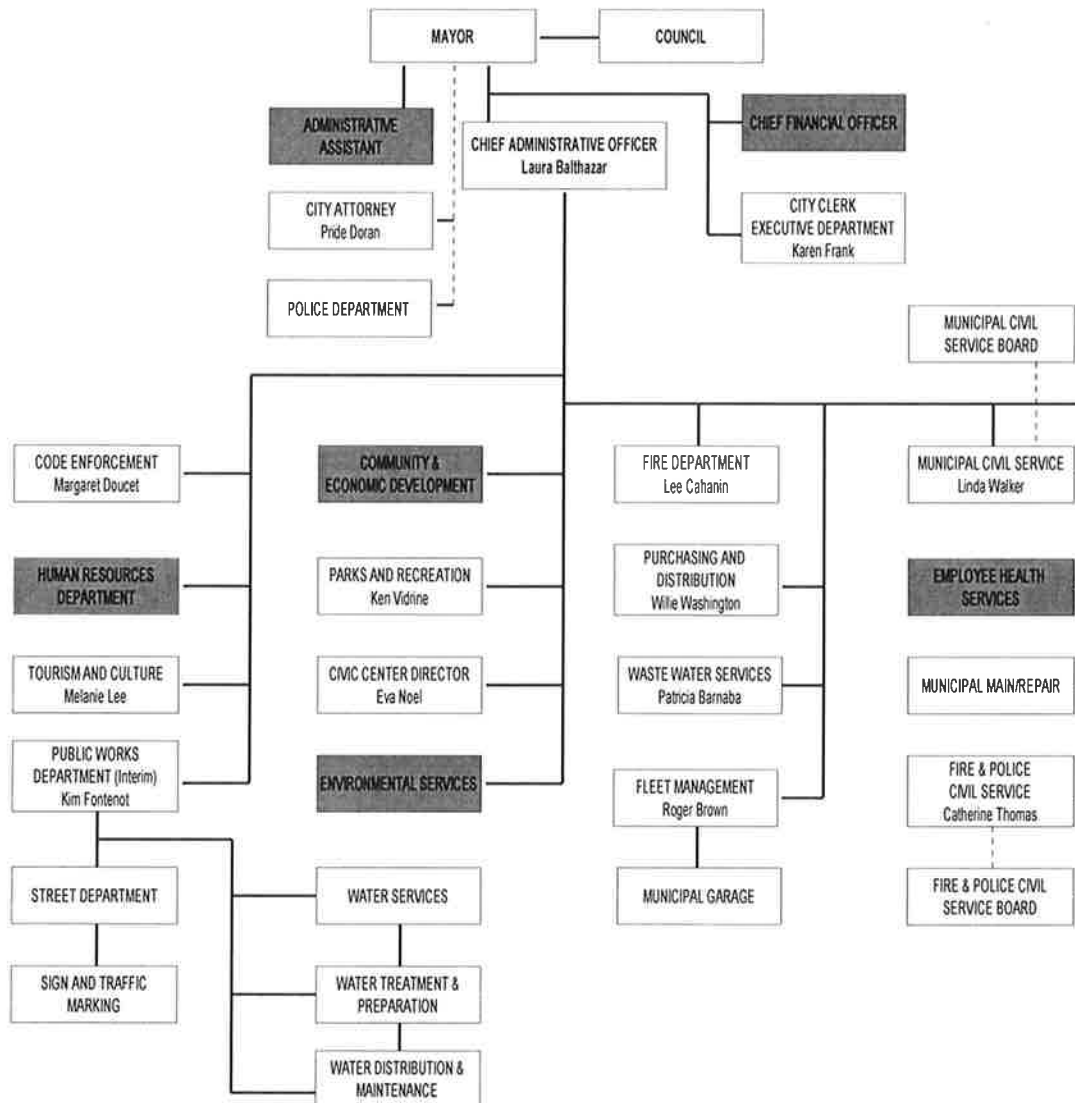
Fleet Management – Roger Brown

Public Works Director (interim) – Mr. Kim Fontenot

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Ms. Linda Walker, Municipal Civil Service Director, wanted it stated for the record that the Department Heads are still under Municipal Civil Service.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the suspension of Jared Fontenot in the Fire Department for eighteen (18) calendar days for violation of R.S. 33:2500(5), *Corrective and disciplinary action for maintaining standards of service: conduct of a discourteous or wantonly offensive nature toward the public, any municipal officer or employee; and, any dishonest, disgraceful, or immoral conduct (disloyalty to the organization)*, effective 01/11/2011.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the suspension of Brad Carlin in the Fire Department for eighteen (18) calendar days for violation of R.S. 33:2500, *Corrective and disciplinary action for maintaining standards of service (tardiness)*, effective 01/18/2011.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the suspension of Clarence Howard in the Code Enforcement Department for seven (7) days for insubordination, effective 01/12/2011.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise a Public Hearing to amend Chapter 2, Section 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Opelousas, "Changing Meeting Time" to change the meeting time of the Regular Council Meeting from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise a Public Hearing to amend Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Opelousas relating to "Sales and Use Tax" to decrease the amount of vendor compensation for sales tax.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise a Public Hearing regarding the following properties:

- a. Catherine Gabriel, George Morgan, Vine & Oak (Abandoned Mobile Home)
- b. Mary Ann Thierry Anderson, 521 & 529 Sapphire Street (Abandoned Mobile Homes & Wood Frame Structure)
- c. World Wide Development Group Inc, 1363 N. Market Street (Abandoned Wood Frame & Block Structure)

At this time, Ms. Tanya Duffy was recognized regarding her request to open a medical transportation business (Advance Care Transportation Company) in the City of Opelousas. Ms. Duffy plans to open a non-emergency medical transportation company. Attorney Pride Doran spoke about some potential problems with whether her company would be required to get a taxi permit, an ambulance permit, or none of the above. He agrees with Ms. Duffy that there is an argument that her business does not fit under either; but, by the definitions that are provided by the Code, there is an argument that goes the other way. Attorney Doran suggested to the Council that they do a two-line exception for non-emergency medical services. It could be done by amendment form with a Public Hearing. Alderman Tatum suggested that they review this item. Ms. Karen Frank suggested that they introduce the amendment at this meeting and have the Public Hearing at next month's meeting. Attorney Doran stated that he did not want to submit a handwritten amendment but would have something to present at next month's meeting regarding this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Walton Dunbar inquired about the Resolution to rename Jefferson Street to Devery Henderson, Jr. Drive. He wanted to know when the official renaming and putting up of signs would be. He said that this normally takes place a year after the Resolution was adopted which was in February 2010. He wanted to know if the 911 office had approved this. Attorney Doran stated that he was not involved in this aspect of it and was not aware of the law that Rev. Dunbar was citing in terms of the one year period. Rev. Dunbar stated that Alderman Tatum had mentioned this at the meeting in February 2010. Alderman Tatum stated that he said that they had to wait to hear from 911.

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Dr. Rosemary St. Clergy stated that the Opelousas Historic District lawsuit is going forward. The court date that was scheduled for December 7, 2010 was continued until January 18 or January 25, 2011. Next, Dr. St. Clergy stated that about a year ago, she and her son purchased the old Pavy home on West Vine Street. They have been restoring the house and would like to have an open house in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce. She would like to invite the City Council, the Mayor and any one else who would like to come. She will let them know the date and time when it becomes available. Dr. St. Clergy then inquired about the property located at 727 Perry Lane. She stated that the owners were granted a 45-day extension in March 2010. In June, it was brought before the Council and a motion was made at the Public Hearing to have it demolished. In July, it was voted to have it demolished but in October 2010, Ms. Doucet stated that she sent the inspectors out to the site and they reported that the violations found were repairable. Dr. St. Clergy wanted to know why inspectors were going out when the property was ordered for demolition. Mayor Cravins requested that Alderman Julius Alsandor look into this matter since this property is in his district. Lastly, Dr. St. Clergy commented regarding Mr. Fontenot's statement regarding work being done without permits. She stated that she knows Ms. Doucet has a lot on her plate, but it is the Mayor and Council's responsibility to see that these things are done.

At this time, Mr. John Washington, a resident of Jefferson Street, commented on the street name change. His opinion is that it would be very expensive to go through the process and he feels that the money could be used wisely on some many things in the parish because it is a poor parish.

Mr. Washington said that it would also be expensive for him as a homeowner. He suggested that there should be a meeting of the homeowners before they actually go through the process of changing Jefferson Street to Devery Henderson Blvd. Mr. Washington feels that Mr. Henderson does deserve some recognition but does not feel that they should go through this very expensive process because the money could be used wisely in another process.

Alderman Julius Alsandor announced that during the Martin Luther King weekend, his fraternity will be holding their annual BBQ Dinner sale at Holy Ghost Catholic Church cafeteria between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR