

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2021

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 12th day of October 2021 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 Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Alsandor 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. Rev. Gregory Laday, pastor of Greater First Apostolic Church in Opelousas, Louisiana, led the prayer and Dr. Dawnia R. Willis, a U. S. Air Force Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 09/14/2021. 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 Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to APPROVE the following changes to the agenda:

- ❖ Under the CONSENT AGENDA Section,
 - Adding Item No. 32-A, “*Approve the Suspension of permanent Firefighter Justin Glover for Three Calendar days with loss of Three days of Seniority and 24 hours of pay, effective 10/20/2021 for violation of Opelousas Fire Department Policy Chapter Vi-D.1.A (Reporting to Duty on Time)*”.
- ❖ Under the NEW BUSINESS Section,
 - Per City Attorney, changing Item No. 11 to 11-A, “*APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON GROLEE STREET FROM SENIC BATISTE AND VANESSA HARRIS*”.
 - Adding Item No. 11-B, “*ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF A PORTION OF PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES FOR THE CROWNE PARC DEVELOPMENT*”.
 - Adding Item No. 11-C, “*Discussion by Alderman Floyd Ford regarding CLECO*”.

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 Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda with the approved changes. 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.

- **Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Presentation of 2021 Historic District Preservation Awards (La’Bellevue Petit Chateau and Former Perkins Home). Mayor Alsandor recognized the winners of the 2021 Historic Preservation Awards:
 - ❖ Commercial Division – La’Bellevue Petit Chateau, 122 E. Bellevue Street, owned by Mrs. Vera Nagy.
 - ❖ Residential Division – Former Perkins Family Home, 520 E. Grolee Street, owned by Tim and Margaret Bertrand.

Each winner was presented with a plaque of recognition and Mayor Alsandor commended Mrs. Melanie Lebouef for all her efforts on this project.

- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. No representative from OGHS was present and Mayor Alsandor gave a brief update: the positivity rate is down to 2.3% and at this time OGHS only has 2 COVID patients in the hospital; only 44% of citizens in Opelousas and the Parish have been vaccinated. Mayor Alsandor emphasized that we still need to have this done.
- Updates/Presentations by Mayor Julius Alsandor: Mayor Alsandor read a prepared statement regarding litter in our city. He stated that we have to do a better job keeping our city clean. He encouraged everyone to do what they can to get this message out and to be that example for others to follow.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. No comments or questions were submitted online or by email.

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a brief summary of the month end financial report. He stated that he wants to start meeting with all of the department heads including the Police Chief and Fire Chief at least once a month to go over our report to let them know where we stand financially. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Finance Report as presented by Mr. Stephen Woods. 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.

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Engineer's Monthly Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Status Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. William Jarrell, City Engineer, gave the following updates:

- (a) Belt Press at Wastewater Treatment Plant – has been completed and performed a startup a couple of weeks ago; the belt has been run but is not running right now because they are waiting on test results on the sludge that was produced so that it can be hauled to the landfill.
- (b) Water Meter Project – received approval from Facility Planning & Control (FP&C); currently advertising for bids for the meters to be received in the next 2 – 3 weeks.
- (c) Street Project – received bids a couple of months ago; change order request and request for award documents have been submitted to FP&C and waiting to hear back from them and will advise of what their decision is.
- (d) Pump Station Upgrades on Wastewater System – received a \$1.8 million grant from the Office of Community Development; plans are being completed right now and should be submitted Thursday or Friday for review and approval to advertise for bids.
- (e) Bike Trail (Recreational Trails Grant) – signs and sharrows on the road from North City Park to South City Park and benches at each of the trail heads and near tennis courts at South City Park and at the entrance at North City Park; waiting on materials to be delivered.
- (f) Water System Improvement Project – repairs of lines under existing railroad tracks and the ground storage tank at Med South; waiting on railroad permits and approval from FP&C to advertise for bids.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to accept the Engineer's Monthly Report as presented. 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.

City Attorney's Report. Attorney Travis Broussard stated that he had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON GROLEE STREET FROM SENIC BATISTE AND VANESSA HARRIS. Mr. Senic Batiste and Ms. Vanessa Harris contacted Mayor Alsandor about donating the building and property located on the corner of Grolee Street and Main Street to the City of Opelousas. Currently the roof is damaged—a portion of the roof is missing—along with other damages. However, it was pointed out that the building is structurally sound. Mayor Alsandor stated that they have not sent anyone inside the building yet to check for asbestos or other issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION
OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY ON GROLEE STREET

WHEREAS, Senic M. Batiste and Vanessa Harris own property situated at the southwest corner of North Main and Grolee Streets in the City of Opelousas;

WHEREAS, the property has the following legal description:

A certain lot or parcel of ground together with a brick store building and all improvements thereon located at the southwest corner of North Main and Grolee Streets, in City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, said lot having a front on Main Street equal to the entire front measurement from the said brick building 50 feet, more or less, by a depth back between parallel lines of 110 feet 10 inches and being bounded, now or formerly, as follows: North by E. Grolee Street, South by J. Howard Lafleur, or assigns, East by North Main Street, and West by the Estate of J. Austin Perkins (now property of Chase Bank, formerly Bank One).

Being the same property Bank of St. Francisville acquired from Exodus III, LLC by Act of Sheriff's Deed, dated September 5, 2021, recorded at original act number 1076461, records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Mr. Batiste and Ms. Harris desire to donate the property to the City of Opelousas;

WHEREAS, in consideration of the donation this Resolution was prepared for consideration by the Opelousas City Council;

WHEREAS, in a lawful public meeting convened by the Opelousas City Council on the 12th day of October, 2021, on motion of councilmember Charles Cummings and seconded by councilmember Milton Batiste, III, the resolution was offered for adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that the City of Opelousas approves acceptance of the donation by Senic Batiste and Vanessa Harris, and the Mayor of the municipality, Hon. Julius Alsandor, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to receive the donation.

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Attest:


LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK


JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

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ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF A PORTION OF PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES FOR THE CROWNE PARC DEVELOPMENT.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF 2021
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WAIVER OF A PORTION OF PERMITTING AND INSPECTION FEES
FOR THE CROWNE PARC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas presently has under consideration an application to annex approximately seventy (70) acres into the city limits to provide for a residential subdivision (Crowne Parc) involving private ownership of approximately 240 homes.

WHEREAS, the developer has approached the City about waiving a portion of permitting and inspection fees associated with the construction of the homes on the property to be incorporated into the City of Opelousas;

WHEREAS, according to the City's analysis, the revenues anticipated from the collection of sales taxes, property taxes, sewer fees, and water and sewer sales and services are substantially greater than the fees the City would normally collect on the permitting and inspection fees associated with construction of each house;

WHEREAS, the City projects to receive \$1,167.56 in annual revenues per house in the first year alone;

WHEREAS, on motion of councilmember Sherell Roberts and seconded by councilmember Chasity Davis, the City of Opelousas proposed a waiver of no more than \$688 per house for permitting, inspection and utility connection fees associated with each home to be constructed in Crowne Parc.

WHEREAS, for the Crowne Parc Development the water connection fee, including meter fees and deposit, shall not exceed \$765 per home.

WHEREAS, for the Crowne Parc Development the permit and inspection fees shall be \$300 per home.

WHEREAS, this Resolution was offered for adoption on the 12th day of October, 2021, and the following vote was recorded:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that

- (1) The City of Opelousas is authorized to waive a maximum of \$688 per house in permitting, and inspection fees for the Crowne Parc Development;
- (2) For the Crowne Parc Development the water connection fee, including meter fees and deposit, shall not exceed \$765 per home; and
- (3) For the Crowne Parc Development the permit and inspection fees shall be \$300 per home.

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2021.

Attest:


LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK


JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

Discussion by Alderman Floyd Ford regarding CLECO. Alderman Ford stated that he wanted to discuss the high-priced CLECO bills. He pointed out that he has been getting phone calls in daily from citizens stating that their bills have jumped drastically and it's mostly citizens who are on a fixed income. He would like to see if they can discuss that and bring attention to that. Alderman Richard stated that as elected officials they should open their mouths and voice how they feel for the people because that's what they were elected to do. He understands that everything went up because of the hurricanes. He stated that he would have expected a CLECO representative to come before them just like they did when they were negotiating the contract and explain to the people what they are doing to do to make it better for the people; and if they can't make it better, then they should renegotiate the contract. Alderwoman Davis stated that she has been receiving calls too. Mr. Donald Broussard stated that he too has been receiving calls from many different residents—many of who are on a fixed income—throughout the city about the bills. He feels that the people should have had a say in the negotiation when the contract was nearing its end, as well as having other energy corporations brought to the table. He stated that he previously brought a group here from another state to discuss alternative energy sources and that the city still has access to that group. Alderwoman Roberts stated that she is inclined to agree with what Mr. Broussard is saying. She thinks that if there are other alternatives out there then they should look at what they have to offer and she has been getting a lot of phone calls too. Alderman Ford asked if they could meet with Mr. Broussard and his colleagues. Mr. Broussard stated that once the Mayor decides how he wants to do it and gives him significant notice, then he can contact his colleagues. Alderman Richard asked if the agencies that Mr. Broussard is speaking of had ever worked with a city of this size and has the knowledge and experience that Opelousas needs. He also wants to make sure legally that they can do this. Mr. Broussard stated that they have done projects all over the world. Mr. Joseph Payne stated that they have to do something about this and if they don't speak out, then who will speak out. He stated that citizens are calling him too.

Establish Trick or Treating procedures in compliance with COVID-19 protocols. City of Opelousas Trick or Treat Trail will be held Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the South City Park Walking Trail. This new location will allow for more social distancing. Door-to-Door Trick or Treating within the city limits of Opelousas will also be held Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Discuss approval of request for the ANNEXATION of the property described below (Joseph A. Monica – Love's Truck Stop & Country Store):

ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY OF 1.577 AC. TRACT, 2 AC. TRACT, TRACT 2 & BRENT PELLOQUIN TRACT LOCATED IN SECTIONS 136, 137, 154 & 155, T-7-S, R-4-E, SOUTHWEST LAND DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA (AS PER SURVEY DONE ON FEB. 12, 2021 BY LANDSOURCE INCORPORATED FOR LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORE).

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/11/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to approve the recommendation for ANNEXATION of the property described below (Joseph A. Monica – Love's Truck Stop & Country Store):

ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY OF 1.577 AC. TRACT, 2 AC. TRACT, TRACT 2 & BRENT PELLOQUIN TRACT LOCATED IN SECTIONS 136, 137, 154 & 155, T-7-S, R-4-E, SOUTHWEST LAND DISTRICT, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA (AS PER SURVEY DONE ON FEB. 12, 2021 BY LANDSOURCE INCORPORATED FOR LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORE).

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An ordinance will be introduced at next month's meeting to consider for adoption. 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.

Discuss approval of request for ANNEXATION of property located at I-49 Exit 3233 @ Harry Guilbeau Road as a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE to build and operate a Truck Stop & Convenience Store (Joseph A. Monica – Love's Truck Stop & Country Store). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/11/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the request for property located at I-49 Exit 3233 @ Harry Guilbeau Road to be zoned as a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE to build and operate a Truck Stop & Convenience Store (Joseph A. Monica – Love's Truck Stop & Country Store). 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.

Discuss approval of request for VARIANCE approval of City of Opelousas parking requirements to allow for shared parking to meet overall parking requirements of 38 spaces (24 parking spaces on-site, 44 parking spaces including shared parking) for property located in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE at 600 Block Creswell Lane to build & operate a Fast Food Restaurant at the above-referenced location (Jacob & Mary Ann Abdalla Family Properties – McAllister's Deli), along with:

(a) VARIANCE approval for a rear building setback of 25 ft. (Instead of required 40 Ft.)

(b) CONDITIONAL USE approval to operate a Drive-thru Restaurant.

(c) SITE PLAN approval for Deli.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/11/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford and Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval of City of Opelousas parking requirements to allow for shared parking to meet overall parking requirements of 38 spaces (24 parking spaces on-site, 44 parking spaces including shared parking) for property located in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1) ZONE at 600 Block Creswell Lane to build & operate a Fast Food Restaurant at the above-referenced location (Jacob & Mary Ann Abdalla Family Properties – McAllister's Deli), along with:

(a) VARIANCE approval for a rear building setback of 25 ft. (Instead of required 40 Ft.)

(b) CONDITIONAL USE approval to operate a Drive-thru Restaurant.

(c) SITE PLAN approval for Deli.

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.

Discuss approval of request by Warner Interstate Properties 1 LLC – IDP Properties for:

(a) RE-SUBDIVISION approval for property located in a C2 (COMMERCIAL 2) ZONE at I-49 Frontage Road at the intersection of Laurent Street & Vincent Street.

(b) RE-ZONING of property from C2 (COMMERCIAL 2) to R3 (RESIDENTIAL 3).

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/11/2021 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford and Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the request by Warner Interstate Properties 1 LLC – IDP Properties for:

(a) RE-SUBDIVISION approval for property located in a C2 (COMMERCIAL 2) ZONE at I-49 Frontage Road at the intersection of Laurent Street & Vincent Street.

(b) RE-ZONING of property from C2 (COMMERCIAL 2) to R3 (RESIDENTIAL 3).

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.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING LEASE PURCHASE OF A STREET SWEEPER. *This item was tabled by the City Attorney because he did not have a written ordinance ready for introduction.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 1998 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY AND approval of plat being submitted for annexation located at Harry Guilbeau Road to be ZONED as R2 (Residential 2) Zone (RIVER BEND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.). Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. Mayor Alsandor asked if there were any questions from the Council or the public. No questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO REQUEST A CREDIT LIMIT INCREASE AND INCUR DEBT ON ITS VISA CARD ISSUED BY AMERICAN BANK. Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:16 p.m. Mayor Alsandor asked if there were any questions from the Council or the public. No questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

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A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT IN CLOS DU BOIS SUBDIVISION. Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Alsandor asked if there were any questions from the Council or the public. Alderman Charles Cummings stated that the residents of the subdivision had signed a petition to have the speed limit raised from 10 mph to 25 mph in the subdivision and over 75% of the residents were in favor of the increase. Alderman Cummings pointed out that he had checked with the police chief and unposted speed limits in the City are 25 mph. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:19 p.m.

A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY. Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m. Mayor Alsandor asked if there were any questions from the Council or the public. No questions. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:20 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 1998 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (RIVER BEND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.).

ORDINANCE NO. 06 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 1998 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (RIVER BEND DEVELOPMENT CO., INC.)

WHEREAS, River Bend Development Co., Inc., owns certain property as further described below, and said property is currently situated outside the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas (the "City");

WHEREAS, River Bend Development Co., Inc., has petitioned the governing authority of the City to annex this property into the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the City is willing to incorporate the property owned by River Bend Development Co., Inc., and has contemplated and prepared this Ordinance for the purpose of incorporating the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the boundaries of the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas shall be amended to incorporate within the limits of the City the following described property to wit:

66.551 AC TRACT LOCATED ON HARRY GUILBEAU ROAD, EXCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL 2.908 AC TRACT AS PER THE LEGAL PLAT OF SURVEY PERFORMED BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES ON NOVEMBER 8, 2018.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on September 14, 2021 by councilmember Charles Cummings, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on motion by councilmember Charles Cummings and seconded by councilmember Milton Batiste III, the following vote was held on October 12, 2021, for final adoption:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.


CERTIFICATION

I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly introduced by the City Council of the City of Opelousas on the 14th day of September 2021, adopted by the City Council on October 12, 2021, in legal session convened and forwarded to the Mayor on the 13th day of October 2021.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 13th day of October 2021.


LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 13th day of October 2021, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO REQUEST A CREDIT LIMIT INCREASE AND INCUR DEBT ON ITS VISA CARD ISSUED BY AMERICAN BANK.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 07 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO REQUEST A CREDIT LIMIT INCREASE AND INCUR DEBT ON ITS VISA CARD ISSUED BY AMERICAN BANK

Whereas, the governing authority of the City of Opelousas by Resolution No. 01 of 2019, dated January 8, 2019 authorized the City of Opelousas, through its mayor, Hon. Julius Alsandor, to apply for and to obtain a VISA credit card through American Bank;

Whereas, American Bank issued to the City of Opelousas the requested VISA CARD;

Whereas, the governing authority of the City of Opelousas by Ordinance No. 02 of 2019, dated April 10, 2019 authorized the City of Opelousas, through its mayor, Hon. Julius Alsandor, to incur debt on said card;

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Whereas, the Card currently has a maximum limit of \$10,000.00 and the City of Opelousas, through its mayor, Hon. Julius Alsandor, requests a credit limit increase of an additional \$10,000.00;

Whereas, the governing authority of the City of Opelousas desires by this Ordinance to authorize the incurrence of debt using the Card's new limit of \$20,000.00 subject to the Administrative Policy of the City of Opelousas for using such cards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that the City of Opelousas be and is hereby authorized to incur debt in the maximum amount of \$20,000.00 using the VISA Card issued by American Bank; provided, however, that any such expenditure using the Card shall be for purposes of transacting business for the City of Opelousas.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on September 14, 2021, by councilmember Charles Cummings, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

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

NAYS: Sherell Roberts.

ABSENT: None.

CERTIFICATION

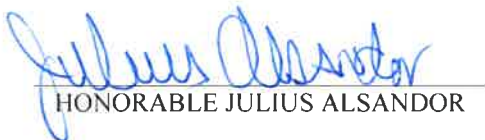
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Opelousas, Louisiana this 13th day of October, 2021.



LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 13th day of October, 2021, at Opelousas, Louisiana.



HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT IN CLOS DU BOIS SUBDIVISION.

ORDINANCE NO. 08 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE RAISING THE SPEED LIMIT IN CLOS DU BOIS SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the speed limit in Clos Du Bois subdivision is currently 10 mph throughout the subdivision;

WHEREAS, the residents of Clos Du Bois subdivision reached out to the chief of police about raising the speed limit, and the chief of police referred the matter to councilmember Charles Cummings and the City Attorney;

WHEREAS, members of the board of directors of the Clos Du Bois homeowner's association met with councilmember Charles Cummings and the City Attorney about the matter, and it was agreed that Clos Du Bois would have its residents express their consent in writing by petition;

WHEREAS, the residents of Clos Du Bois did indeed petition for an increase in the speed limit from 10 mph to 25 mph, and the petition was overwhelmingly supported by a supermajority of the residents of the subdivision;

WHEREAS, to advance the request to increase the speed limit throughout the subdivision, this ordinance was introduced by councilmember Charles Cummings on the 12th day of September 2021;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the ordinance on October 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, thereafter, on motion of councilmember Marvin Richard and seconded by councilmember Chasity Davis, the ordinance was offered for final adoption, and the following vote was tallied:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas in lawful session convened, that the speed limit in Clos Du Bois subdivision shall be increased to 25 mph.

ATTEST:



LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

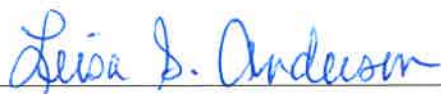


HON. JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

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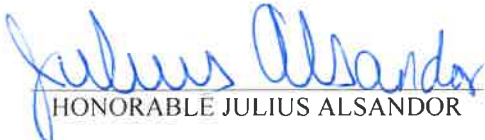
I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 08 of 2021 was adopted by the City Council on October 12, 2021, in legal session convened, and forwarded to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2021.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 13th day of October 2021.



LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 13th day of October, 2021, at Opelousas, Louisiana.



HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
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ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY (CADDO STREET).

ORDINANCE NO. 09 OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 49:125 authorizes any political subdivision of the state to sell surplus movable property at public auction or by other methods provided by law for such sales;

WHEREAS, the governing authority believes the property described below is surplus property, that is not useful for a public purpose;

WHEREAS, said property is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, MELANCON NORTH SIDE ADDITION
50' X 110', 0.126 ACRE
LOCATED ON CADDO STREET

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property was conducted by Pamela L. Harmon, LA certification #998, on August 17, 2021, and the appraisal returned a fair market value of \$4,000.00 for the property;

WHEREAS, a local resident, Mr. Floyd Dominick, has approached the city about purchasing the property via private sale at the appraised value;

WHEREAS, for purpose of advancing the request, this ordinance was introduced by councilmembers Charles Cummings and Floyd Ford in lawful session of the governing authority on September 14, 2021, and a public hearing on same was held on October 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, on motion of councilmember Floyd Ford, and seconded by councilmember Milton Batiste III, the ordinance was offered for final adoption, and the following vote was tallied:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas in lawful session convened, that the Property described above is hereby declared surplus property and not useful for a public purpose, and the same may be sold by private sale to Floyd Dominick at appraised value; provided, however, that Mr. Dominick shall assume all costs necessary to obtain title.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the mayor of the municipality, Julius Alsandor, shall be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate the sale.

ATTEST:


LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK


HON. JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR


CERTIFICATION

I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 09 of 2021 was adopted by the City Council on October 12, 2021, in legal session convened, and forwarded to the Mayor on the 13th day of October, 2021.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 13th day of October 2021.


LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 13th day of October, 2021, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

BIDS

Accept Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #05-21). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #05-21), no bids were received.

DELTA PROCESS EQUIPMENT
(10/08/2021 – bid packet returned to City unopened and marked “return to sender – not deliverable as addressed – unable to forward”)

THOMAS PUMP AND MACHINERY
(10/12/2021 – bid packet returned to City unopened and marked “return to sender – not deliverable as addressed – unable to forward”)

GAUTHIER’S WELDING SERVICE
(10/12/2021 – bid packet returned to City unopened and marked “return to sender – not deliverable as addressed – unable to forward”)

This item was tabled and will be re-advertised for bids to be accepted at next month’s meeting. No objections from the Council.

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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A STREET SWEEPER.

On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 18 of 2021

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT
FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A "STREET SWEEPER".

WHEREAS, Upon approval of the City attorney, the City of Opelousas desires to enter into that certain Lease-Purchase Agreement by and between Government Capital Corporation and City of Opelousas, for the purpose of procuring a "street sweeper". The City desires to designate this Agreement as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" of the City for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The City of Opelousas desires to designate Julius Alsandor, Mayor, as an authorized signer of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS:

Section 1. That the City enters into a Lease Purchase Agreement with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring a "Street Sweeper".

Section 2. That the Lease Purchase Agreement No. 9671 by and between the City of Opelousas and Government Capital Corporation is designated by the City as a "qualified tax exempt obligation" for the purposes of Section 265 (b) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 3. That the City of Opelousas designates Julius Alsandor, Mayor, as an authorized signer of the Lease Purchase Agreement No. 9671 dated October 19, 2021 by and between the City of Opelousas and Government Capital Corporation as well as any other ancillary exhibit, certificate, or documentation needed for the Agreement.

Section 4. That the City will use finance agreement proceeds for reimbursement of expenditures related to the Property.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas in a meeting held on the 12th day of October 2021.

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.

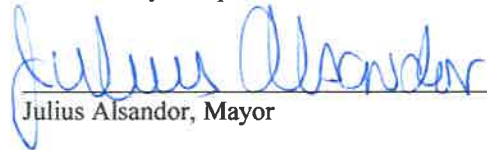
ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

Lessee: City of Opelousas



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk



Julius Alsandor, Mayor

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OPELOUSAS CITY COURT FOR PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH CITY COURT
FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE

WHEREAS, City Court currently owns a 2014 Chevrolet TRV Sports Utility Vehicle bearing VIN number 1GNKRGKD8EJ299821 (the "Chevrolet");

WHEREAS, the Chevrolet is not in daily use by City Court;

WHEREAS, City Court desires to sell, and Opelousas desires to purchase, the Chevrolet at a cost of \$16,000.00; and

WHEREAS, in a lawful public meeting convened by the Opelousas City Council on the 12th day of October, 2021, on motion of councilmember Floyd Ford and seconded by councilmember Milton Batiste III, this Resolution was offered for adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

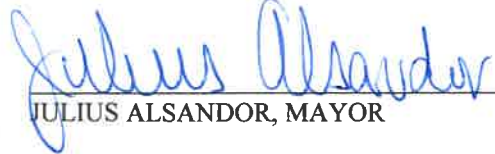
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that the City of Opelousas is authorized to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement with Opelousas City Court for the purchase of the Chevrolet, and the Mayor of the municipality, Hon. Julius Alsandor, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to purchase the Chevrolet.

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021.

Attest:



LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK



JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the following items:

- Accept the RETIREMENT of Permanent Police Lieutenant Mark Semien, effective 10/01/2021, and approve payments in the amount of \$84,126.75 for 2,515 hours of unused annual leave and \$2,993.78 for 89.5 hours of compensatory time.
- Accept the RESIGNATION of Permanent Police Officer First Class Roman West, effective 10/01/2021, and approve payment in the amount of \$7,179.68 for 368 hours of unused annual leave.
- Approve the EXTENDED SICK LEAVE for Permanent Police Communications Officer Yakita Cane, effective 08/08/2021.
- Approve the Police Chief's RECOMMENDATION OF HIRE for Samuel Tezeno as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 10/18/2021, with working test period to begin immediately upon completion of the six month formal training or completion of P.O.S.T. certification, whichever occurs first.
- Approve the Suspension of permanent Firefighter Justin Glover for Three Calendar days with loss of Three days of Seniority and 24 hours of pay, effective 10/20/2021 for violation of Opelousas Fire Department Policy Chapter Vi-D.1.A (Reporting to Duty on Time).

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.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Items Submitted.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR