

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2022

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 10th day of May 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, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Rev. Brian Keith Alfred, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Opelousas, Louisiana, led the prayer. Mrs. Dione Simmons White, United States Army Veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 04/12/2022. 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 Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the following changes to the agenda:

UNDER THE CONSENTS SECTION

- DELETING ITEM NO. 28, *“Accept the Resignation of Probational Police Officer First Class Ka’Leah K. Dorsey, effective 04/27/2022”.*
- ADDING ITEM NO 29-A, *“Approve payment to Probational Police Sergeant Thad C. Leger in the amount of \$12,135.42 for 468 hours of unused annual leave, effective 05/01/2022.*

UNDER THE NEW BUSINESS SECTION

- DELETING ITEM NO. 17, *“Consider approval of request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 406 South Liberty Street to operate a Group Home at the above-listed property (Richard Mobile – Jeanette Banks)”.* This item was tabled at the Planning Commission Meeting,

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 Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda with the corrections and 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

- Alderwoman Sherell Roberts announced that she will be having her annual Unity in the Community Prayer Walk on 05/24/2022 at 6:00 p.m. on the Courthouse Square.
- Mayor Alsandor announced that Police Sergeant Phyllis Tyler-Beverly had recently been re-elected as an Opelousas Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Representative for the Opelousas Police Department.
- Mayor Alsandor announced that Mr. Sean Polk, a Biomed sophomore student at Opelousas High School, won State Literary competition for his dramatic speech and was scheduled to showcase his talent by reciting a poem about Opelousas at the Council meeting; however, Mr. Polk was not in attendance but the Mayor will make his speech available on the City’s website.
- Presentation by Ms. Patrice Melnick to announce upcoming events at the Opelousas Museum and Interpretive Center. Ms. Melnick, Museum Director, listed the following events:

OPELOUSAS MUSEUM AND INTERPRETIVE CENTER
MAY/JUNE 2022

Friday, MAY 13

Talented Arts Program St Landry Parish
Art Exhibit
4:30—6 p.m.

Wednesday, JUNE 15

Poet Laureate of Louisiana
Mona Lisa Saloy
Teen Poetry Workshop
10—11:30 a.m.
Library
(limited capacity, call to reserve 337-948-3693)

Reading and conversation
Museum
5—6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, MAY 17

Story Exchange with Jahi Mackey
10 a.m. to noon
Narrative 4 is a nonprofit organization that uses storytelling by way of a story exchange to promote Civic engagement, build understanding and empathy, and capture diverse community narratives. The process is simple but profound: people partner up, tell one another a true story from their life, listen deeply to each other, and then retell the other’s story using first-person (“I”) pronouns as if their partner’s story were actually their own.
(limited capacity, call to reserve 337-948-2589)

FMI: 337-948-2589; museum@cityofopelousas.com
315 N Main St., Opelousas, LA 70570

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- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. *Mayor Alsandor gave the following update: there is only one COVID inpatient and no staff members out with COVID at Opelousas General Hospital; however, they are still facing staff shortages—the State is supplying supplemental staff until the end of June. The hospital is still requiring masks within the facility and some restrictions are still in place. The hospital is also celebrating reaching its 1000th micro-robotic joint procedure.*
- Presentation by Mr. Levar Greenhouse, Regional Director for AT&T Louisiana, to highlight AT&T broadband efforts in the area. Mr. Greenhouse gave a presentation regarding broadband in our area. He pointed out that areas that are considered rural and household that do not have access to broadband would be able to access this in the near future. For more details, visit att.com/access.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. *No comments or questions.*

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods gave a brief summary of the month end financial report for April 30, 2022. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, 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.

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 – Ongoing – tomorrow the contractor is scheduled to start laying his first lift of asphalt on Market Street.
- (b) Sewer Pump Stations Project – Shop drawings reviewed – pumps are on order – waiting on delivery schedule from the manufacturer – once they get enough pumps in, the contractor will mobilize and start replacing a lot of the non-functioning pumps on those pump stations.
- (c) EPA Administrative Order – Currently waiting on DEQ response regarding \$25 million DEQ funding to address all of the compliance issues that the City has outstanding.
- (d) Water Meter Replacement Project – Bids had to be cancelled due to problems with advertisement publication. New advertisement prepared and re-scheduled bid date is 06/09/2022. Mandatory pre-bid meeting on 05/25/2022 at 10:00 a.m. for any bidder or contractor who is planning on submitting a bid. This is open to the public.
- (e) Water System Project – Still waiting on Union Pacific Railroad Permits to be issued for Wailor Street crossing. The other four permits from Acadiana Railway have been obtained. Project cannot move forward until all Railroad Permits have been obtained.
- (f) Wastewater Treatment Plant Project – Received Water Sector Grant for some improvements to the clarifiers, the filter, and sludge digesters. Given authorization by State to proceed with design on that project.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, 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 this month.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of redistricting plan as presented by Mr. Mike Hefner. (IF PLAN IS APPROVED, AN ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED TODAY TO BE ADOPTED AT A PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONTH). Mr. Mike Hefner was not in attendance. Ordinance will be introduced later in the meeting. No action needed at this time.

Approve members of Opelousas Fire Department who reside outside of St Landry Parish to serve on the Opelousas Fire & Police Civil Service Board. A Resolution was presented by the City Attorney regarding this matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OUT-OF-PARISH EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO SERVE ON THE FIRE AND POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:2476(C) permits fire and police department employees who do not live in St. Landry Parish to serve on the municipality Fire and Police Civil Service Board provided a resolution is approved by the local governing authority authorizing such employees to serve on the Board;

WHEREAS, the city council believes permitting such service by out-of-parish fire and police employees is in the best interest of the Fire and Police Civil Service Board, because it would offer an expanded field from which the employees of the fire and police departments could choose to represent their interests;

WHEREAS, on motion of councilmember Marvin Richard and seconded by councilmember Floyd Ford, this Resolution approving such service on the Fire and Police Civil Service Board was offered for adoption by the governing authority, and the following vote was recorded:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

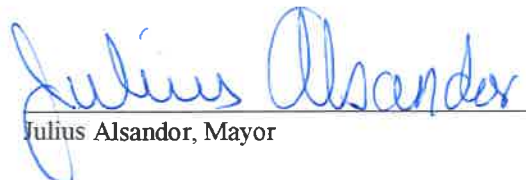
NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, that employees of the fire and police department who are not residents of St. Landry Parish, are approved for service on the Fire and Police Civil Service Board of the City of Opelousas.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 10th day of May, 2022.

Attest:



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk


Julius Alsandor, Mayor

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Consider approval of request for VARIANCE approval for signage in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) (To allow the installation of a POLE sign at I-49 N. Service Road & Harry Guilbeau Road (LOVES TRAVEL STOP & COUNTRY STORES)):

- a. VARIANCE approval for wall sign area allotted –
 - Travel Stop frontage is 128.53 linear feet and the allowed signage would be 77.118 square feet of wall sign. The request is to allow a total of 383.60 square feet consisting of all wall signage.
 - Speedco frontage is 139.35 linear feet and the allowed signage would be 83.61 square feet of wall signs. The request is to allow a total of 256.52 square feet consisting of all wall signage.

b. VARIANCE approval for Directional Signs – Height and area, from 4' OAH and 4 square feet to 8' OAH and 32 square feet. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on 05/09/2022 and recommended approval of this item. Mr. Brad Peck stated that the height of these signs will make it easier for professional drivers (truck drivers) to see them from the highway and be able to make a decision earlier in order to exit. He stated that the area will house a Hardees Restaurant, a Godfather's Pizza Restaurant, a Speedco truck services and oil changes, and a Love's Travel Stop. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for signage in a C1 (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) (To allow the installation of a POLE sign at I-49 N. Service Road & Harry Guilbeau Road (LOVES TRAVEL STOP & COUNTRY STORES)) as indicated above. 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.

Consider approval of request for VARIANCE to install a 300 square foot sign instead of the allowed 72 square feet per tenants store frontage space at 5600 Block I-49 South Service Road (Rockstep Opelousas LLC – Ollie's). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on 05/09/2022 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE to install a 300 square foot sign instead of the allowed 72 square feet per tenants store frontage space at 5600 Block I-49 South Service Road (Rockstep Opelousas LLC – Ollie's). 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 (*stepped out*).

Consider approval of request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 614 S. Main Street to operate a Custom Printing Shop at the above-listed property (Cupples Holdings – Tiffany Taylor). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on 05/09/2022 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 an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 614 S. Main Street to operate a Custom Printing Shop at the above-listed property (Cupples Holdings – Tiffany Taylor). 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.

Consider approval of request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 800 Block Pulford Street, Lot #45 and Lot #46 Pulford Street to place a double wide mobile home on the above-listed property (Sherika Pitre). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on 05/09/2022 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE approval for property located in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) at 800 Block Pulford Street, Lot #45 and Lot #46 Pulford Street to place a double wide mobile home on the above-listed property (Sherika Pitre). 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.

Consider approval of request for ANNEXATION of property as described below (BELMONT PROPERTIES – Chris Boagni): (IF ANNEXATION REQUEST IS APPROVED, AN ORDINANCE WILL BE INTRODUCED TODAY TO BE ADOPTED AT A PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONTH):

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.88 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL D-1 OF THE CVS SURVEY SITUATED IN SECTION 73, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE U.S. POST OFFICE AND BELMONT PROPERTIES, ON THE SOUTH BY U.S. HWY 190, ON THE EAST BY BELMONT PROPERTIES AND ON THE WEST BY CFCDS 29 LLC (CVS) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HWY 190 AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WALLIOR STREET BEING A ½" IRON ROD HAVING A LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE (SOUTH ZONE) OF NORTH:739,682.381 AND EAST:3,048,397.868; THENCE S81°10'10"E, A DISTANCE OF 329.61'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A ½" IRON ROD HAVING A LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE (SOUTH ZONE) OF N:739,631.981 AND EAST:3,048,723.571; THENCE N08°45'04"E, A DISTANCE OF 302.36'; THENCE S81°08'55"E WITH A DISTANCE OF 70.62'; THENCE N00°57'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 230.00'; THENCE S89°03'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 50.00'; THENCE S00°57'00"W, A DISTANCE OF 258.00'; THENCE S80°10'56"E, A DISTANCE OF 116.00'; THENCE S08°44'20"W, A DISTANCE OF 281.00'; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC DISTANCE OF 109.58', A RADIUS OF 2752.79' AND A CHORD BEARING OF N80°21'37"W, A DISTANCE OF 109.58'; THENCE N81°10'10"W, A DISTANCE OF 130.43'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AS PER PLAT OF SURVEY BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES DATED 03/28/22.

a. Request to annex property as a C1 Zone (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to build and operate a Fast Food Restaurant.

b. Re-subdivision approval for property located at Hwy 190 Y.O. Subdivision.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on 05/09/2022 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to adopt the recommendation by the Planning Commission for approval of request for ANNEXATION (BELMONT PROPERTIES – Chris Boagni) and introduce an ordinance to hold a Public Hearing next month to annex the above-referenced property. 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.

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION 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 (BELMONT PROPERTIES – Chris Boagni).

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

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

WHEREAS, Belmont Properties - Chris Boagni 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, Belmont Properties - Chris Boagni 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 Belmont Properties - Chris Boagni and has contemplated and prepared this Ordinance for the purpose of incorporating the property;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Milton Batiste III on the 10th day of May, 2022, in legal session convened;

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:

- Request to annex property as a C1 Zone (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to build and operate a Fast Food Restaurant.
- Re-subdivision approval for property located at Hwy 190 Y.O. Subdivision.

A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 1.88 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF PARCEL D-1 OF THE CVS SURVEY SITUATED IN SECTION 73, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, CITY OF OPELOUSAS, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE U.S. POST OFFICE AND BELMONT PROPERTIES, ON THE SOUTH BY U.S. HWY 190, ON THE EAST BY BELMONT PROPERTIES AND ON THE WEST BY CFCDS 29 LLC (CVS) AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. HWY 190 AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WALLIOR STREET BEING A ½" IRON ROD HAVING A LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE (SOUTH ZONE) OF NORTH:739,682.381 AND EAST:3,048,397.868; THENCE S81°10'10"E, A DISTANCE OF 329.61'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING A ½" IRON ROD HAVING A LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE (SOUTH ZONE) OF N:739,631.981 AND EAST:3,048,723.571; THENCE N08°45'04"E, A DISTANCE OF 302.36'; THENCE S81°08'55"E WITH A DISTANCE OF 70.62'; THENCE N00°57'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 230.00'; THENCE S89°03'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 50.00'; THENCE S00°57'00"W, A DISTANCE OF 258.00'; THENCE S80°10'56"E, A DISTANCE OF 116.00'; THENCE S08°44'20"W, A DISTANCE OF 281.00'; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC DISTANCE OF 109.58', A RADIUS OF 2752.79' AND A CHORD BEARING OF N80°21'37"W, A DISTANCE OF 109.58'; THENCE N81°10'10"W, A DISTANCE OF 130.43'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AS PER PLAT OF SURVEY BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES DATED 03/28/22.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PLAN OF RE-APPORTIONMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING A PLAN OF RE-APPORTIONMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY

WHEREAS La. R.S. 33:1371 requires that within one year after the official release of every decennial census, the governing authority of any municipality which contains two or more districts from which public officials are elected shall examine the apportionment plan of the municipal districts composing the municipal governing authority to determine if there exists any substantial variation in the representation of the districts; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and City Council of the City of Opelousas have engaged or caused to be engaged a professional consultant to assist in the review of the City's municipal districts; and

WHEREAS after review of the existing district boundaries and demographics related thereto, and after consideration of the advice and counsel of the re-districting consultant, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the municipal districts should be redrawn to make them more equitable; and

WHEREAS after considering several alternate re-apportionment plans, the City Council has determined that Plan 2 as one of the plans presented that is most equitable.

The foregoing considered:

BE IT ORDAINED that the boundaries of the municipal districts of the City of Opelousas be and are hereby redrawn in accordance with attached descriptions and map, hereby designated as Plan 2, which shall govern all future regularly scheduled elections public officials in the City of Opelousas; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that within ten (10) days of this date the redistricting plan as adopted herein shall be submitted to the Louisiana Secretary of State in a form as required by La. R.S. 18:1945; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor shall take such further additional steps as may be required to ensure compliance with applicable laws, rules and regulations relating to re-apportionment; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or Resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Milton Batiste III on the 10th day of May 2022, in legal session convened.

Exhibit A

**Opelousas City Council District Descriptions
Plan 2**

District A.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of W. Landry St. and South Union, and proceeding northerly on South Union to the Missouri Pacific RR, and proceeding westerly to N. Main St., and proceeding northerly to the municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, and proceeding generally easterly, southerly, and westerly to Creswell Lane, and proceeding westerly to the I-49 service road, and proceeding northerly to E. Leo St., and proceeding westerly to East St., and proceeding northerly to E. Madison St., and proceeding westerly to S. Academy St., and proceeding northerly to W. Landry St., and proceeding westerly to S. Union St. and the point of beginning.

Plat Map



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District B.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of N. Main St. and the Missouri Pacific RR, and proceeding northerly on N. Main St. to the municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, and proceeding generally northerly, westerly, and southerly to W. Grolee, and proceeding easterly to Garland Ave., and proceeding northerly to the Missouri Pacific RR, and proceeding easterly to N. Main St. and the point of beginning.

Plat Map



District C.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of E. Bertheaud Ave. and S. Market St., and proceeding southerly on S. Market St. to W. Smiley St., and proceeding westerly to Edwards St., and proceeding southerly to Aymond St., and proceeding westerly to Alonzo St., and proceeding southerly to W. Dunbar Ave., and westerly to the railroad tracks, and proceeding southerly to the municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, and proceeding generally southerly, easterly, and northerly to Creswell Lane, and proceeding westerly to the I-49 service road, and proceeding northerly to E. Leo St. and proceeding westerly to Edith St., and proceeding southerly to E. Leonard Ave., and proceeding westerly to S. Union St., and proceeding southerly to E. Bertheaud Ave., and proceeding westerly to S. Market St. and the point of beginning.

Plat Map



District D.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the railroad tracks and W. Landry St., and proceeding westerly on W. Landry St. to the municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, and proceeding generally northerly to W. Grolee St., and proceeding easterly to Garland Ave., and proceeding northerly to the Missouri Pacific RR tracks, and proceeding easterly to N. Union St. and proceeding southerly to E. Landry St., and proceeding easterly to S. Academy St., and proceeding southerly to E. Madison St., and proceeding easterly to East St., and proceeding southerly to E. Leo St., and proceeding to Edith St., and proceeding southerly to E. Leonard Ave., and proceeding westerly to S. Union St., and proceeding southerly to E. Bertheaud Ave., and proceeding westerly to W. Bertheaud Ave., and proceeding westerly to the railroad tracks, and proceeding northerly to W. Landry St. and the point of beginning.

Plat Map



District E.

The region bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the railroad tracks and W. Landry St., and proceeding westerly on W. Landry St. to the municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, and proceeding generally westerly, southerly, and easterly to the railroad tracks, and proceeding northerly to W. Landry St. and the point of beginning.

Plat Map



END OF DESCRIPTIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World* was opened at 6:43 p.m. to discuss the following matters:

- A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY (Bertheaud Avenue). No comments or questions.
- 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 (CROWNE BUSINESS PARC, LLC). No comments or questions.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH PROPERTY (Bertheaud Avenue).

ORDINANCE NO. 01 OF 2022

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:

0.049 ACRE TRACT OF LAND (35x59.57x35x61.61)
LOCATED BEHIND 417 W. BERTHEAUD AVENUE
SITUATED IN SECTION 88, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST
ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, an appraisal of the property was conducted by Don Leger, LA certification #R0597, on February 16, 2022, and the appraisal returned a fair market value of \$500.00 for the property;

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WHEREAS, a local resident, Charles Williams, 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 councilmember Sherell Roberts in lawful session of the governing authority on April 12, 2022, and a public hearing on same was held on May 10, 2022;

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

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

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 Charles Williams at appraised value; provided, however, that Mr. Williams 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. 01 of 2022 was adopted by the City Council on May 10, 2022, in legal session convened, and forwarded to the Mayor on the 11th day of May, 2022. Opelousas, Louisiana this 11th day of May 2022.


LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 11th day of May, 2022, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

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 (CROWNE BUSINESS PARC, LLC).

ORDINANCE NO. 02 OF 2022

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

WHEREAS, Crowne Business Parc, LLC 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, Crowne Business Parc, LLC 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 Crowne Business Parc, LLC and has contemplated and prepared this Ordinance for the purpose of incorporating the property;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Charles Cummings on the 12th day of April 2022, in legal session convened;

WHEREAS, following advertisement in the Opelousas Daily World, a public hearing was held on said Ordinance on May 10, 2022;

WHEREAS, on the motion of councilmember Charles Cummings and seconded by councilmember Sherell Roberts, the Ordinance was offered for final adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: None.

ABSENT: None.

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:

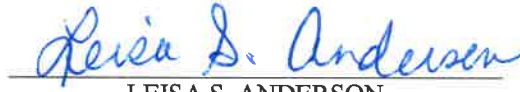
A CERTAIN TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 19.509 ACRES OWNED BY CROWNE BUSINESS PARC, LLC (ROBERT GILES) SITUATED IN SECTIONS 135 AND 136, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST AND SECTION 155, TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 4 EAST, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY LIVE OAK GARDENS LTD, ON THE SOUTH BY LAHAYSER LLC, ON THE EAST BY INTERSTATE 49 SOUTH SERVICE ROAD, JPJF INVESTORS LLC AND REGARL PROPERTIES LLC, AND ON THE WEST BY RIVERBEND DEVELOPMENT CO. INC. AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT OF LAND, HAVING A LOUISIANA STATE PLANE COORDINATE (SOUTH ZONE) OF NORTH:722087.681 AND EAST:3046913.005; THENCE S11°26'39"W, A DISTANCE OF 460.00'; THENCE S11°26'39"W, A DISTANCE OF 18.56'; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT WITH AN ARC DISTANCE OF 285.80', A RADIUS OF 1801.11' AND A CHORD BEARING OF S15°42'04"W, A DISTANCE OF 285.50'; THENCE N81°15'41"W, A DISTANCE OF 753.86'; THENCE S33°47'30"W, A DISTANCE OF 38.36'; THENCE S33°05'28"W, A DISTANCE OF 100.74'; THENCE S36°24'10"W, A DISTANCE OF 25.42'; THENCE S32°43'27"W, A DISTANCE OF 110.50'; THENCE S30°37'43"W, A DISTANCE OF 38.63'; THENCE S33°43'35"W, A DISTANCE OF 71.95'; THENCE S28°32'22"W, A DISTANCE OF 86.87'; THENCE S26°06'47"W, A DISTANCE OF 109.67'; THENCE S26°56'29"W, A DISTANCE OF 161.33'; THENCE S40°34'21"W, A DISTANCE OF 87.06'; THENCE N09°58'15"E, A DISTANCE OF 1364.74'; THENCE S89°37'36"E, A DISTANCE OF 1111.33'; TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Leisa S. Anderson, Municipal Clerk for the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 02 of 2022 was duly introduced by the City Council of the City of Opelousas on the 12th day of April 2022, adopted by the City Council on May 10, 2022, in legal session convened and forwarded to the Mayor on the 11th day of May, 2022.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 11th day of May 2022.



LEISA S. ANDERSON

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 11th day of May 2022, at Opelousas, Louisiana.


HONORABLE JULIUS ALSANDOR

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) UP TO THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE INITIATIVE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2022
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
UP TO THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000)
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 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) to help defray the cost for equipment for the Opelousas Police Department for the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Initiative.

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

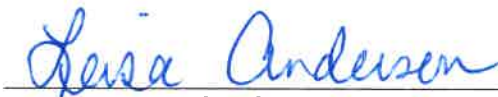
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Floyd Ford (*stepped out*).

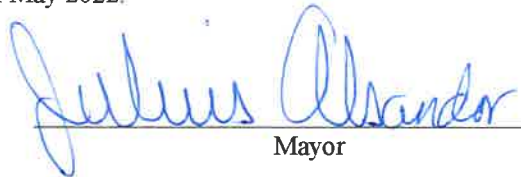
ABSTAINING: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted on this 10th day of May 2022.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2022 COPS.GOV GRANT UP TO THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST WITH HIRING OF OFFICERS AND DEFRAY THE COST OF UPDATED EQUIPMENT.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2022 COPS.GOV GRANT
UP TO THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000)
ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the COPS.GOV Grants are used to assist with the hiring of officers and purchasing 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 2022 COPS.GOV GRANT to assist with hiring of officers and defray the cost for updated 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 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.

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Section 4. 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: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Floyd Ford (*stepped out*).
ABSTAINING: None.
THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted on this 10th day of May 2022.
ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

ADOPT A RESOLUTION DECLARING MUSEUM ASSETS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH ASSETS BY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF 2022

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING MUSEUM EXHIBITS SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSITION OF SUCH ASSETS**

WHEREAS, the Opelousas Museum currently displays several animatronics;

WHEREAS, the Director of the Museum advises that the animatronics are expensive to maintain, and they present challenges obtaining persons of suitable knowledge and skill to repair and maintain them;

WHEREAS, it is also the opinion of the Board of Directors together with the Director that the animatronics do not further the mission of collecting, preserving and interpreting those articles and artifacts which provide information about the history and culture of the Opelousas area from prehistoric times to the present and uses its collection to inform and educate the public;

WHEREAS, upon due consideration given to disposing of the animatronics, the Board of Directors of the Opelousas Museum voted affirmatively to approve a recommendation that the animatronics be declared surplus property;

WHEREAS, thereafter the aforementioned recommendation was presented to the Opelousas City Council in a lawful public meeting convened on the 10th day of May, 2022, and

WHEREAS, acting on the recommendation, on motion of councilmember Sherell Roberts and seconded by councilmember Chasity Davis, the recommendation was offered for adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

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

Nay: None.

Absent: None.

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

- 1) The Twinkle Fairy, Huey, Animal Crackers, and Center Elf animatronics (together "Animatronics") on display at the Opelousas Museum are hereby declared surplus property;
 - 2) The Opelousas Museum is authorized to dispose of the Animatronics by public or private sale provided the City of Opelousas receives a minimum of \$1,000.00 for each animatronic;
 - 3) Notice of any private sale shall be given to the public in the Opelousas Daily World at least fifteen (15) days prior to any sale;
 - 4) All persons shall be permitted to enter a bid, and the City of Opelousas shall sell the animatronics to the highest bidder;
 - 5) The proceeds from the sale(s) shall be dedicated to preservation of the collection at the museum; and
 - 6) The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to consummate a sale of the Animatronics.
- Opelousas, Louisiana this 10th day of May, 2022.

Attest:



LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK



JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the Resignation of Probational Police Sergeant Thad C. Leger, effective 05/01/2022.
- Approve payment to Probational Police Sergeant Thad C. Leger in the amount of \$12,135.42 for 486 hours of unused annual leave, effective 05/01/2022.
- Approve the name change for Police Records Clerk Rachelle Mouton to Rachelle Mouton-Benjamin, effective 05/01/2022.
- Approve the Substitute Appointment for period over 30 days for Shawn Brown from Permanent Fire Captain to Substitute Assistant Fire Chief, effective 05/11/2022, to replace Assistant Fire Chief Joseph St. Andre' who is out on Sick Leave.

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.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR