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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: City of Opelousas Municipal Plaza Meeting Room, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

This month's Council Meeting will be available for live-streamed viewing on the www.cityofopelousas.com website. Temperatures will be taken prior to entering the building and masks are required to enter the building. If your temperature exceeds 99.0 degrees, you will not be allowed in the building.

AGENDA:

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call.
2. Observe Moment of Silent Meditation.
3. Prayer by Rev. Christina Winbush Hardy, St. Mark United Methodist Church and Louisiana Memorial United Methodist Church.
4. Pledge to U.S. Flag by delegate.
5. Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held 06/14/2022.
6. **Adoption of Agenda.**
 - **Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative.
- Updates/Presentations from Mayor Julius Alsandor.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any.

REPORTS

7. Review Monthly Finances.
8. Engineer's Monthly Report.
9. City Attorney's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Ratify payment to former Permanent Police Officer First Class Robert S. Taylor in the amount of \$9,463.42 for 428 hours of unused annual leave and 7.5 hours of unused compensatory time. Mr. Taylor resigned as of 05/26/2022.

NEW BUSINESS

11. Grant Authority to advertise for Bids for Off-Site Gasoline/Diesel Fuel Two Card System.
12. Grant Authority to advertise for a Public Hearing for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following abandoned properties:
 - Walter Synegal & Marcia Synegal, C/O Sarah Castaneda, 1306 Montreal Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Melvin Davis, 315 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Walter James Stevens, 305 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Matthew Thomas Jackson, C/O Jerica Jackson, 314 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
13. Consider approval of request for Plat Approval for the re-subdivision of property located at 5504 I-49 Frontage Road as per Plat of Survey by Morgan Goudeau & Associates dated 05/18/2022 (Sterling Resources Corporation-Arthur LeBlanc Jr.).

ALDERMEN

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NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)

14. Consider approval of request for the following (Charles Wayne Doucet-Toby's Downtown):
 - **VARIANCE** approval for wall sign area allotted in a **DMU ZONE** (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) to approve a 48 square foot area for signage at the property located at 125 N. Court Street.
 - **CONDITIONAL USE** approval for property located in a **DMU ZONE** (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) to operate a Restaurant/Lounge/Bar at the property located at 125 N. Court Street.
 - **CONDITIONAL USE** approval for property located in a **DMU ZONE** (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) to sell/serve alcoholic beverages at the property located at 125 N. Court Street.
15. Consider approval of request for **VARIANCE** approval in a **NMU ZONE** (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) to place a mobile home on the property located at 214 W. Chaney Street (Sharon Webb).
16. Consider approval of request for the following (Antonio Thomas-Scholar Jenkins):
 - **VARIANCE** approval for property located in an **R1 ZONE** (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to open a Professional Office for Behavioral Health Counseling at the property located at 530 S. Court Street.
 - **VARIANCE** approval for property located in an **R1 ZONE** (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to place a Post and Panel sign at the property located at 530 S. Court Street.
17. Approve Contract Change Order No. 2 in the increase amount of \$75,447.03 for addition of Item No. 33 - Repair leaks/Relocate water service lines and Item No. 34 – Contractor downtime to utility conflicts on Market Street. This change order is for Citywide Street Improvements Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-20-02, MGA Project S#539. (Contractor: Prairie Contractors, LLC).

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

18. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE **AMENDING** THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2022.
19. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE **ADOPTING** THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20. A PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:
 - Opelousas City of, Janice Marks Johnson T/S, 918 Truman Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Sebie Walter Leon Dayon, 709 Hiram Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Deux Freres Properties LLC, 1110 Garland Avenue (2 Abandoned Mobile Homes)
 - Fakouri Realty, Inc., 1750 Bossier Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - James W. Bellard, 926 W. Landry Street (Abandoned House on Trailer)
 - O Town Rentals, Inc., 1123 S. Court Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Shantelle Guillory Savoie, 212 E. Dunbar Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Dallas Janice, c/o Sheila Mitchell, 1724 Redmond Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
 - Nathalie Haas Hirsch Trust, For the Hart Children & The Emily Hirsch Hart Property Trust, 500 Block W. Cherry Street (Several Abandoned Mobile Homes)
 - Gaiennie Realty Company LLC, 706 W. Bellevue Street (Abandoned Warehouse)
 - Felix Ned, 819 E. Madison Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
21. A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 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.

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ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (VOTE REQUIRED)

22. ADOPT 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.

RESOLUTIONS

23. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$41,188.00) ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT.
24. ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ACADIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY DISTRICT CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A NEW ACADIANA CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY; COMMITTING TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT WITHIN THE CITY'S BUDGET SHOULD SAID CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST BE FUNDED BY THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS BE REQUIRED; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

25. Ratify the Recommendation of Provisional Appointment for Ashley K. King as a Police Communications Officer at a starting rate of pay of \$10/hour, effective 07/01/2022.
26. Ratify the Recommendation of Hire for Frank Thibodeaux as a maintenance worker/custodian for the Opelousas Police Department at a rate of \$10/hour, effective 06/30/2022, with benefits of a municipal employee of the City of Opelousas as he is replacing a former employee.
27. Approve the Recommendation of Hire for Johnathon Smith as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 07/25/2022, pending satisfaction of prerequisites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *Delanna Washington v. The Old Evangeline Downs, LLC and City of Opelousas, suit no. 11-C-0477-A, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (Case Update).*
- *Lucille Stelly v. City of Opelousas, suit no. 17-C-4764-B, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana (Case Update).*

ADJOURNMENT

Anyone desiring to comment on an item on the agenda is encouraged to send comments as soon as practicable prior to the meeting.

Comments may be submitted as follows:

- (a) Via Telephone at (337) 948-2520;
- (b) Via Facsimile at (337) 948-2593; or
- (c) Via E-mail at landerson@cityofopelousas.com

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