

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2020

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 18th day of August 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing and limited occupancy requirements, the meeting was open to limited general public and was **LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website.**

With Mayor Pro-Tem Milton Batiste III presiding in the absence of Mayor Julius Alsandor, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Batiste requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Pastor Paul Gatlin, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, led the prayer. Retired First Sergeant Ronald Milburn, U.S. Army, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 07/14/2020 and the Special Meeting held 07/25/2020. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

- **Five-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.** Mayor Pro-Tem Batiste checked with the City Clerk to find out if there had been any public comments submitted. The Clerk confirmed that no messages, emails or comments/questions had been received regarding the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Remarks from Mr. Tim Marks with Opelousas General Health Systems regarding COVID-19 updates. Mr. Marks stated that Louisiana has seen a little over 139,500 cases and currently across the State 1,204 patients in the hospital with COVID and 187 of those on ventilators. In our region, we've seen close to 21,000 cases and parish wide, just under 3,000. In our parish, we are averaging around 300-350 tests a day and about 18 percent of those tests are coming back positive. At the hospital they have treated a total of 230 patients to date so far. Over the last 3 – 4 weeks, they are averaging 25 COVID patients a day. The turn-around time on testing has improved a lot. Typically, within 72 hours or less, they have results back. Drive-thru sites are open and the public can call 337-678-4705 to set up an appointment for testing. Cases are still at a plateau and flu season is right upon us. Mr. Wilbert Levier had concerns about the children returning to school. Mayor Pro-Tem Batiste and Mr. Marks confirmed that the schools would be providing virtual schooling for the students.
- Property Tax Millage is scheduled for adoption at the September 8, 2020 Council Meeting.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the City of Opelousas of the Parish of St. Landry will be held at the regular meeting place, City Hall, located at, 105 North Main St., Opelousas, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rate after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected for General Alimony in the next tax year from the increased millage is \$1,006,160.82 and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$32,456.80.

- Announcement by Ms. Lena Charles regarding Opelousas Downtown Development District (ODDD). Ms. Charles stated that the ODDD is process of rescheduling and revising the Master Plan. One of the projects they are involved in is the Lighting for the I-49 Corridor at no cost to the City. There is a resolution that is to be adopted later in the meeting that refers to this project.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. None.

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods, City Accountant, provided the Council members with a financial summary report of the City's revenue and expenditures for the month ending July 31, 2020. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Finance Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Engineer's Monthly Report. Mr. William Jarrell was not in attendance. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Report was provided to the Council members.

City Attorney's Report (*Deferred to Executive Session*).

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OLD BUSINESS

Revisit request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at the 600 Block of Joseph St. to move a mobile home on the property (Melissa Buckman). On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwomen Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at the 600 Block of Joseph St. to move a mobile home on the property (Melissa Buckman). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Floyd Ford.

ABSENT: None.

Revisit discussion of property located at 431 W. Landry Street (Debra Bowman ETALS – Abandoned Structure) for status update of previous demolition/condemnation hearing. Ms. Debra Bowman was not present. Mr. Patrick Bowman, her brother, spoke on behalf of the family. He is requesting another stay on the demolition. Mrs. Phyllis Fisher offered to purchase the property from the Bowmans because her building is next door to that property. After further discussion, no compromise was found between the two parties. Alderwoman Roberts suggested that the Board make a decision and that the two parties discuss the matter on their own time. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolve to have the building located at 431 W. Landry Street (Debra Bowman ETALS – Abandoned Structure) condemned and demolished. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Revisit request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at the 700 Block of Pulford St. to move a mobile home on the property (Michael Clues). On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at the 700 Block of Pulford St. to move a mobile home on the property (Michael Clues). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Floyd Ford.

ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss request for VARIANCE approval for property located in a R 1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 982 Mayer St. to move a mobile home on the property (Calvin Mark Owens). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 08/10/2020 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for property located in a R 1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 982 Mayer St. to move a mobile home on the property (Calvin Mark Owens). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE for property located in a DMU ZONE (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) at 405 N. Main St. to operate an Outreach Center providing Virtual Learning and a Before & Aftercare Center (K Land Properties LLC – Kelia S. Guillory/Tara Pitre Gordon). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 08/10/2020 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and Alderwoman Chasity Davis and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to approve the request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE for property located in a DMU ZONE (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) at 405 N. Main St. to operate an Outreach Center providing Virtual Learning and a Before & Aftercare Center (K Land Properties LLC – Kelia S. Guillory/Tara Pitre Gordon). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

BIDS

Accept Bids for Off-Site Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Two Card System (Bid #04-20). Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World* for Bids for Off-Site Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Two Card System (Bid #04-20), one (1) bid was received:

BID PROPOSAL

GASOLINE AND DIESEL OFF-SITE MOTOR FUEL 2

FOR CITY OF OPELOUSAS

FOR FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2021

AS PER SPECIFICATIONS

1. GASOLINE:
 - REGULAR UNLEADED
 - MINIMUM OCTANE 87
 - MARGIN cost plus 0.10 cents
 - MID-GRADE UNLEADED
 - MINIMUM OCTANE 89
 - MARGIN cost plus 0.10 cents
 - PREMIUM UNLEADED
 - MINIMUM OCTANE 92
 - MARGIN cost plus 0.10 cents
 - BASE PRICE: WEEKLY PRICE ESTABLISHED BY OPIS, LAKE CHARLES TERMINAL
 - LA STATE FUEL TAX – 0.2
 - FEDERAL TAX: EXEMPT

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2. DIESEL FUEL:

#2 DIESEL

BASE PRICE: WEEKLY OPIS PAD 3 REPORT, LAKE CHARLES TERMINAL
BIDS WILL BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATED ANNUAL USAGE:

GASOLINE:

REGULAR UNLEADED	<u>104,870</u> GALLONS
MID-GRADE UNLEADED	<u>10,930</u> GALLONS
PREMIUM UNLEADED	<u>4,200</u> GALLONS

DIESEL:

#2 DIESEL	<u>14,000</u> GALLONS
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ALL BIDS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE. THE FIRM'S NAME, ITEM BEING BID UPON, AND STATE CONTRACT NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE), AND MUST BE CLEARLY STATED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE.

FleetRite/Shop Rite

NAME OF FIRM SUBMITTING BID

STATE CONTRACT # (IF APPLICABLE)

Jan G. Janice

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

7/21/20

DATE SUBMITTED

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to take under advisement and award if the bid meets specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF EIGHT MILLION TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,026,000) UTILITY REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2020C, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BOND AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

ORDINANCE 20-

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF EIGHT MILLION TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$8,026,000) UTILITY REVENUE REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2020C, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BOND AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Said Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Floyd Ford.

INTRODUCTION AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,627,000) PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX REFUNDING BOND, SERIES 2020 OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BOND AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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Said Ordinance was introduced by Mayor Pro-Tem Milton Batiste III.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES.

ORDINANCE NO. _____ 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE OPELOUSAS MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS THE USE OF "ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES" AND ADOPTING A NEW ORDINANCE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES ADDING TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERMITTING THE DISPOSITION OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY; AND, CONTROL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES

Said Ordinance was introduced by Aldermen Floyd Ford and Marvin Richard.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020. Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:54 p.m. for a Public Hearing for consideration for Final Adoption of an Ordinance AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020. No questions or comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:56 p.m.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021. Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:56 p.m. for a Public Hearing for consideration for Final Adoption of an Ordinance ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021. No questions or comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020. (Vote Required)

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 05 OF 2020
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to amend the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City of Opelousas in August 2019 as set out in the document attached to this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City Council in summer 2019 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020, shall be and is amended as set out in the document attached to this ordinance.

<u>NAME</u>	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
HON. MARVIN RICHARD	X		
MAYOR PRO-TEM MILTON BATISTE III	X		
HON. FLOYD FORD	X		
HON. CHARLES CUMMINGS	X		
HON. SHERELL ROBERTS	X		
HON. CHASITY DAVIS	X		
TOTAL	6		


Opelousas, Louisiana this 18th day of August 2020.

CERTIFICATION

I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 05 of 2020 was duly introduced by the City Council of the City of Opelousas on the 14TH day of July 2020 by councilmember Sherell Roberts, adopted by the City Council on August 18, 2020, in legal session convened, and forwarded to the Mayor on the 19th day of August 2020.


LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 19th day of August 2020, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021. (Vote Required)

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 06 OF 2020
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act requires the City of Opelousas to adopt an annual budget of revenues and expenditures on or before August 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget must be accompanied by a budget adoption instrument;

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to adopt the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Ordinance (the "Budget Ordinance");

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Opelousas (the "City Council") held on July 14, 2020, this Budget Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Sherell Roberts pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(1)(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(2), a public hearing on the Budget Ordinance was held prior to final adoption, and notice was appropriately run as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Budget Ordinance be and is hereby adopted by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas.

*The referenced Budget is available for public inspection at City of Opelousas Municipal office,
105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana,
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)*

<u>NAME</u>	YEA	NAY	ABSENT/ABSTAIN
HON. MARVIN RICHARD	X		
MAYOR PRO-TEM MILTON BATISTE III	X		
HON. FLOYD FORD	X		
HON. CHARLES CUMMINGS	X		
HON. SHERELL ROBERTS	X		
HON. CHASITY DAVIS	X		
TOTAL	6		

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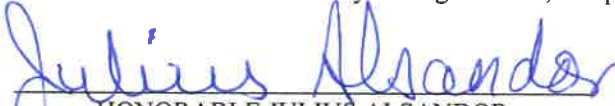
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CERTIFICATION

I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 06 of 2020 was duly introduced by the City Council of the City of Opelousas on the 14TH day of July 2020 by councilmember Sherell Roberts, adopted by the City Council on August 18, 2020, in legal session convened, and forwarded to the Mayor on the 19th day of August 2020.


LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 19th day of August 2020, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS (CITY) WITH THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (ODDD) TO UPGRADE STREET LIGHTING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF OPELOUSAS WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Floyd Ford, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 09 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“ODDD”) TO UPGRADE STREET LIGHTING IN CERTAIN AREAS OF OPELOUSAS WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the CITY OF OPELOUSAS (the “City”), represented through Mayor Julius Alsandor, and the OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (“ODDD”) represented through Chairperson Lena Charles, are political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, both parties desire to avail themselves of the provisions of Article VI, Section 20 and Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Local Services Law (Sub-Part A, Part VII, Chapter 2 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), the Cooperative Economic Development Law (Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended), and Part II, Chapter 27 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:9038.31, *et seq.*), by entering into this Agreement for the objects and purposes and under the conditions, covenants and stipulations hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana legislature created ODDD and authorized the collection of a sales tax over certain commercial enterprises within the District; ODDD is further authorized to enter into contracts and expend funds to improve the economic development within the bounds of the District;

WHEREAS, ODDD was created for the purpose of making improvements to the infrastructure within the District and has agreed to support the efforts of the CITY to enhance all public areas located in the District;

WHEREAS, the CITY entered into a Street Lighting Agreement with CENTRAL LOUISIANA ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC., (CLECO), effective May 14, 1991, under the terms of which CLECO is to provide street lights to the CITY. CLECO is obligated under the Agreement to replace any lights which are no longer operating;

WHEREAS, the CITY desires to upgrade the street lighting in certain areas of Opelousas which are located within the Opelousas Downtown Development District. The project requires the removal and replacement of approximately 150 street lights, where the existing lights will be replaced with 400-watt LED bulbs;

WHEREAS, the upgrades to the lighting system will serve to improve the safety of the citizens of Opelousas and will help in development of the downtown for business and residential purposes;

WHEREAS, ODDD has agreed to pay CLECO for the cost of the street lighting up to the sum of \$102,000.00;

WHEREAS, the participation of ODDD in this project will allow the CITY to complete the project within the shortest time period possible;

THEREFORE, ODDD does hereby agree that it will contribute funds to CLECO on behalf of the CITY for the cost of upgrading existing street lights located within the Downtown Development District, with the amount of funds to be contributed to be at the discretion of the ODDD Board of Commissioners, but not to exceed \$102,000.00.

SECTION 1: CANCELLATION

This commitment will expire on December 31, 2020, unless extended or terminated by the ODDD Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 2: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall be effective July 29, 2020.

SECTION 3: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to further economic development within ODDD and within the City of Opelousas, and the Agreement shall be liberally construed to further that purpose. To that end, the Board of Commissioners of ODDD and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the CITY shall work together to promote the well-being of the citizens of Opelousas by making improvements to the street lighting.

SECTION 4: PAYMENT

Payments to CLECO shall be made by ODDD within 30 days of receipt by ODDD of CLECO invoices for services rendered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY AND STATE OF LOUISIANA: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law as agreed upon by the following representatives of both parties:

CITY OF OPELOUSAS

JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

P O BOX 1879

OPELOUSAS, LA 70571-1879

OPELOUSAS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (ODDD)

LENA CHARLES, CHAIRPERSON

5367 I-49 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD

OPELOUSAS LA 70570

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAINING: None.

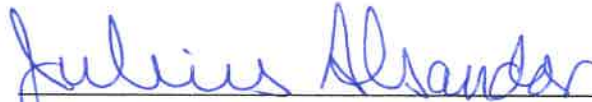
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THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$31,912.00) ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2020
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$31,912.00) ON BEHALF OF THE
OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants are used to assist with the updated equipment; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize the Mayor to apply for said Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY AND STATE OF LOUISIANA:

Section 1. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to apply for the FY 2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FY 2020 to help defray the cost for equipment for the Opelousas Police Department.

Section 2. That Council does hereby further accept said Grant on behalf of the City of Opelousas should it be awarded to the Opelousas Police Department.

Section 3. That the City of Opelousas agrees to pay the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office a total of \$12,047.00 of the JAG funds from the 2020 allocation.

Section 4. That the City of Opelousas agrees to use the \$19,865.00 from the JAG Program allocation until July 31, 2021 for the sole purpose of purchasing new upgrade laptops.

Section 5. That nothing in the performance of said Agreement shall impose any liability for claims against the City of Opelousas other than for claims which liability may be imposed by the Tort Claims Act and that each party to said Agreement will be responsible for its own actions while providing services or procuring equipment under said Agreement and shall not be responsible for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of services of procurement by the other party.

For the purpose of said Agreement, the parties nominate the following:

CITY OF OPELOUSAS

Julius Alsandor, Mayor
105 N. Main Street
Opelousas, LA 70570

ST. LANDRY PARISH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Bobby J. Guidry, St. Landry Parish Sheriff
P. O. Box 1020
Opelousas, LA 70571

Section 6. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 7. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.


ABSTAINING: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

PERSONNEL ITEMS

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the Termination of the Provisional Appointment for Provisional Police Communications Officer Claytiona R. Edwards, effective 07/15/2020. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the Probationary Status of Claytiona R. Edwards from Provisional Police Communications Officer to Probationary Police Communications Officer, effective 07/15/2020. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the Termination of Sick Leave for Permanent Police Officer First Class Gary R. Lazard, effective 07/16/2020. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the Termination of Sick Leave for Permanent Police Sergeant Baxter B. Iford, effective 07/30/2020. Employee is not back at work. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the promotion of Permanent Police Officer Roman D. West to Probational Police Officer First Class, effective 08/23/2020. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss the following pending litigation:

- *Ron Leger v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 10-2100-A, 27th Judicial District Court.*
- *Grace Roberts v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 19-040007, Office of Worker's Compensation.*
- *Johnny Stelly v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 17-05734, Office of Worker's Compensation.*

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and unanimously carried, it was resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Aldermen Marvin Richard and Floyd Ford, it was resolved to authorize the City Attorney to resolve claims for *Grace Roberts v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 19-040007, Office of Worker's Compensation* and *Johnny Stelly v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 17-05734, Office of Worker's Compensation* within the authority previously granted. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Aldermen Marvin Richard and Floyd Ford, it was resolved to authorize the City Attorney to offer a compromise in the amount of \$5,000.00 to satisfy the claim for *Ron Leger v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 10-2100-A, 27th Judicial District Court*. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:



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