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Notice Posted: April 6, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE OF MEETING:** City of Opelousas Municipal Plaza Council Chambers, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570.

This meeting is also available for live-stream viewing on [www.cityofopelousas.com](http://www.cityofopelousas.com). Archived/Recorded videos of the meetings can be viewed on the Historic Opelousas Facebook page.

### AGENDA:

#### REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call.
2. Observe Moment of Silent Meditation.
3. Prayer by Pastor Paul Gatlin, Emmanuel Church of God in Christ, Opelousas, Louisiana.
4. Pledge to U.S. Flag by Retired First Sergeant Ronald Milburn, 28-year U. S. Army veteran.
5. Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held 03/14/2023.
6. **Adoption of Agenda.**
  - Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative.
- Presentation by Jason Duet with DOTD and Vijay Kunada regarding a "Long-Range Transportation Plan to Serve all Citizens" of Opelousas.
- Updates/Presentation by Mayor Julius Alsandor.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any.

### REPORTS

7. Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending 08/31/2022.
8. Committee Reports: Budget Committee.
9. Review Monthly Finances.
10. Engineer's Monthly Report.
11. City Attorney's Report.

### OLD BUSINESS

12. Approve the recommendation to hire Jacoby Briscoe as a Probationary Police Officer. Officer is P.O.S.T. Certified.
13. Approve the recommendation to hire Tyrone Abrams as a part-time Police Training Officer at \$15.00 per hour with no benefits.
14. Approve the recommendation of a \$2.00 per hour increase in pay for Police Custodian Xavier Boxie.
15. Discuss and consider the Fire Department's request for a proposed pay raise.

### NEW BUSINESS

16. **ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2023.**
17. Discuss and Approve the Appointment of Fire Chief.
18. Discuss the Museum Director's request to add \$2,500 to budget line item 54610-3346 and to corresponding revenue line item (New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation Grant).
19. Discuss the Museum Director's request to add \$1,500 to budget line item 54610-3350 and to corresponding revenue line item (Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Grant).

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**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

20. Discuss Vanessa Harris – The Parlor at Main's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in a DMU ZONE (DOWNTOWN MIXED USE ZONE) to sell/serve alcoholic beverages at the event center at 117 S. Main Street.
21. Discuss Scholar Jenkins' request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to sell alcoholic beverages at the convenience store at 831 Wallior Street.
22. Discuss Jacob and Mary Ann Abdalla Family Properties – El Paisa Mexican Market's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in a C1 ZONE (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to sell alcoholic beverages at the convenience store located at 921 Creswell Lane.
23. Discuss Dollar Tree's request for SITE PLAN approval in a C1 ZONE (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to construct a new retail store at 2221 S. Union Street.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

24. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING THE RATES AND CHARGES, ON WATER AND SEWER SERVICE ACCOUNTS SERVED BY THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.
25. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2020, SECTION 3-14 TO PROVIDE FOR FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
26. INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BY AUTOMATED MEANS AND FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR THOSE CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

**CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

27. AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TO REPURPOSE THE NEW LIFE CENTER PROPERTY, IF ANY.
28. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 5-163 AND 5-171 OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE REGULATING NON-RESIDENTIAL VACANT STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

29. A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TO REPURPOSE THE NEW LIFE CENTER PROPERTY.
30. A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NON-RESIDENTIAL VACANT STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (VOTE REQUIRED)**

31. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT TO REPURPOSE THE NEW LIFE CENTER PROPERTY.
32. ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NON-RESIDENTIAL VACANT STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS.

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

33. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, STATE OF LOUISIANA (THE "CITY"), TO ISSUE UTILITY REVENUE BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS (\$100,000,000) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND ACQUIRING ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE UTILITY SYSTEM OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS (cont'd)**

34. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO PARTICIPATE IN ADDITIONAL *NATIONAL SETTLEMENTS* AS EXPRESSED IN THE RECENT *NATIONAL PHARMACY DEFENDANTS' SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS* (CVS, WALGREENS, AND WALMART DEFENDANTS) IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND PURSUANT TO THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO LOUISIANA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOUISIANA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ("MOU").
35. ADOPT THE LCDBG PUBLIC FACILITIES MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION.
36. ADOPT A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE ACADIANA REGIONAL JUVENILE JUSTICE DISTRICT COMPRISED OF VARIOUS PARISHES IN OR NEAR THE ACADIANA REGION, PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**CONSENT AGENDA (PERSONNEL)**

37. Accept Probational Fire Lieutenant Scott Roy's Resignation, effective 03/23/2023, and approve payment in the amount of \$6,463.76 for 336 hours of unused vacation and 8 hours of Bonus Time, pending verification by Opelousas Fire & Police Civil Service Board.
38. Approve Permanent Driver/Operator Daniel Saucier's Promotion to Probational Fire Lieutenant, effective 04/02/2023, to replace Lieutenant Scott Roy.
39. Approve Probational Police Officer Lumus Lastrapes' Administrative Leave with Pay, effective 03/30/2023.
40. Approve Probational Police Officer Lumus Lastrapes' Termination, effective 04/11/2023.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- *No Items Submitted.*

**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; Via Facsimile at (337) 948-2593; or Via E-mail at [landerson@cityofopelousas.com](mailto:landerson@cityofopelousas.com)

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