The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 8th day of March 2022 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, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: Milton Batiste III (arrived late) and Floyd Ford.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Pastor Eugene Reiszner, Our Savior's Church, Opelousas, Louisiana, led the prayer. Ms. Willie Mae Washington, retired U. S. Navy veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 02/08/2022. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III and Floyd Ford.

Alderman Milton Batiste III arrived at 5:10 p.m.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to APPROVE the following changes to the agenda:

UNDER THE NEW BUSINESS SECTION:

ADDING Item No. 19-A, "APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR LOANS AND/OR GRANTS FUNDED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY".

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

On a motion by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda with the approved changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Recognition of Opelousas High School and Northwest High School Scholarship players. Mayor Julius Alsandor recognized several young men have received scholarships to play football at the collegiate level upon their graduation from high school:
  - Javoinne Gibson Opelousas Senior High, will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
  - Christian Murphy Opelousas Senior High, will be attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello.
  - Trent Murphy Opelousas Senior High, will be attending University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
  - Jaden Etienne Opelousas Senior High, will be attending Louisiana College.
  - Delvin Poole Northwest High, will be attending Arkansas Baptist College.
  - Kenyon Ragland Northwest High, will be attending Arkansas Baptist College.
- Presentations from Mayor Julius Alsandor. In Recognition of International Women's Day, Mayor Julius Alsandor recognized the following six women in our community by presenting them with keys to the City:
  - Tracey Antee Exec. Director of the OGHS Foundation, Director of Healthy St. Landry Alliance, Owner of Sign Gypsies St. Landry.
  - Lena Charles Director/Chairperson of the Original Southwest Louisiana Zydeco Music Festival, Chairperson of the Opelousas Downtown Development District.
  - Madelyn Rosette Chosen as State's Executive Director for CASA in 2016.
  - Karen Cox Representative for online news media platform, Founder of Kalaco Designs.
  - Melanie LeBouef Director of Opelousas Tourism and Main Street, Facilitator for art box designs throughout the City.
  - Veronica Mallet President/Director of Veterans Point Louisiana, Inc.
- Presentation by Bishop Easton Shelvin, Ms. Madelyn Rosette-CASA Executive Director, Ms. Yvonne Normand, Judge Shaunn Caillier-Harden, and Mr. Tom Meer, members of the Love Fest Committee. Judge Caillier-Harden was unable to be in attendance for this meeting. Ms. Yvonne Normand displayed a banner for the Love Fest Committee and Ms. Madelyn Rosette announced the upcoming events the organization will be sponsoring:
  - March 19, 2022 Rotary Club of Opelousas Sunrise Chili Cook Off 9 AM-2 PM St. Landry Parish Ag Arena For more information, call 337-945-3062 or 337-356-7199 or email deannalejeune@opelousasgeneral.com.
  - March 27, 2022 Opelousas Love Fest Celebration 10:00 AM-7 PM North City Park For more information, call Yvonne Normand at 337-308-3474, Easton Shelvin at 337-331-8226, or Madelyn Rosette at 337-945-2998 to register as a vendor.
  - April 2, 2022 Rotary Disc Golf Recreational Tournament 9 AM South City Park For more information, call 337-308-3474.
- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. Mr. Ken Cochran gave the following update: 4 inpatients COVID patients at hospital; zero employees out; 1.7% positivity rate (parish); 49.87% vaccination rate (parish); highlighted 3 members of Critical Care team who have joined the OGHS staff—Dr. Amer Raza, Pulmonology and Critical Care Specialist (3 years); Dr. Joseph Lamar, Pulmonology and Critical Care (6 months); Dr. Anupam Gupta - General Surgery; pointed out that OGHS has been performing robotic-assisted surgeries for
- Presentation by Chief Charles Mason. Chief Mason spoke about fire hydrant testing and subsequent brown water issues—fire department tests over 800 fire hydrants in the City every year to determine how much water is available for firefighting at any given time and for the City's fire rating. He pointed out that the age of the system and the old pipes is causing a problem because they crack under the pressure of the testing. The fire department tests the fire hydrants for damage. The fire hydrants are color coded to indicate how much water they can produce. During testing, the hydrants need to be opened slowly to avoid moving the sediment into the water system and closed slowly to avoid damage to the lines. Mr. Richard Joseph. Training Officer for Opelousas Fire Department, stated that in 2014 they did their rating and in 2019 when the rating guy came back, they had lost 12-15% in water supply—not sure why they lost so much water supply during that time—could have been any number of factors including increased water consumption during that time. Mr. Devon Thibodeaux asked is it possible to replace the pipes—Chief Mason stated that the water department does go in and replace sections of pipes as needed. Mayor Alsandor stated that the City is seeking funding for these issues but it will take time. Mr. Donald Broussard asked the Mayor if he was familiar with the WIFIA Grant through the U.S. EPA to address the aging infrastructure under the ground. He inquired as to the City's contingency plan for this problem. Mayor Alsandor stated that he

is aware of that grant but the City will need a long-term contingency plan and a whole lot of money from other entities to help the City do that. Alderman Milton Batiste III inquired about what process the Fire Department uses to open the hydrants. He stated that he had heard about a process in some of cities that involved using a miniature truck that has a tank on it to catch the excess water when they are bleeding the hydrants. He asked if that would be an easier process for the fire department. Chief Mason stated he did not know about that but the key is to open and close the hydrants slowly and watch the hydrants during the process for any problems. Chief Mason also pointed out that different entities also pay to use the hydrants to fill tanks. Alderman Charles Cummings inquired about the Mayor's statement about failure to find the water valves. Chief Mason stated that he had not said anything about the valves but had said that if they check the hydrants and find that the pressure is not the same as it was on the last test then there has to be something closed. Alderman Cummings inquired about whether there was a schematic or a blueprint of all of the water lines and the valves in the City of Opelousas. Mayor Alsandor stated that they are working toward that—they are looking at getting a complete GIS system but it will take some time and some decisions on the part of the Council. Mr. Richard Joseph stated that water supply accounts for 40% of their rating and right now they are in the middle of their rating. The next rating is scheduled for 2024 and they will be looking at 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. One comment was emailed in regarding Item No. 15, Authority to Advertise for a Public Hearing
for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following abandoned properties: "James Barry Branton & Sarah Louise Wagley (Wife), 629
 N. Market Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)". Mayor Alsandor stated that they would address the comment when they came to that
item on the agenda.

#### BIDS

Accept Bids for Uniforms for the Police Department (Bid #01-22). Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World* for Uniforms for the Police Department (Bid #01-22), one (1) bid was received:

#### **GUIDRY'S UNIFORMS**

ITE	MS UNIFORMS	PRICE, each	OVERSIZE CHG
1.	Long sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # - Z9103	\$39.50	NONE
2.	Short sleeve shirt, white w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets, gold P buttons Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # - Z9203	\$38.50	NONE
3.	Long sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, Brand Bid – Southeastern Style # - Z91010	\$39.50	NONE
4.	Short sleeve shirt, navy w/piggy back trim, unstitched epaulets Brand Bid –Southeastern Style # - Z9201	\$38.50	NONE
·.	Long sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Blauer Style # - 8670	\$64.99	NONE
).	Short sleeve shirt, navy polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Blauer Style # - 8675	\$59.99	NONE
7.	Pant, polyester, wool, lycra Brand Bid – Blauer Style # - 8650T	\$54.99	NONE
3.	Raincoat/reversible, black/hi-vis yellow Brand Bid – Liberty Style # - 586	\$54.99	NONE
).	Rain slicker, 3 piece reversible, black/hi-vis yellow, with hood, pant <i>Not used anymore</i>	N/A	N/A
10.	Jacket, water proof, wind proof, with hood and pull down reflective panels Brand Bid – Elbeco Style # - SH3504	\$142.99	NONE

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Accept Bids for Type E Multi-Grade Mix and Type B Cold Mix (Bid #02-22). Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World* for Type E Multi-Grade Mix and Type B Cold Mix (Bid #02-22), one (1) bid was received:

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Bidder	Price				
MATERIAL RESOURCES, INC., Executive Vice President: Ry	TERIAL RESOURCES, INC., Executive Vice President: Ryan J. Casto				
PM PLUS HIGH-PERFORMANCE Cold Mix					
PM PLUS MATERIAL – BULK					
Picked up at Material Resources facility:	\$88.00/ton.				
Delivered to City Barn:	\$102.00/ton. 24 ton minimum.				
Smaller Loads can be delivered, freight will change.					
PM PLUS MATERIAL - 50LB BAGS (56 bags per pallet)					
Picked up at Material Resources facility:	\$12.00/bag.				
Delivered to City Barn:	\$15.00/bag. Minimum 1 Pallet.				
Note from Executive Vice President: Material can be shipped in approx. 1 day after receipt of order. PM Plus High-Performance Cold Mix is on the Approved Prod List for Louisiana State approved materials. "Preference is hereby given to materials, supplies, and provisions, produced, manufactured or grown in Louisiana, que					

being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the state".

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III (stepped out) and Floyd Ford.

MARCH 8, 2022

Accept Bids for Chlorine (Bid #03-22). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Chlorine (Bid #03-22), two (2) bids were received:

Bidder	Price				
Harcros Chemicals, Inc., Account Manager: Bryan Beatty					
1 Ton Cylinder	\$1,640.00/cylinder	7			
DELIVERY CHARGES	\$0.00				

Addendum from Account Manager: Harcros Chemicals, Inc. offers to provide chlorine in 2000# cylinders to the City of Opelousas for three (3) months beginning with the first order at price noted on bid and will evaluate price every three months after. Due to volatility in the chlorine market, Harcros does not receive an annual price from its suppliers and is not able to predict pricing in the market. Harcros has the same agreement with Baton Rouge Water Company as well as Louisiana Water Company.

DPC Enterprises L.P., Sales Representative: Mark Chapman							
1 Ton Cylinder	\$1,749.00/cylinder						
RENTAL FEE	\$50.00 MONTHLY RENTAL FEE PER CONTAINER						

Note from Sales Representative: Due to the increasing cost of maintenance and replacement of the cylinders and containers used in the Chlorine business, DPC Enterprises, L.P. has implemented a rental program on its cylinders and containers. This program is a monthly rental based on the ending number of ton containers at the City of Opelousas sites at the end of each month. The rental will be at a rate of \$50/container. This program is part of the bid proposal DPC Enterprises, L.P. is offering with this bid and will be effective with the beginning of new agreement with the City of Opelousas.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Charles Cummings, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

#### REPORTS

Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 08/31/2021. Mr. Casey Ardoin, auditor with Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC gave a brief overview of the final audit results for FYE 08/31/2021. The full City of Opelousas Audit Report for FYE 08/31/2021 can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website at www.lla.la.gov under the Reports tab or on the City of Opelousas website at www.cityofopelousas.com. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III and Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 08/31/2021 as presented by Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a brief summary of the month end financial report for February 28, 2022. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, 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, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

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) Street Project Work has begun.
- (b) Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades State has approved the award of the contracts.
- (c) Water Meter Replacement Project Received FP&C approval of bid documents and will schedule a date to advertise and receive bids on that project.
- (d) WWTP Improvements No word on Water Sector Grant award.
- (e) Water System Improvements No word on Railroad Permits.

After the Engineer's Report was completed, Mr. Donald Oakley asked the Council look into getting road repairs done on Narrow Street where he lives because cars have to swerve to avoid all of the potholes and they also are detouring onto the church's parking lot to avoid the potholes. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwomen Chasity Davis and Sherell Roberts, 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, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Grant authority to advertise for a PUBLIC HEARING for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following abandoned properties:

- Alfred Leonce Benoit & Margaret Anna Ortego, 910 W. Cherry Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
- Olive Thibodeaux, C/O Mary S. Washington, 824 Park Avenue (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
- James Barry Branton & Sarah Louise Wagley (Wife), 629 N. Market Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)

The following email submitted on 03/06/2022 by Mrs. Delita Rubin-Broussard was read by Mayor Alsandor:

"I'm sending in my comment in regards to line 15. 3rd item, on removal of the abandon house on 629 Market St. I'm speaking for Myself and My Residing Neighbors, That this house on 629 N. Market Be Torn Down, I have emailed The Wagelys about this house about a year ago on tearing it down, Mr. Wagely said the house would be repaired and it wasn't, This was a year ago! Due to the concerns of Drug Activity, People sleeping on Mattresses under the shed, People hanging out, Drinking and Combined on the Property when down and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and Market St. And Bring Ave. Learning the Property when the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed it wasn't for the concerns of Drug Activity and the shed i Gambling, etc. This is not good for our Neighborhood, it's also bringing the Property value down on Market St. And Pine Ave. In which I have Been a Resident for the past 25 years, I Recommend it Be Torn Down. Thank you"

Mayor Alsandor stated that these email comments will be read again next month during the public hearing for the aforementioned item. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for a PUBLIC HEARING for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following abandoned properties:

- Alfred Leonce Benoit & Margaret Anna Ortego, 910 W. Cherry Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
- Olive Thibodeaux, C/O Mary S. Washington, 824 Park Avenue (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
- James Barry Branton & Sarah Louise Wagley (Wife), 629 N. Market Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Discuss request for <u>VARIANCE</u> approval for property located in an <u>NMU ZONE</u> (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 414 Rice Lane to open and operate a Group Residential Home for Girls at the above-listed location (Jessie Alfred – Spartan House). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 03/07/2022 and recommended approval of this item. Only one opposition was sent in to the Planning Commission. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the request for <u>VARIANCE</u> approval for property located in an <u>NMU ZONE</u> (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 414 Rice Lane to open and operate a Group Residential Home for Girls at the above-listed location (Jessie Alfred – Spartan House). 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.

Discuss request for <u>VARIANCE</u> approval for property located in an <u>R1 ZONE</u> (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 906 N. Union Street to open a Professional Office to Teach CPR and First Aid at the above-listed location (Wendy Patin). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 03/07/2022 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the request for <u>VARIANCE</u> approval for property located in an <u>R1 ZONE</u> (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 906 N. Union Street to open a Professional Office to Teach CPR and First Aid at the above-listed location (Wendy Patin). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Discuss request for <u>Plat Approval</u> for the re-subdivision of property located at 4158 I-49 Service Road North, Tract A & Tract B (Landsource – Joseph Monica). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 03/07/2022 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the request for <u>Plat Approval</u> for the re-subdivision of property located at 4158 I-49 Service Road North, Tract A & Tract B (Landsource – Joseph Monica). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Marvin Richard (stepped out) and Floyd Ford.

Ratify Opelousas Civic Center Lease agreement with Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry (Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority), represented by Mike Strain, DVM Chairman and the City of Opelousas, represented by Julius Alsandor, Mayor. The following proposal was presented by LAFA:

### Property being Leased

The property being lease is a portion of the building owned by Lessor located at 1638 Creswell Lane Extension, Suite #3, Opelousas, LA 70570. The space being lease is 4,440 square feet located on the south side of the building including rest rooms.

## Duration of Lease, Renewals

The lease will be for 4 years. The lease can be renewed for 1 additional 4-year term.

### Lease Payments (choose one option)

## OPTION 1

- Lessee shall pay \$6.50 per square foot per annum for year 1 and year 2 of the lease for a total annual lease payment of \$28,860.00 (\$2,405.00 monthly).
- Lessee shall pay \$7.50 per square foot per annum for year 3 and year 4 of lease for a total annual lease payment of \$33,300.00 (\$2,775.00 monthly).
- If the lease is renewed for the additional 4-year term, lessee shall pay \$8.00 per square foot per annum for a total annual lease payment of \$35,520.00 (\$2,960.00 monthly).

### OPTION 2

- Lessee shall pay \$6.50 per square foot per annum for year 1 and year 2 of the lease for a total annual lease payment of \$28,860.00 (\$2,405.00 monthly).
- Beginning in year 3, the rental payment will increase by the CPI each year for the duration of the lease including renewals.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to ratify the Opelousas Civic Center Lease Agreement for <u>Option 1</u> as listed above between the City of Opelousas and the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford.

Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City's application for loans and/or grants funded by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 04 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR LOANS AND/OR GRANTS FUNDED BY THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas is in need of Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System Improvements; and WHEREAS, loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program administered by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to apply for such loans and/or grants to fund improvements to the Wastewater

Treatment Facility and Collection Systems; and

WHEREAS on a motion by councilmember Charles Cummings and a second by councilmember Milton Batiste III, this resolution was offered for adoption by the governing authority and the following vote was recorded:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: Floyd Ford

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas that:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to submit to Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City of Opelousas a pre-application and application for funding for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System via loans and/or grants through the Clean Water State Revolving loan program;

Section 2. The Mayor is further authorized to furnish information reasonably requested by Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality in connection with the pre-application and/or application; and

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the City of Opelousas for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application and/or application.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 8th day of March, 2022.

Attest:

Leisa Anderson, City Clerk

Julius Alsandor, May

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the following item:

Accept the corrected date of retirement for former Fire Captain Chris Andrus as 02/14/2022. Mr. Andrus's retirement was accepted at last month's meeting with a retirement date of 02/17/2022. The total hours of his unused leave and the payment amount for his unused leave will remain the same.

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: Floyd Ford.

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 7:31 p.m.