

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 1967) AND ADOPTING A NAME CHANGE TO THE OPELOUSAS-EUNICE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances was enacted in 1967 by Ordinance No. 5, Section 1 of 1967, which established a joint agreement with the Town of Eunice to promote, maintain, support, and operate a public library known as the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library;

WHEREAS, the Town of Eunice and City of Opelousas had operated the Opelousas-Eunice Public Library for a period in excess of fifty (50) years;

WHEREAS, sometime in or around July 2019, however, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Eunice approved a separation of the Opelousas-Eunice Library that resulted in each municipality operating an independent library;

WHEREAS, since that time the City of Opelousas has solely operated the library at 212 E. Grolee Street;

WHEREAS, because of the separation from the joint commission by Eunice, the city attorney believes it is appropriate to repeal all the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances, and particularly Ordinance No. 5 of 1967;

WHEREAS, the director of the library at 212 E. Grolee Street believes it is in the best interest of the library to adopt a name change of the library from the “Opelousas-Eunice Library” to the “Opelousas Library”;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance repealing Chapter 15 and changing the name of the library was introduced by council member _____ at a public meeting on June 14, 2022, and notice of a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance was published in the Opelousas Daily World;

WHEREAS, after a public hearing was held on the Ordinance, and acting on the recommendations from counsel and the library director, on motion of councilmember _____ and seconded by councilmember _____, the recommendations were offered for adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

Yea:
Nay:
Absent:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that:

1. Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances, and particularly Ordinance No. 5 of 1967 are hereby repealed;
2. The name of the library at 212 E. Grolee Street shall be changed from the “Opelousas-Eunice Library” to the “Opelousas Library”;
3. The Mayor of Opelousas shall be authorized to effect the name change on any and all signs or buildings at the library;
4. The Mayor of Opelousas shall be authorized to effect the name change on any and all financial accounts, including but not limited to credit or bank cards, dedicated to the library; and
5. The Mayor of Opelousas shall be authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to effect the name change.

Opelousas, Louisiana this ____ day of May, 2022.

Attest:

LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK

JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR