

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13th day of September 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was also **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, and Chasity Davis-Warren. ABSENT: Sherell Roberts (*arrived late*).

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Rev. Dean Rydbeck, Hope Presbyterian Church, Opelousas, Louisiana, led the prayer. Ms. Eva Noel, 8-year Army veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 08/09/2022. 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-Warren-Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the following changes to the agenda:

UNDER THE PERSONNEL ITEMS SECTION

- ADDING Item No. 27, "*Approve the Extended Sick Leave for Permanent Police Lieutenant Michael L. Lacombe, effective 08/03/2022*".
- ADDING Item No. 28, "*Approve the substitute appointment of Permanent Police Sergeant Kerry Sam, Jr., to Substitute Police Lieutenant, effective 09/04/2022*".

UNDER THE ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION

- ADDING "*Discuss Cleaning of Canals*".

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Aldermen Charles Cummings and Milton Batiste III 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: Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, and Milton Batiste III.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recognition of Business Improvement Grants Award Recipients.

Building Improvement Grants Awarded to Six Businesses in Opelousas

(Opelousas, LA) –Six business owners will share in \$20-thousand dollars in grant funding for the 2022 Building Improvement Grant (BIG) cycle. Funded by the Opelousas Downtown Development District, the grants will assist business and property owners with repairs and improvements to their buildings. Some of the work for this year's projects include façade maintenance and repairs related to roof and window repair, installing gutters, floor restoration, interior work and painting. The Building Improvement Grants is a collaborative effort by the City of Opelousas, Opelousas Downtown Development District (ODDD) and Opelousas Main Street, Inc. "On behalf of the City of Opelousas, we are thankful to the Opelousas Downtown Development District for support with this valuable program and their commitment to improving the downtown district," said Opelousas Mayor Julius Alsandor. "These enhancement projects will bring positive changes to small businesses and our community."

Launched in 2021, the program was established to support and encourage business and property owners to reinvest in their buildings. The grant provides matching funds to help restore or beautify storefronts in the Opelousas Downtown Development District corridor. Both the Opelousas Main Street district and Historic District are included in the corridor. The first grant cycle, which allocated \$10,000 in grant funding to five local businesses, and leveraged over \$100,000 of private investment. Expanding on the success of the first grant cycle, \$20-thousand dollars in funding was available for the second round of funding with a maximum grant allowance of \$5,000 per applicant. Grant recipients were selected from applications submitted in July.

"We are excited to work with our downtown businesses to distribute grant funds that have a positive impact on Opelousas," said Lena Charles, Chairman of the Downtown District. "Improving buildings on our downtown corridors will help with revitalization efforts for Opelousas."

The Opelousas Downtown Development District also collaborated with city staff to help administer the program. "There's a considerable need for façade improvement funding so this grant is really important in providing some relief to property and business owners," said Melanie LeBouef, Opelousas Main Street Manager.

The 2022-2023 BIG Grant Awardees include:

Benny's Supermarket, 806 South Union
Java Square, 103 West Landry St.
Back in Time, 123 West Landry St.
Lagniappe Vape/ (Former Shute's Drug Store), 104 East Landry St.
Law Office of Abbey Williams/ Former Marino Store, 634 South Union
Harris & Harris Law Firm, 221 North Main St.

- Presentation by Ms. Patrice Melnick regarding the accomplishments of Ms. Rebecca Henry in the art world.
 - Ms. Melnick announced that the Museum has a newly rebuilt wheelchair access ramp.
 - *Poetics of Selfhood / Poétique de l'Ipséité* explores variations on Creole and Francophone identities as expressed through the work of a group of contemporary artists. This project is envisioned as a multi-year, multi-destination exhibition, which will grow and adapt to new contexts of the Creole world as it is re-mounted at new destinations across the French-speaking world. The first iteration of this exhibition takes place at Acadiana Center for the Arts, Lafayette, LA, from September 10, 2022 to February 14, 2023. This exhibition aims to expand the understanding of Creole identity as a worldwide cultural identity—"Créolité"—which has a well-developed place in contemporary culture through visual art, performance, and personal expression. The focus of this exhibition is the work of five artists who deal with notions of Créolité in the subject matter of their works, Gwladys Gambie (Martinique), Rebecca D. Henry (USA), Jérémie Priam (Martinique), Tabita Rezaire (Guyana), and Modou Dieng Yacine (USA/Senegal). These artists work within a variety of media, ranging from traditional media like painting and quilt making, to digital and experimental media and social practices. The exhibition will focus on the interconnected 'conversation' between their practices and the world-views they represent. The Louisiana artist highlighted in this project is Rebecca D. Henry from Opelousas, Louisiana. A Creole folklorist and a specialist in folk medicine traditions, Henry is the founder of the Creole Heritage Folklife Center in Opelousas, Louisiana, where for the past 30 years she has dedicated her life to preserving the Creole traditions of her home. Henry was born in 1941 and grew up a sharecropper's daughter, where she spent her youth picking cotton in the fields with her brothers and sisters.

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- Mr. Bobby Ardoin announced that their online publication *St. Landry Now* has a comprehensive high school football section. He also encouraged people to take out ads with the publication.
- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS).
- OGHS COVID
 - Currently have 2 COVID inpatients at OGHS
- Staffing
 - Currently have 2 staff members out with COVID
- Vaccinations
 - Acadiana region – 53%
 - SLP – 57%
 - Completed – 51%
 - Initiated – 42,947
 - Boosted – 10,000
- Continue to encourage vaccinations
- Isolate/staying away from others when not feeling well
- Updates/Presentations from Mayor Julius Alsandor.
Recognition by Mayor Alsandor and Alderman-at-Large Marvin Richard who presented the key to the City to District D Alderwoman Davis-Warren for all of her outstanding contributions to the City of Opelousas.
- Discuss Cleaning of Canals.
Alderman Floyd Ford addressed the issue of cleaning the canals and gullies in Opelousas. He pointed out that drainage is poor. He stated that he spoke to the Parish President Jessie Bellard about working together to address this issue. Alderman Marvin Richard stated that in his past two terms, the City has had the Public Works department to clean the canals and take out the trash and debris but the people keep putting it back into the canals and he suggested that citizens should report those people who are dumping in the canals. Mr. Jessie Bellard stated that accessibility to the canals is a problem because they don't have the equipment necessary to get into the canals but they are willing to help the City. Mayor Alsandor remarked on the difficulty of getting into the canals. Mr. Bellard stated that cameras are being placed to catch those who are putting debris in canals. The parish just received clearance to clean up blighted property and place the bill on the property owner's tax bill. Paul Gennuso agreed that there is a big problem with drainage but pointed out that Bayou Yarbore has ways to get in and out of those canals and the City does have equipment to handle this. Mayor Alsandor also pointed out that the canals are being sprayed every year however, the City does not have the manpower right now.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. *No comments or questions.*

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods was not present. This item will be forwarded to next month's meeting. A copy of the finance report was provided to the Council members.

Engineer's Monthly Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Status Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. Mr. William Jarrell was not present but his sons David and Sam Jarrell were in attendance on his behalf. David Jarrell gave the following updates:

- (a) Wastewater Pump Station Project – Construction begins tomorrow.
- (b) Waterline project – Received Railroad Permits from Union Pacific for waterline project.
- (c) Lift Station Project – About to address 27 Lift Stations needing repairs and replacements.
- (d) Sewer Plant Project – Office of Community Development has approved the Sewer Plant 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: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis-Warren, Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, and Floyd Ford.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

City Attorney's Report. Attorney Travis Broussard gave the following updates:

- (a) Two suits are resolved: Susan Savoy v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 20-2155 and Lucille Stelly v. City of Opelousas, Suit No. 17-4776.
- (b) Currently have 4 outstanding suits that are general liability exposure with no insurance coverage and 3 outstanding suits with insurance coverage such as worker's compensation and automobile insurance coverage.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to accept the City Attorney's report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and Review of Action Taken for Bids Received for Museum Animatronics Bid #MA1-2022. Pursuant to advertisement in the *Daily World* and on the City's website, one (1) bid was received and was opened at City Hall on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. by the City Clerk.

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| Bidder: JJ Merchant, 57 Aycock Road, Purvis, Mississippi 39475 Bid Amount for all Animatronics & Air Compressor - \$3,777.77 |
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After the bid opening and review of the bid by Ms. Patrice Melnick, Museum Director, it was determined that the submitted bid did not meet the minimum bid requirements listed in the specifications. Ms. Melnick requested that the bid be rejected and a letter was emailed to the company representative—Mr. James Durham—informing him of this decision. At this time, Ms. Melnick will be consulting with LAMATS to re-advertise using their online bidding portal and updates will be provided to the public once they become available. No further action needed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15 OF ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 1993 TO VEST AUTHORITY IN THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE THE WRITTEN NOTICE REFERENCED IN THE SECTION.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 5 of 1993 created and established a city tree board "to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update annually, and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets, and in other public areas."

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WHEREAS, Section 15 of that ordinance addresses dead or diseased trees on private property;

WHEREAS, Section 15 provides as follows:

Section 15. Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on Private Property

The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city, when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the city. The City Tree Board will notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within 60 days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

WHEREAS, there has not been a city tree board for many years, and it remains necessary from time to time for the city to address dead or diseased trees on private property that constitute hazards to life and property;

WHEREAS, city administration believes it necessary and advisable to vest authority in the city attorney to provide the notice referenced in Section 15 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1993;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amending Section 15 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1993 was introduced by council members Milton Batiste III and Sherell Roberts at a public meeting on September 13, 2022, and notice of a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance was published in the Opelousas Daily World;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the Ordinance on October 11, 2022, and thereafter on motion of councilmember _____ and seconded by councilmember _____, the Ordinance was 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:

Section 15 of Ordinance No. 5 of 1993 is hereby amended so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

Section 15. Dead or Diseased Tree Removal on Private Property

The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city, when such trees constitute a hazard to life and property, or harbor insects or disease which constitute a potential threat to other trees within the city. The City Attorney will notify in writing the owners of such trees. Removal shall be done by said owners at their own expense within 60 days after the date of service of notice. In the event of failure of owners to comply with such provisions, the city shall have the authority to remove such trees and charge the cost of removal on the owner's property tax notice.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:19 p.m. for consideration of condemnation/demolition of the following abandoned properties:

- (a) Walter Synegal & Marcia Synegal, C/O Sarah Castaneda, 1306 Montreal Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Owner will demolish.
- (b) Melvin Davis, 315 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Owner has made significant progress and repairs at the property.
- (c) Walter James Stevens, 305 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (d) Matthew Thomas Jackson, C/O Jerica Jackson, 316 Cenla Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.
- (e) Edna Douglas Richard, C/O Donald Jenkins, 639 Mistrot Street (Abandoned/Vacant Wood Frame Structure)
Recommendation of condemnation for demolition.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

The motions on the aforementioned properties were as follows:

- (a) On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the owner's desire to demolish and approve the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
- (b) On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren, it was resolved to allow the owner to continue repairs and conduct periodic inspections of the property to ensure continued progress. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
- (c) On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
- (d) On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis-Warren, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
- (e) On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Chasity Davis-Warren, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Floyd Ford, seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings and duly resolved:

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023
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WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

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

NAYS: None.


ABSENT: None.

THEREUPON, the above resolution was declared adopted.


JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

I, Leisa Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, on September 13, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.


LEISA ANDERSON
CITY CLERK
CITY OF OPELOUSAS

CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF NEUTRAL GROUND AREA FOR CHURCH PUMPKIN PATCH.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF NEUTRAL GROUND AREA FOR CHURCH PUMPKIN PATCH

WHEREAS, City of Opelousas owns and maintains a strip of land on Willow Street adjacent to the street and near Epiphany Opelousas Episcopal Church (hereafter "Epiphany Opelousas Church") at 1103 S. Union Street (hereafter the "Property");

WHEREAS, Epiphany Opelousas Church desires access to and use of the Property for a pumpkin patch fundraising event (hereafter the "Pumpkin Patch");

WHEREAS, the Pumpkin Patch will be held by Church during the period October 16, 2022 through October 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, City of Opelousas agrees to permit access to and use of the Property for the Pumpkin Patch provided Epiphany Opelousas Church agrees to Defend, Indemnify, and Hold Harmless City of Opelousas from and against any and all liability whatsoever arising out of, under, or related to Epiphany Opelousas Church's access to and use of the Property;

WHEREAS, in a lawful public meeting convened by the Opelousas City Council on the 13th day of September, 2022, on motion of councilmember Charles Cummings and seconded by councilmember Milton Batiste III, this resolution was offered for adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

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

NAY: None.

ABSENT: None.

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


(1) City of Opelousas is authorized to permit access to and use of the Property by Epiphany Opelousas Church for the Pumpkin Patch if and only Epiphany Opelousas Church agrees, in writing, to Defend, Indemnify, and Hold Harmless City of Opelousas from and against any and all liability whatsoever arising out of, under, or related to Epiphany Opelousas Church's access to and use of the Property,

(2) The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to receive the donation.

OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Attest:


LEISA ANDERSON, CITY CLERK


JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

CERTIFICATE

I, Leisa Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, on September 13, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.


CITY CLERK

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CONSIDER AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PROPERTY AS A SURPLUS AND ASSIGNMENT TO LPS MUNICIPAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR ONLINE SALE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Minimum Value</u> | <u>Truck #</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| ITEM 1) 2000 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTEX17W6YNB64855) | \$ 500.00 | S2 |
| ITEM 2) 2003 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTRF17283NB46124) | \$ 500.00 | W46 |
| ITEM 3) 2002 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTRX17L12NB39407) | \$ 500.00 | W4 |
| ITEM 4) 2000 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTZX172XYNB42743) | \$ 500.00 | E4 |
| ITEM 5) 2001 Ford F-250 (VIN - 1FTNW21L91ED68240) | \$ 500.00 | W2 |
| ITEM 6) 2003 Dodge Durango (VIN - 1D4HS38N73F571083) | \$ 500.00 | E3 |
| ITEM 7) Junked Dodge Durango (License #221958) | \$ 500.00 | SD10 |
| ITEM 8) John Deere Mini Excavator | \$ 800.00 | no number available |

(Standard Surplus Property Assignment Form)

Resolution to Declare Property as Surplus

& Assignment to LPS Municipal Surplus Property Program for Online Sale

Council Meeting Date: September 13, 2022

Agenda Item: Surplus Property

Presented by: Mayor Julius Alsandor

Motioned by: Alderman Charles Cummings

Seconded by: Alderman Sherell Roberts

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2022

Let it be Resolved:

1. The City of Opelousas declares that the following property used by the Executive and Public Works Departments is no longer needed by the City and is declared surplus property, and is assigned to LaMATS through the LPS Surplus Property Program, 700 North Tenth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 to be auctioned online. The listed property will be viewable and will be auctioned online at www.lamats.net/surplus commencing the day of publication of this resolution for no fewer than 7 days until sold or withdrawn.

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Minimum Value</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| 1) <u>2000 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTEX17W6YNB64855)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 2) <u>2003 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTRF17283NB46124)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 3) <u>2002 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTRX17L12NB39407)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 4) <u>2000 Ford F-150 (VIN - 1FTZX172XYNB42743)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 5) <u>2001 Ford F-250 (VIN - 1FTNW21L91ED68240)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 6) <u>2003 Dodge Durango (VIN - 1D4HS38N73F571083)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 7) <u>Junked Dodge Durango (License #221958)</u> | <u>\$ 500.00</u> |
| 8) <u>John Deere Mini Excavator</u> | <u>\$ 800.00</u> |

2. Where the minimum value of an item is not reached or is not set, the City reserves the right to evaluate and to accept the highest bid if deemed to be the fair market value or to relist the unsold item.

Done and signed this 13th day of September by the following roll call vote:


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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk



Julius Alsandor, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Leisa Anderson, City Clerk of the City of Opelousas, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Aldermen, on September 13, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.



City Clerk

PERSONNEL ITEMS

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

- Approve the Confirmation of Probational Police Officer First Class Christopher K. Dekerlegand, Jr., to Permanent Police Officer First Class, effective 06/13/2022.
- Approve the Confirmation of Probational Police Officer First Class Ka'Leah K. Dorsey to Permanent Police Officer First Class, effective 06/13/2022.
- Approve the Confirmation of Probational Police Officer First Class Corey L. Dekerlegand to Permanent Police Officer First Class, effective 08/13/2022.
- Approve the Working Test Period for Niles J. McGinty from Police Officer Recruit to Probational Police Officer, effective 08/10/2022.
- Approve the Working Test Period for Jordan J. Randall from Police Officer Recruit to Probational Police Officer, effective 08/10/2022.
- Approve the Working Test Period for Christopher R. Simien from Police Officer Recruit to Probational Police Officer, effective 08/10/2022.
- Accept the Resignation of Probational Police Officer Destiny N. Broussard, effective 08/19/2022.
- Approve the Recommendation for Hire of Dillen A. DeJean as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 08/29/2022.
- Approve the Recommendation for Hire of Lumus J. Lastrapes as a Police Officer Recruit, effective 08/29/2022.
- Approve the Suspension of Permanent Fire Captain Dwayne Frank for Six Calendar days with loss of Six days of Seniority and 72 hours of pay, effective 10/13/2022, for violation of Opelousas Fire Department Policy Section V 1-V-A 140 (Reporting to Duty of Time), Fourth Offense.
- Approve the Extended Sick Leave for Permanent Police Lieutenant Michael L. Lacombe, effective 08/03/2022.
- Approve the substitute appointment of Permanent Police Sergeant Kerry Sam, Jr., to Substitute Police Lieutenant, effective 09/04/2022.

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Lena Charles thanked everyone for their support of the 40th annual Zydeco Festival that was held September 3, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss status of *Elton Sam v. City of Opelousas*, suit no. 11-C-4858-A, 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Aldermen Milton Batiste III and Floyd Ford, it was resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:29 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to authorize Legal Counsel to offer \$50,000 as a ceiling on the *Elton Sam v. City of Opelousas*, suit no. 11-C-4858-A. 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-Warren.

NAYS: None.

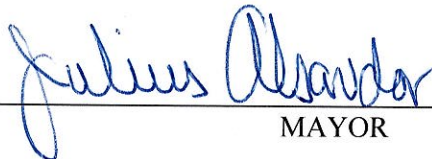
ABSENT: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR