

A SPECIAL MEETING
FRIDAY
MAY 1, 2020
10:00 A.M.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING

Opelousas, Louisiana
April 29, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, has been ordered and called and will be held at their regular meeting place in the Meeting Room at City Hall, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. for the following purpose:

ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Opelousas to Take Necessary Measures to Address Reductions in Water and Sewer Revenue due to the COVID-19 Emergency.

And to take all action necessary in the premises and to take up all other matters which might properly come before the meeting.



MAYOR, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LA

With Mayor Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order. The following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

The Clerk read the Acknowledgement of Electronic Service:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

I do hereby ACKNOWLEDGE that I did electronically receive the 24-hour notice of service for the Special Meeting of Friday, May 1, 2020, to be held at Ten (10:00 o'clock A.M.

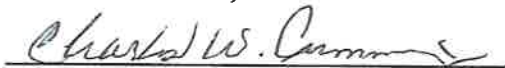


Alderman-at-Large




Alderman, District A

Alderman, District B



Alderman, District C



Alderman, District D



Alderwoman, District E

Absent, but Received notification.

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After a moment of silent meditation, the Prayer was led by Attorney Travis Broussard. The Pledge to the U.S. Flag was led by Alderman Charles Cummings.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to adopt the agenda as documented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing, the meeting was not open to the general public but was LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website. Mayor Alsandor asked the Clerk if there were any submission of comments or questions that were emailed or sent in to her. The Clerk confirmed that she had received nothing and that she had checked her voicemail and email prior to the meeting and nothing was submitted from the Mayor's office.

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Alderman Milton Batiste requested that the Council be provided with a bi-weekly or monthly update of the status of the City's financial condition as they move forward during the pandemic. Alderman Batiste also requested that any furloughed employees be assisted with access to technology to seek other income sources. Mayor Alsandor stated that although the Library is closed right now, the employees would be given access to use the computers there is they so needed. Police Chief Martin McLendon asked if this item was in reference to the furloughs and he wanted to know if a list of the employees would be provided and also would the employees be notified in a timely manner. Mayor Alsandor stated that it is the City's intent to notify the furloughed employees today.

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts:

RESOLUTION NO. 07 OF 2020

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Opelousas to Take Necessary Measures to Address Reductions in Water and Sewer Revenue due to the COVID-19 Emergency.

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas has sustained losses in revenue from water and sewer utilities, among other sources of revenue, because of the COVID-19 emergency;

WHEREAS, the executive administration of the City has advised that the City of Opelousas is collecting 35% less per month in revenue from water and sewer utilities;

WHEREAS, this 35% reduction equates to a monthly loss in revenue of approximately \$136,000 from these utilities;

WHEREAS, the executive administration has proposed a reduction in work force or hours to address the economic loss;

WHEREAS, the proposal came before the City Council on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., pursuant to a special meeting of the City Council called and properly noticed by the Mayor, Hon. Julius Alsandor;


WHEREAS, a vote was taken, and the following votes were recorded:

	Yea	Nay	Absent
Marvin Richard, Alderman at large	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Milton Batiste, Mayor Pro Tempore, District A	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Floyd Ford, District B	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Charles Cummings, District C	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sherell Roberts, District D	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Chasity Davis, District E	<u>X</u>	_____	_____


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NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that the Mayor of the City of Opelousas is duly authorized to take any necessary action, including but not limited to reductions in work force and/or hours, to address the projected monthly loss in revenue from water and sewer utilities in the City of Opelousas.

Attest:



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk



Honorable Julius Alsandor, Mayor

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.


ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

ATTEST:



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk



Julius Alsandor, Mayor