

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 11th day of July 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

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, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren. ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Rev. Perry Hubbs, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Opelousas, Louisiana led the Prayer and Staff Sergeant Dana Hammond, U.S. Army, 26 year military veteran, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to DEFER approval of the minutes of a Regular Meeting held 06/13/2023. The minutes of the Special Meetings held 07/05/2023 and 07/07/2023 will be approved at the August 2023 Council meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

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

- Under the NEW BUSINESS Section, adding "Discuss PDQ II LLC – Kayenne's request for Pre-Approval for CONDITIONAL USE in a C1 ZONE (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to sell/serve alcoholic beverages in a bar/lounge located at 603 E. Landry Street".

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderwomen Sherell Roberts, Delita Broussard and Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Warren, it was resolved to adopt the agenda with the approved changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NOTICE is hereby given in compliance with La. R.S. 42:19.1, that the governing authority of City of Opelousas of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, will meet in open and public session on Tuesday, the 8th day of August 2023 at 5:00 p.m., at Municipal Plaza Council Chambers, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana, to consider calling an election to be held on November 18, 2023 in City of Opelousas, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, for levying ad valorem taxes allocated for Fire Department, Police Department, City Marshall and Municipal Court.
- COVID-19 Update from Opelousas General Health Systems (OGHS) representative. Mayor Alsandor gave the following update from OGHS: No negative news—continue to encourage immunizations and practice good hand hygiene. If feeling sick, stay home and isolate.
- Updates/Presentation by Mayor Julius Alsandor.
- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. None.

REPORTS

Review Monthly Finances. Mayor Alsandor stated that he would provide a copy of the financial report for the month of June 2023 to the Council. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Warren, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Financial Report for June 2023. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, and Delita Broussard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Status Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. Jarrell gave updates on the following items:

Lcdbg-CV LOVE LOUISIANA OUTDOOR PROGRAM - PARK GRANT (5#573): This project is funded through grant funds provided through the Office of Community Development. Project is for playground equipment and security cameras at the North Park, South Park, Greenwood, and Indian Hills Playgrounds. Bids received were over budget and MGA directed to issue a change order to eliminate the work at South City Park to bring the project to within funds available for construction. MGA has provided required documentation to the OCD for approval and is waiting on response and authorization from OCD to proceed with project.

BRIDGES: GENERAL: City has been approved for \$2.1M in capital outlay funds for bridge repairs/replacement. MGA is currently updating cost estimates and scope of work for the Plaisance, Frilot, Heather, Phillip, and Augustus bridges/crossings. Once scope of work and cost updates are completed, MGA will develop recommendations on our opinion of the most efficient way to allocate the funding and present to Mayor and Council for review and approval. It is anticipated that updated cost estimates and scope of work for each bridge/crossing will be provided by end of July. Upon approval and authorization to proceed, MGA will begin working with FP & C to develop plans and specifications for the approved projects.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS & UPGRADES (LDH COMPLIANCE ORDER) (W#309 LDH APPLICATION): MGA prepared and submitted a Loan Application to LDH for \$25M. The city received a letter from LDH dated June 15, 2022, advising that applications were considered, and projects being placed on LDH's Comprehensive List of Applicants. Engineering agreement for preparation of the System Improvement Plan (SIP) has been executed and approved and will require approximately 6 months to complete. Supplemental Agreements will be executed once projects are better defined in SIP. MGA has not commenced work on SIP due to City funding constraints. MGA will commence work on the SIP once state bond commission approval for the \$25M loan has been obtained. Loan funds will be used to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant (\$10.5M) and distribution system upgrades (\$14.7M). The City Council adopted an ordinance to raise water rates to finance the debt service on the \$25M loan. The City Administration is working with Bond Attorney and LDH with loan review and obtaining State Bond Commission approval. LDH has advised that they will not recommend approval of loan to bond commission until the city has completed a Business Plan and obtained LDH approval of said Business Plan. MGA understands that city staff is currently working on Business Plan. Funding opportunities are limited, and the lack of progress is affecting the city's chances of receiving loan forgiveness for a substantial portion of the loan. A meeting with LDH and the city administration was held on Monday, March 13th to discuss the city's loan application, funding opportunities, and LDH Compliance Order.

STREETS: SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS - LANDRY STREET (5#480): Project scope includes the sidewalks on Landry Street between Court & Market Streets only. City share of cost being paid for by Opelousas Downtown Development District. Pre-construction meeting was held on April 11, 2023, Notice to Proceed has been issued and construction is underway.

WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (W#302 CAPITAL OUTLAY): This project is for the repair of several waterlines crossing existing railroad facilities and replacement of ground storage tank at the Med-South Well Site. Bids received on November 1, 2022 and were substantially over budget. MGA made recommendation for award and contract adjustments in letter dated December 1, 2022, which have been implemented. A pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2023, and it is anticipated that a Notice to Proceed will be issued at the meeting. Construction has been delayed due to delivery of ground storage tank and other materials are received. Estimated cost is \$666,667.00 (\$500,000.00 State: \$166,667.00 City).

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the Engineer's Monthly Status Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

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Presentation by City Attorney. Attorney Travis Broussard stated that he had received confirmation from the Louisiana Secretary of State today that everything is in place to hold an election to replace Councilman Milton Batiste. Qualifying will begin Tuesday, 08/08/2023 and will end Thursday, 08/10/2023 with the election on the 10/14/2023 ballot. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to accept the City Attorney's report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss R.A.M.I. LLC – Travis Rami's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 343 E. Laurent Street to build and operate a Medical Office. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and Mr. Rami requested dual use of this facility as a medical office and a community center. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this item. Community center use is a permitted use. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to approve R.A.M.I. LLC – Travis Rami's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 343 E. Laurent Street to build and operate a Medical Office with dual use as a community center. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss Aline Niragira's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 517 S. Main Street to open a Child Day Care Center. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderwoman Chasity Warren and seconded by Alderwomen Sherell Roberts and Delita Broussard, it was resolved to approve Aline Niragira's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an NMU ZONE (NEIGHBORHOOD MIXED USE ZONE) at 517 S. Main Street to open a Child Day Care Center. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss Alvin Thierry – Oliver Thierry's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an R2 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 2 ZONE) at 908 Phillip Street to operate a Snow Ball Stand. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to approve Alvin Thierry – Oliver Thierry's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval for property in an R2 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 2 ZONE) at 908 Phillip Street to operate a Snow Ball Stand. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, and Delita Broussard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss J. S. Clark – Tiffanie Lewis's request for the ANNEXATION and the ZONING OF C1 of the property described as attached (US Hwy 357 @ Coyote Lane): (0103572600) A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 72.422 ACRES. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item with the understanding that due to the situation with the lift station on Bernice Street, the City is not certain that they will be able to provide sewer services to this location. J. S. Clark will be responsible for their own sewer system at their own expense in the event that the City cannot provide those services. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve J. S. Clark – Tiffanie Lewis's request for the ANNEXATION and the ZONING OF C1 of the property described as attached (US Hwy 357 @ Coyote Lane): (0103572600) A PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 72.422 ACRES. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Chasity Davis's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to open and operate an Outdoor Recreational Facility at 1032 S. Railroad Avenue. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to approve Chasity Davis's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to open and operate an Outdoor Recreational Facility at 1032 S. Railroad Avenue. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

ABSTAINED: Chasity Warren.

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss Broussard Grocery LLC – Dana Hammond's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to sell alcoholic beverages in a convenience store located at 647 Hall Street. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Warren, it was resolved to approve Broussard Grocery LLC – Dana Hammond's request for CONDITIONAL USE approval in an R1 ZONE (RESIDENTIAL 1 ZONE) to sell alcoholic beverages in a convenience store located at 647 Hall Street. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss Crowne Parc Subdivision Phase 1's request for FINAL PLAT approval as submitted. Plat of survey prepared by Pioneer Surveying, LLC dated May 30, 2023. Described as: LOCATED IN SECTIONS 135 & 136 T-6-S, R4-E & SECTION 155, T7-S, R4-E (Harry Guilbeau Road) CITY OF OPELOUSAS, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve Crowne Parc Subdivision Phase 1's request for FINAL PLAT approval as

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submitted. Plat of survey prepared by Pioneer Surveying, LLC dated May 30, 2023. Described as: LOCATED IN SECTIONS 135 & 136 T-6-S, R4-E & SECTION 155, T7-S, R4-E (Harry Guilbeau Road) CITY OF OPELOUSAS, ST. LANDRY PARISH, LOUISIANA. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

Discuss PDQ II LLC – Kayenne’s request for Pre-Approval for CONDITIONAL USE in a C1 ZONE (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to sell/serve alcoholic beverages in a bar/lounge located at 603 E. Landry Street. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 07/10/2023 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Warren, it was resolved to approve PDQ II LLC – Kayenne’s request for Pre-Approval for CONDITIONAL USE in a C1 ZONE (COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE) to sell/serve alcoholic beverages in a bar/lounge located at 603 E. Landry Street. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, and Delita Broussard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to grant Authority to advertise for Bids for Offsite Fuel 2 Card System. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderwoman Delita Broussard and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to award contract for the Installation of Park Playground Equipment Project, LCDBG Contract No. 2000720412, MGA Project 5#573, to Glendon Normand Construction, LLC in the amount of \$449,892.50, subject to State approval of proposed change order no. 1 in the decrease amount of \$54,605.00 and Program Amendment. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Rubin-Broussard, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderwoman Delita Broussard and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the decrease amount of \$54,605.00 for the removal of all work for South City Park from the project, subject to State approval of Program Amendment. This change order is for Installation of Park Playground Equipment Project, LCDBG Contract No. 2000720412, MGA Project 5#573. (Contractor: Glendon Normand Construction, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 4 for time extension of 90 days. This change order is for AMI Water Meter Installation Services Project, FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-18-01, MGA Project W#300. (Contractor: Vanguard Utility Company, Inc.). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, and Marvin Richard.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to amend the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City of Opelousas in August 2022 as set out in the document attached to this ordinance;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen, of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana in general session convened that:

SECTION I. The attached detailed budget of Revenues for Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, has been and the same was hereby amended to serve as an Operating Budget of Revenues for the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, during the same period.

SECTION II. The attached budget of Expenditures by departments for the Fiscal Year beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, has been and the same was hereby amended to serve as a budget of expenditures for the City during the said period.

SECTION III. The amending of this Operating Budget of Expenditures has been and the same was hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION IV. Amounts were available for expenditures only to the extent included with the 2022-2023 budget.

Said Ordinance was introduced by councilmembers Delita Broussard and Charles Cummings on the 11th day of July 2023.

The referenced Budget is available for public inspection at City of Opelousas Municipal office,

105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana,

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures adopted by the City Council in summer 2022 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023, shall be and is amended as set out in the document attached to this ordinance.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024.

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act requires the City of Opelousas to adopt an annual budget of revenues and expenditures on or before August 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, the proposed budget must be accompanied by a budget adoption instrument;

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WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas desires to adopt the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Ordinance (the "Budget Ordinance");

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Opelousas (the "City Council") held on July 11, 2022, this Budget Ordinance was introduced by councilmember Charles Cummings pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(1)(2); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 33:406(B)(2), a public hearing on the Budget Ordinance was held prior to final adoption, and notice was appropriately run as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act;

*The referenced Budget is available for public inspection at City of Opelousas Municipal office,
105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana,*

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (except holidays)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the budget of revenues and expenditures proposed by the Mayor of the Municipality, Julius Alsandor, and attached to this Budget Ordinance be and is hereby adopted by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas.

CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES

AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 28-40(a) OF THE OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION OF MONTREAL AND W. LINCOLN STREET AMONG THE LIST OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS, IF ANY. *No amendments*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:18 p.m. for A PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 28-40(a) OF THE OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION OF MONTREAL AND W. LINCOLN STREET AMONG THE LIST OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS. Mayor Alsandor asked the Council and the public if there were any comments or questions about this matter. *No opposition was opposed by the Council or the Public.* The Public Hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES (VOTE REQUIRED)

ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 28-40(a) OF THE OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION OF MONTREAL AND W. LINCOLN STREET AMONG THE LIST OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS.

ORDINANCE NO. 08 OF 2023

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 28-40(a) OF THE OPELOUSAS CODE OF
ORDINANCES TO INCLUDE THE INTERSECTION
OF MONTREAL AND W. LINCOLN STREET AMONG THE LIST OF FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS

WHEREAS, Chapter 28 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Opelousas provides for regulations related to traffic and motor vehicles;

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 28-40(a) of Chapter 28 provides a list of intersections at which City of Opelousas shall maintain four-way stop signs;

WHEREAS, the intersection of Montreal and W. Lincoln is not currently listed among the twenty-eight (28) intersections at which a four-way stop sign is maintained;

WHEREAS, City of Opelousas believes maintenance of a four-way stop sign at this intersection would promote public safety and welfare for motorists traveling through this intersection, and that installation of such a stop sign at this intersection is in the best interest of the citizens of Opelousas;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was introduced by Councilwoman Delita Rubin-Broussard at a regular public meeting convened on June 13, 2023 with a quorum present. Thereafter, notice of a public hearing was duly published, and said hearing was held July 11, 2023;

WHEREAS, on Motion of Councilmember Delita Broussard and second by Councilmember Charles Cummings, this Ordinance was offered for final adoption, and the following vote was recorded:

Yea: Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, and Delita Broussard.

Nay: None.

Absent: Milton Batiste III.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, that Chapter 28, Article 1, Section 28-40(a) is hereby amended, reenacted, and restated so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

(a) Four-way stop signs shall be maintained by the City at the following intersections:

- (1) **Montreal and W. Lincoln Streets.**
- (2) Court and Grolee Streets.
- (3) Court and Jefferson Streets.
- (4) Market and Church Streets.
- (5) Market and Grolee Streets.
- (6) Market and Bertheaud Streets.
- (7) Railroad and Park Avenue.
- (8) Market Street and Park Avenue.
- (9) Bertheaud Avenue and Court Street.
- (10) Court and South Streets.
- (11) Grolee Street and Garland Lane.
- (12) Prudhomme Lane and Wallior Street.
- (13) Grolee and Lombard Streets.
- (14) Market and Jefferson Streets.
- (15) Perry Lane and Wallior Street.
- (16) Sandoz and Lombard Streets.
- (17) Bertheaud Avenue and Parkview Drive.
- (18) Jefferson and East Streets.
- (19) Natchez Boulevard and Choctaw Drive.
- (20) Shute Street and Oak Street.
- (21) Fern and Tennis Streets.
- (22) Fern Street and West Park Avenue.

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- (23) Plaisance and Lincoln Streets.
- (24) Liberty Street and South Street.
- (25) Lombard and North Streets.
- (26) Bertheaud and Washington Streets.
- (27) Market and Cherry Streets.
- (28) Market and Lincoln Streets.
- (29) Adam and Henry Streets.

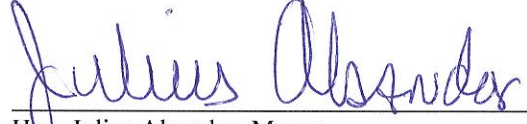
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective upon execution by the Mayor, or at midnight of the tenth day after the Mayor's receipt of the Ordinance from the City Clerk whichever shall occur first.

Attest:

I certify this Ordinance was presented to the Mayor on the 12th day of July, 2023, and returned to me by the Mayor on the 13th day of July, 2023.

Opelousas, Louisiana, this 11th day of July, 2023.


Leisa Anderson, City Clerk


Hon. Julius Alsandor, Mayor

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIXTY-THREE (\$42,063.00) DOLLARS ON BEHALF OF THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Delita Broussard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FY 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-TWO THOUSAND SIXTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$42,063.00) 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 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) to help defray the cost for equipment for the Opelousas Police Department.

Section 2. That the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office will receive the allocated amount of \$13,353.00 and therefore the City of Opelousas will receive the allocated amount of \$28,710.00.

Section 3. That the City of Opelousas agrees to use the \$28,710.00 from the JAG Program allocation until July 31, 2024 for the sole purpose of purchasing new technology upgrades.

Section 4. That nothing in the performance of said Agreement shall impose any liability for claims against the City of Opelousas other than for claims which liability may be imposed by the Tort Claims Act and that each party to said Agreement will be responsible for its own sections while providing services or procuring equipment under said Agreement and shall not be responsible for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of services of procurement by the other party.

For the purpose of said Agreement, the parties nominate the following:

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Julius Alsandor

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Sherell Roberts, Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, and Charles Cummings.

NAYS: None.

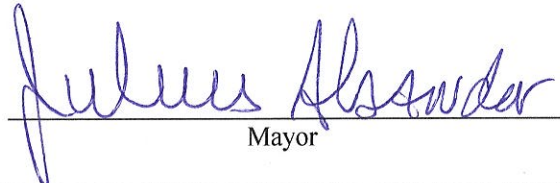
ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

ABSTAINING: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted on this 11th day of July 2023.

ATTEST:


City Clerk


Mayor

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPELOUSAS GARDEN CLUB TO DONATE PROPERTY TO THE OPELOUSAS LITTLE THEATRE.

RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OPELOUSAS GARDEN CLUB TO DONATE PROPERTY
TO THE OPELOUSAS LITTLE THEATRE

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City Opelousas dated June 13, 1962, the Opelousas Garden Club has maintained a building at the Opelousas South City Park on a site between the Opelousas Little Theatre building and central fire station, for the purpose of conducting public floral shows and displays and teaching and advising upon the approved methods of floral horticulture;

WHEREAS, the resolution authorizing the Opelousas Garden Club to maintain the building on City property was given exclusively to the Opelousas Garden Club;

WHEREAS, the resolution further provides that the City of Opelousas shall have the right to demand the building be moved in the event the Opelousas Garden Club ceases to use it for the permitted purpose;

WHEREAS, because of declining membership, participation, and financial resources, the Opelousas Garden Club is in the process of winding up its affairs with an intent to dissolve upon completion of this process;

WHEREAS, the Opelousas Garden Club desires to donate the building to the Opelousas Little Theatre, and it has approved the City of Opelousas requested support for the donation;

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023

WHEREAS, at a lawful public meeting on July 11, 2023, councilmember Charles Cummings moved to support the donation and to authorize the Opelousas Little Theatre to maintain the building at its current position, and a second was given by councilmember Delita Broussard. Thereafter, a roll call vote was held, and the following results were recorded:

Yea: Chasity Warren, Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

Nay: None.

Abstention: None.

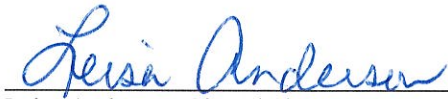
Absent: Milton Batiste III.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas, that:

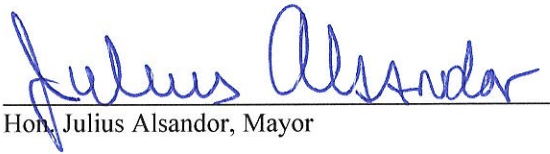
1. The governing authority is in support of a donation by the Opelousas Garden Club to the Opelousas Little Theatre, and the Opelousas Little Theatre shall be permitted to maintain the subject building at its current position;
2. The right to maintain the building at its current position is granted exclusively to the Opelousas Little Theatre, provided such use does not interfere with the normal use of park facilities;
3. In the event Opelousas Little Theater ceases use of the building, or in the event the building should become dilapidated and fail to meet all required codes, City of Opelousas shall maintain the right to demand that the building be moved at the sole cost of the Opelousas Little Theatre; and
4. It shall be expressly acknowledged in the Act of Donation by the Opelousas Garden Club and the Opelousas Little Theatre that the City of Opelousas shall assume no responsibility or liability for any act or occurrence at the subject building causing injury, damage, or death.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 11th day of July, 2023

Attest:



Leisa Anderson, City Clerk



Hon. Julius Alsandor, Mayor

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS FOR THE OPELOUSAS MUSEUM AND ADVERTISE FOR SALE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY:

On a motion by Alderman Sherell Roberts and seconded Alderman Chasity Warren, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, EXCHANGE OR DISPOSAL OF ANY SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED OR USED BY THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS MUSEUM FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES, FIXING THE MINIMUM PRICES AND TERMS OF THE SALE OR EXCHANGE THROUGH ADVERTISEMENT OF PUBLIC SALE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, the Governing Authority of the City of Opelousas, that the Mayor is hereby authorized for and on behalf of said political subdivision to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of the property, subject to the minimum price and terms set by the City of Opelousas. Said property is not needed for any public purposes:

ITEM 1 - P.F.E. ALBEE Barbie Doll. This doll is in the original package that measures 12.5" x 8" x 3". Barbie as MRS P.F.E. ALBEE BARBIE DOLL an AVON EXCLUSIVE Special Edition 1st in SERIES is a 1997 Mattel/AVON . . . INCLUDES: 1 MRS P.F.E. ALBEE BARBIE DOLL approx. 11.5" tall w Dark BROWN Hair. Barbie Doll wears: Pair of Golden EARRINGS, a Purple HAT w Flowers, a Pair of PANTIES, a Purple JACKET w Golden Buttons & Silvery Collar & Cuffs, Lace JABOT w Golden "Broach" Effect, Matching Purple LONG SKIRT w Large Bow at Back & HALF SKIRT Piece w Silvery Side Edge Trim), Pair of SHOES, BROCHURE, DOLL STAND for Display. Estimated value: \$25--\$100

ITEM 2 - Doll in Red and White Coat. Doll with long black curly hair, dark skin and brown eyes. Wears Redcoat trimmed in white fur with decorative pine cones. Wears in hair matching ribbons. Doll is on a display stand. Is approximately 16" x 8". Estimated value: \$50

ITEM 3 - DOLL PAIR - "Napoleon & Josephine" dolls. This doll display is of Napoleon standing and Josephine kneeling before him. Both figures wear long red capes trimmed in white. Each figure also wears a gold crown. The entire display is 2 feet tall and four feet long. The pair were created by Geri Blansfield. Estimated value: \$100--\$150

ITEM 4 - TABLECLOTHS - Three white top sheets; One grey tablecloth for round table; Six flat white table cloths for 8 foot tables; One white skirted table cloth for 8 foot tablecloth. Estimated value (for all): \$50

ITEM 5 - PLANTS - PLANT 1: Leafy plastic tree with 3 narrow trunks in basket. Deciduous leaves. Measurements: 6.5' x 2'; **PLANT 2:** Leafy plastic tree with woven trunk in small basket base. Deciduous leaves. Measurements: 6.5' x 2'; **PLANT 3:** Tropical plastic plant with long leaves at top and bottom. In small basket base. Three narrow trunks. Measurements: 6' x 2'; **PLANT 4:** Small tropical plastic plant. Long, heart-shaped leaves. In basket base. Measurements: 3' x 1.5'; **PLANT 5:** Small plastic tree with long trunk. Leaves thick at top of tree. In small basket base. Estimated value (for all): \$50

The surplus property is owned by the City of Opelousas and descriptions and minimum bid(s) are listed.

The sales shall be made for cash. In any exchange the City shall receive not less than the minimum price listed. Should the City use an Auction Company, the designated Auction Company will deduct handling fees from the total proceeds collected following auction.

The Resolution having been submitted to a vote, was adopted as follows on this 11th day of July 2023.

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Delita Broussard, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Warren.

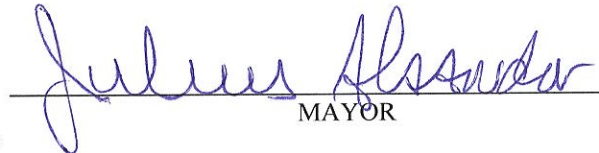
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR

CONSENT AGENDA (PERSONNEL)

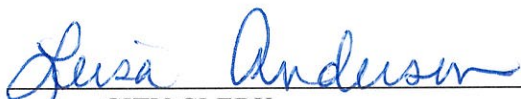
No Items Submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- *No Items Submitted.*

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Sherell Roberts, seconded by Alderman Delita Broussard and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR