

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2014

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 8th day of April 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr. presiding, the meeting was called to order.

The Mayor requested the City Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Cravins asked that everyone pray that the people who were on that plane be found in the not too distant future. A moment of silent meditation was observed. Mayor Cravins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 03/11/2014.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and one objection, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: **adding under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 9-A, "Presentation by City Marshal Paul Mouton regarding purchase of a van in the amount of \$17,000.00 for prisoner transport"; adding an INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES Section, Item No. 13-A, "INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-4.1 OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AS IT RELATES TO SALARY REDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS"; adding a RESOLUTIONS Section, Item No. 14A, "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER TO REPLACE MS. DEBRA MAYO ON THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"; correcting under the ANNOUNCEMENTS Section, the time of the Public Meeting is 5:00 PM. The time was incorrectly listed as 4:00 PM. Alderman Julius Alsandor objected to Item No. 14-A. He stated that the process changes each and every time they do this. He would like to make sure they have a full discussion on this item prior to adopting the Resolution.**

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation for recognition of the Employee of the Month. The Employee of the Month for March 2014 is Mr. Wallace Fontenot. Mr. Fontenot has been employed with the Street Department and is the groundskeeper for Myrtle Grove Cemetery. He is married and has two sons and one daughter.

Presentation by Mrs. Vickie Leleux regarding issues in zoning in the Park Vista Community. Ms. Leleux was not ready at this time.

Presentation by Mrs. Arabell Minix regarding request to have the ditch located on Taft Street cut and/or cleaned. Mrs. Minix addressed the Council regarding a ditch that is located behind her house. She stated that every time she asked someone to do something about it, they tell her that her house is not in the city limits. She stated that the ditch is eroding. Mrs. Balthazar went out this morning and looked at it and she stated that they are looking into how to take care of this problem to accommodate the heavy machinery.

Presentation from the "Keep Opelousas Beautiful" Program to the City of Opelousas. Mr. Duplechain was not present.

Presentation by City Marshal Paul Mouton regarding purchase of a van in the amount of \$17,000.00 for prisoner transport. Marshal Mouton explained that when people come to Opelousas and get tickets, they don't come back to pay them and then the judge issues a bench warrant and the Marshal's office has to go all over Louisiana to pick up these people. Right now his department has to send out two or three vehicles to pick up these violators and they really need this van. Marshal Mouton stated that they do not have the money in any line items to make this purchase. He pointed out that this van would be available to the City to use at its discretion any time it is needed. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Aldermen Butler, Martin and Charles, it was resolved to amend the Marshal's department budget in the amount of \$17,000.00 to purchase a van for prisoner transport and round-up with funds coming from the Fund Balance. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Marshall Mouton introduced several reserve officers that have joined his team.

Discussion regarding North Park Concession Stand. Mayor Cravins gave a brief overview of the issue with the North Park Concession Stand. He expressed that last month bids were received and bids came in by two people—one of which had the concession stand last year—and the contract was written such that there was some confusion as to whether there was a provision in that contract that would allow for an option to renew it for two or three years. In the bid process and the one that was published in the newspaper, the minimum bid, as it was advertised, was to be \$200.00. Both of the people bid under \$200.00 last month—one bid \$100, one bid \$110—that has been the issue in question. The City was advised that it was probably a good idea to have the Council visit that issue and make a determination relative to what the final decision is to be. Mayor Cravins asked if any of the parties were present. Mr. Thierry was present; Mrs. Davis was not present. Alderman Julius Alsandor pointed out that when this bid first came up last year, they, as a Council—even though he did not vote for it—because it is all reflective upon all of them as a Council—made an arbitrary number without going by what the ordinance had said—a \$200.00 bid. They gave it up for \$100.00 last year and now they are stuck in the dilemma that they are now. Alderman Alsandor stated that there is going to come a time—and that time should have been years ago—that they stop making these provisions to appease, which they are governed to do. He pointed out that if the bid was not followed accordingly, then they should reject what was put out there and address this all over again. Alderman Blair Briggs made a motion that they reject both bids for failure to meet the minimum bid requirements. Ms. Karen Frank advised him that they were going to have to rescind last month's motion that was made to accept both bids and award to the highest bidder. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to rescind the motion that was made from the March 11, 2014 meeting to accept the bids and take under advisement and award to the highest bidder meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to reject both bids because neither bidder met the minimum requirements. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for the Lease of the Concession Stand at North Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Budget Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 3, 2014 @ 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Julius Alsandor, Chairman, arrived late; Jacqueline Martin; Blair Briggs; and Reginald Tatum. Alderman Joseph Charles was also present.

ABSENT: None

Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin called the meeting to order. A moment of silent meditation was observed in memory of Alderman Julius Alsandor's mother-in law who passed away.

The following items were added to the Budget Committee Agenda at the start of the meeting:

Presentation by Mr. Clarence Watson regarding the amendment of the Parks & Recreation Budget in the amount of \$119,800.00 in line item 54521-7000 to reflect grant funds received. Presentation by Fire Chief Lee Cahanin regarding the amendment of the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 for inspection of the reserve ladder truck and repair of the primer pump on another truck. Presentation by Police Chief Perry Gallow regarding the amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$55,729.49 to pay out unused annual leave requests to past employees. Presentation by Police Chief Perry Gallow regarding the amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$12,569.14 for repairs to air conditioning units throughout the Police Department including the jail.

1. *Presentation by Mr. Clarence Watson regarding the amendment of the Parks & Recreation Budget in the amount of \$119,800.00 in line item 54521-7000 to reflect grant funds received.* On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of amendment of the Parks & Recreation Budget in the amount of \$119,800.00 in line item 54521-7000 to reflect grant funds received. **On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the amendment of the Parks & Recreation Budget in the amount of \$119,800.00 in line item 54521-7000 to reflect grant funds received. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:**

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2. *Presentation by Fire Chief Lee Cahanin regarding the amendment of the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 for inspection of the reserve ladder truck, and repair of the primer pump on another truck and add \$126.00 received from a grant to the Materials & Supplies line item (#2232).* On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum and Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of amendment of the Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 for inspection of the reserve ladder truck, and repair of the primer pump on another truck and add the \$126.00 check received from National Volunteer Fire Council to the Materials & Supplies line item (#2232). **Chief Cahanin stated that he had a failure of the 911 Voice Recorder and requested an amendment to his communications grant but he will not find out for a while if the amendment has been approved. Because this is standard equipment, it will play a part in the fire rating. On a motion by Aldermen Julius Alsandor and Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the amendment of the Fire Department budget in the amount of \$12,000.00 for inspection of the reserve ladder truck and in the amount of \$14,236.50 to replace the 911 Voice Recorder Capture System and add \$126.00 received from a grant to the Materials & Supplies line item (#2232). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:**

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

3. *Presentation by Police Chief Perry Gallow regarding the amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$55,729.49 to pay out unused annual leave requests to past employees.* Ms. Frank stated that there was a discrepancy in the dollar amount submitted by Chief Gallow based on the "Use It or Lose It" rule. Ms. Frank stated that there should only be four employees included in this request for a total of \$50,580.37. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to send to the full council for approval of amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$50,580.37. **On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$50,580.37 to pay out unused annual leave requests to past employees. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:**

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

4. *Presentation by Police Chief Perry Gallow regarding the amendment of the Police Department Budget in the amount of \$12,569.14 for repairs to air conditioning units throughout the Police Department including the jail.* Chief Gallow stated that he does not have the money available in his budget for these repairs. Ms. Frank stated that he has approximately \$4,300.00 left in his Building Maintenance line item but pointed out that he may have other outstanding bills that have not been paid yet. Alderman Briggs suggested that they give Chief Gallow \$8,000.00 to cover this expense. Alderman Alsandor requested that Chief Gallow have the dollar amount of outstanding bills available for the Council meeting so that they can have the correct balance. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to send to the full council for approval for amendment of the Police Department Budget for repairs to air conditioning units throughout the Police Department including the jail, pending verification of the line item balance. **On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the amendment of the Police**

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Department Budget in the amount of \$12,569.14 for Building Maintenance to repair air conditioning units throughout the Police Department including the jail with funds coming from the Fund Balance. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

5. *DISCUSSION REGARDING SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AS IT RELATES TO SALARY REDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS.* Alderman Reginald Tatum stated that he and some of the other aldermen went to a conference on yesterday. He and Alderman Briggs asked some of the mayors and council members about their salaries in relation to the size of the cities. One of the cities in particular was Gretna which has a population of approximately 17,000 and their council members make about \$17,000 and they are getting ready to give themselves a raise. Their mayor makes about \$70,000 and is also getting ready to get a raise. Port Allen, which has a population of 5,200, has a mayor's salary of \$85,000. Alderman Tatum also pointed out that because they voluntarily gave up their 2.5 percent cost of living raise, it comes up to \$4,368.06 per council members that they have given up. Alderman Briggs stated that after talking to many mayors and council members from all over the state, they pretty much said that if it was them, they wouldn't do it. He stated that initially when he was running for office and found out how much they made, he thought it was a little high; but after talking to everyone he has talked to, they have all said it is right in line with their population. The current proposed ordinance is asking for a 15 percent decrease but he feels that it should be less of a deduction—no more than a 5 percent decrease. Alderman Alsandor stated that had they not taken a cut, they would be making almost \$24,000 a year but he would be inclined to take a cut. Presently the council members, not including the Mayor pro-tem and the Alderman-at-large, make \$20,640.00 which includes their car allowance and monthly salary. On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to forward to the full council for further discussion and approval to adopt an ordinance for nothing less than a 5 percent but nothing more than a 10 percent cut for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, Blair Briggs, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: Reginald Tatum.

ABSENT: None.

This item will be addressed under Introduction of Ordinances Section.

Presentation by City Attorney. Attorney Garrett Duplechain gave a brief presentation in regards to redistricting. He stated that the election this year is in November and, for the election to be valid, the population in each of the voting districts has to be relatively equal. The City has contracted Mr. Mike Hefner and his firm to redraw the districts for the City. Mr. Hefner has done that and he does not have to significantly alter any of the districts and he will go into more detail during his presentation. When one is elected, the boundaries of their district must remain intact until their term is finished so the ordinance makes the redistricting effective 12/31/2014; but, the election is in November 2014. So the way this is done, the ordinance can be introduced today and the ordinance can be passed next month. The Secretary of State will certify it then the elections can take place in the new districts and they will be valid. The alternative would be to have the election delayed until after January 1st—this was done once before in 1974.

Engineers Monthly Report. Mr. William Jarrell stated that Burr Street is now closed for the Bridge construction and it will take several months for that construction to be completed. They are still waiting on the generator to come in for City Hall—it is scheduled to come in some time around the end of April. The re-roofing of the City Hall building is still ongoing. Mr. Jarrell stated that the contractors are also working on another job at this time. Mr. Jarrell stated that have completed four of the eight bridges that needed repair.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2-4.1 OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AS IT RELATES TO SALARY REDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS. It was recommended that the reduction be 7 percent across the board with no deduction in mileage compensations.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-4.1 OF THE CITY OF
OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AS IT
RELATES TO SALARY REDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Opelousas, Louisiana, that the Compensation for the Mayor and the City Council shall be as follows:

1. The Mayor shall be paid an annual salary of \$66,717.46. The Mayor shall also be paid \$665.00 per month in mileage compensation.
2. The Alderman-at-Large shall be paid an annual salary of \$16,423.06; the Mayor-Pro Tem shall be paid an annual salary of \$16,423.06; and all other Aldermen shall be paid an annual salary of \$15,243.07.
3. The City of Opelousas shall pay \$350.00 compensation for mileage to the Aldermen on the City Council.

This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to introduce the Ordinance with a seven percent (7%) cut across the board and authorize a PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2-4.1 OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AS IT RELATES TO SALARY REDUCTIONS AND BENEFITS. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2010 CENSUS PLAN 1. Mayor Cravins announced that the Public Hearing on this matter had been held earlier that day and that the ordinance was being offered for adoption. Mr. Mike Hefner stated that he conducted the second Public Hearing at 3:30 p.m. today but had no one to come in to comment or offer suggestions. He put up the display of the proposed changes for the audience and Council to view. Alderman Reginald Tatum inquired as to what would happen if the City was to later annex an area after this is adopted. Mr. Hefner stated that whatever this area is next to, it would become part of that district and would not have to be rebalanced until after the 2020 Census. Alderman Briggs wanted to

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know what is the urgency to implement this now if it doesn't affect this upcoming election. Mr. Hefner stated that it does affect the election because the candidates qualify based on the new districts that are governed and in effect as of midnight 12/31/2014. The ordinance was offered for introduction in order to hold a Public Hearing to adopt the Ordinance at next month's meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2010 CENSUS PLAN 1

WHEREAS, there are presently five single member voting districts for the City of Opelousas, designated as Districts A, B, C, D, and E, said Districts having been created by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 Census of the U.S. Census Bureau, and after considering all annexations, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas commissioned a reapportionment study which determined that unequal apportionment of the municipal population exists and, therefore the boundaries of the five single member voting districts should be changed to reflect as nearly as possible an equal apportionment of said population, as required by law, particularly La R.S. 33:382 and La. R.S. 33:1371;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, in regular session assembled, that the five single member voting districts for City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen shall be designated as Plan 1 and said voting districts be hereby amended as follows: to-wit:

SECTION I

(Definition of District A)

District A of the municipality of the City of Opelousas shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District A", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION II

(Definition of District B)

District B of the municipality of the City of Opelousas shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District B", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION III

(Definition of District C)

District C of the municipality of the City of Opelousas shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District C", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION IV

(Definition of District D)

District D of the municipality of the City of Opelousas shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District D", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

SECTION V

(Definition of District E)

District E of the municipality of the City of Opelousas shall be defined by the description contained in the attached Exhibit labeled "District E", and including the boundaries and dimensions as shown of the plat attached thereto.

All ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This amended ordinance is to become effective at the end of the terms of office of the current members of the Board of Aldermen on December 31, 2014, as provided by La. R.S. 33:1371 (B) or otherwise provided by law.

**EXHIBIT DISTRICT A
CITY OF OPELOUSAS
PLAN 1 DISTRICT DESCRIPTIONS**

District A:

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as East Landry St. and State Hwy 182, also designated as North Main St., thence northerly on North Main St. to the intersection with the northeast municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, thence generally easterly and southerly along said boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of State Hwy 31, also designated as Creswell Lane, thence westerly along Creswell Lane to the highway division thence westerly along the centerline of the eastbound lane to the intersection with the centerline of the Interstate 49 Service Road South, thence northerly along the Service Road to the intersection with the centerline of Ballard Lane, thence northerly on Ballard Lane to the intersection with the centerline of Leo St., thence westerly on Leo St. to the intersection with the centerline of East St., thence northerly on East St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Madison St., thence westerly on East Madison St. to the intersection with the centerline of South Academy St., thence northerly on South Academy St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Landry St., thence westerly on East Landry St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Main St. and the Point of Beginning.

District A Map



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EXHIBIT DISTRICT B**

District B

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of State Hwy 182, also designated as North Main St. and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, thence westerly on the railroad tracks to the intersection with the centerline of Garland Avenue, thence southerly on Garland Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of West Grolee St., thence westerly on West Grolee St., to the intersection with the northwestern municipal boundary of the City of Opelousas, thence generally westerly, northerly, easterly, and southerly along said municipal boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of North Main St., thence southerly on North Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the Point of Beginning.

District B Map

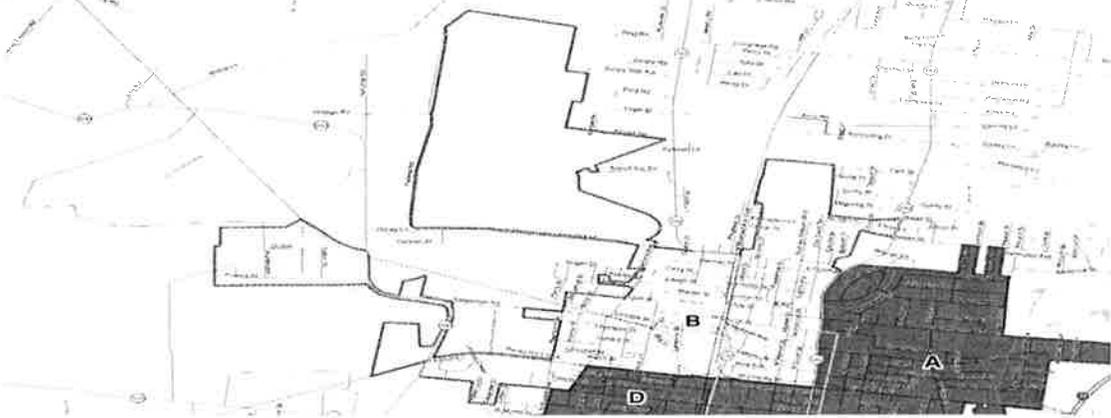


EXHIBIT DISTRICT C

District C

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of State Hwy. 182, also designated as South Union St., and East Jefferson St., thence easterly on East Jefferson St. to the intersection with the centerline of East St., thence southerly on East St. to the intersection with the centerline of Leo St., thence easterly on Leo St. to the intersection with the centerline of Ballard Lane, thence southerly on Ballard Lane to the intersection with the centerline of Interstate 49 Service Road South, thence southerly on the service road to the intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of State Hwy 31, also designated as Creswell Lane, thence easterly on Creswell Lane to the intersection with the eastern municipal boundaries of the City of Opelousas, thence generally southerly, westerly, northerly, and westerly along said boundaries to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned railroad bed, thence northerly along the abandoned railroad bed to the intersection with the centerline of East Bertheaud Ave., thence easterly along East Bertheaud Ave. to the intersection with the centerline of South Union St., thence northerly on South Union St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Jefferson St. and the Point of Beginning.

District C Map

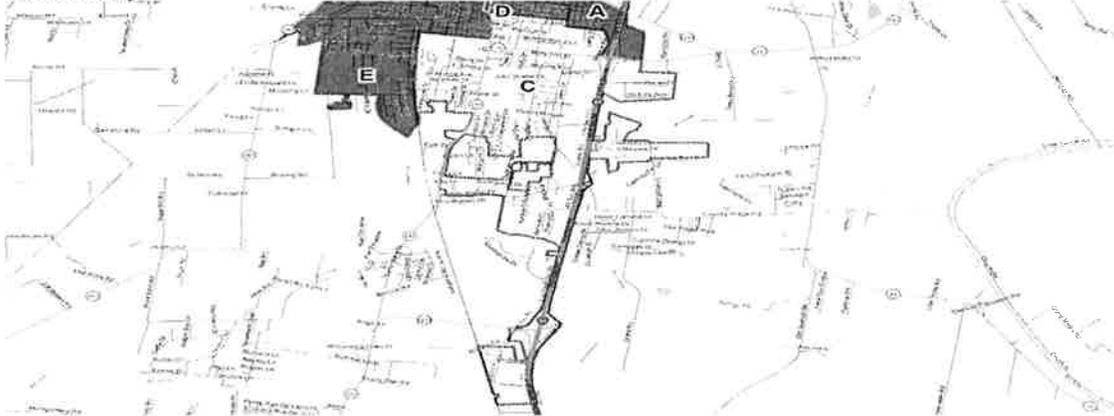


EXHIBIT DISTRICT D

District D

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of State Hwy. 182, also designated as South Union St., and East Jefferson St., thence easterly on East Jefferson St. to the intersection with the centerline of East St., thence northerly on East St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Madison St., thence westerly on East Madison St. to the intersection with the centerline of South Academy St., thence northerly on South Academy St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Landry St., thence westerly on East Landry St. to the intersection with the centerline of North Main St., thence northerly on North Main St. to the intersection with the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, thence westerly on the railroad tracks to the intersection with the centerline of Garland Avenue, thence southerly on Garland Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of West Grolee St., thence westerly on West Grolee St., to the intersection with the southwestern municipal boundary of the City of Opelousas, thence generally southerly along said municipal boundary to the intersection with the centerline of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as West Landry St., thence easterly on West Landry St. to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned Missouri Pacific Railroad track bed, thence southerly on said abandoned railroad track bed to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned eastern spur of the Missouri Pacific Railroad track bed, thence easterly on said track bed, crossing north of a point at 562 Narrow St. and continuing easterly to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned railroad track bed at a point behind 543 South Railroad St., thence southerly on the abandoned railroad track bed to the intersection with the centerline of Augustus St., thence easterly on Augustus St. to the intersection with the centerline of South Railroad Avenue., thence southerly on South Railroad Avenue. to the intersection with the centerline of West Jefferson St., thence westerly on West Jefferson St. to the intersection with the centerline of Bayou Tesson, thence southerly on Bayou Tesson to the intersection with the centerline of East Bertheaud Avenue, thence easterly along East Bertheaud Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of South Union St., thence northerly on South Union St. to the intersection with the centerline of East Jefferson St. and the Point of Beginning.

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District D Map



EXHIBIT DISTRICT E

District E

Commencing at the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of U.S. Hwy 190, also designated as West Landry St and the abandoned Missouri Pacific Railroad track bed, thence southerly on said abandoned railroad track bed to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned eastern spur of the Missouri Pacific Railroad track bed, thence easterly on said track bed, crossing north of a point at 562 Narrow St and continuing easterly to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned railroad track bed at a point behind 543 South Railroad St, thence southerly on the abandoned railroad track bed to the intersection with the centerline of Augustus St., thence easterly on Augustus St. to the intersection with the centerline of South Railroad Avenue., thence southerly on South Railroad Avenue. to the intersection with the centerline of West Jefferson St., thence westerly on West Jefferson St. to the intersection with the centerline of Bayou Tesson, thence southerly on Bayou Tesson to the intersection with the centerline of East Bertheaud Avenue, thence westerly along East Bertheaud Avenue to the intersection with the centerline of the abandoned railroad track bed, thence southerly along the abandoned railroad track bed to the intersection with the southern municipal boundary of the City of Opelousas, thence generally southwesterly, northwesterly, westerly, northerly, and easterly along said boundaries to the intersection of the centerline of West Landry St., thence easterly on West Landry St. to the Missouri Pacific Railroad tracks and the Point of Beginning.

District E Map



On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to introduce the Ordinance and authorize a PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REAPPORTIONING SINGLE MEMBER VOTING DISTRICTS FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2010 CENSUS PLAN 1. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A NEW MEMBER TO REPLACE MS. DEBRA MAYO ON THE MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. Alderman Alsandor questioned the process of appointing members to the Municipal Civil Service Board. He pointed out that they had some input in the last members who were appointed because they went to different universities to have this addressed. This time they only have one university submitting names and it was sent to the City through the mail. Mrs. Linda Walker stated that the reason why they only had one university is because each university has an appointment to be made. The appointment for this opening was for ULL and that is why they received a letter from ULL. The university submitted a total of nine names faxed over to Mrs. Walker to find out if they lived within the City limits. Mrs. Walker called Mr. Frank Guidroz at 911 Communications who told her which ones lived within the City limits and she faxed this information back to ULL. The representative from ULL then faxed a letter back to Ms. Frank with the recommendations. Mrs. Walker stated that this is how they did it last year for Mrs. Jackson's appointment. Mr. Wilbert Levier stated that the members who come on the Civil Service Board should have some knowledge about Civil Service workers. He emphasized that two of these members should be employees. Mayor Cravins stated that this issue is discussed every time there is an appointment and has never been clarified as to the process and they have different interpretations by different sources. The people who work for Civil Service have no means of selecting anybody to represent them on that board which is very much unlike the Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

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On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03 OF 2014
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING Dr. Glynn Granger, M.D.,
AS A MEMBER OF THE OPELOUSAS MUNICIPAL
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the term of one of the members of the Opelousas Municipal Civil Service Commission expired on April 2, 2014, and
WHEREAS, E. Joseph Savoie, President of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has submitted names of persons willing to serve as board members on the Opelousas Municipal Civil Service Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen/Alderwoman of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana that Dr. Glynn Granger, M.D., a name submitted by the University President, be appointed as a member of the Opelousas Municipal Civil Service commission for a six (6) year term to expire April 8, 2020.

The following Resolution being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: Julius Alsandor.

ABSENT: None.

Whereupon, the presiding officer declared the above Resolution duly adopted on April 8, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for immediate condemnation and demolition of property located at 423 South Academy Street. Property was adjudicated to the City of Opelousas on 08/22/2011 and has been damaged by fire.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve the confirmation of Crystal Leblanc from Probational Police Sergeant to Permanent Police Sergeant, effective 03/03/2014.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve the confirmation of Ebony Martin from Probational Police Sergeant to Permanent Police Sergeant, effective 03/03/2014.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve the corrected Provisional status for Police Communications Officer Daisy Grabert, effective 12/09/2013. Personnel Action Form that was previously submitted placed employee on Probational status due to the absence of a valid test score, effective 12/09/2014.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., it was resolved to approve the corrected Probational status for Police Communications Officer Daisy Grabert, effective 01/15/2014. Personnel Action Form that was previously submitted placed employee on Probational status prior to a valid test score. Employee has passed exam and now has a valid test score approved by the Fire and Police Civil Service Board.

A roll call vote was taken on the CONSENTS Section with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this time, Mayor Cravins made the following announcement: *"In compliance with R.S. 42:19.1, notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting of the City of Opelousas will be held in the City Council chambers, 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, LA 70570, on May 13, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. to levy millage rates for tax year 2014."*

Mayor Cravins commended Mrs. Margaret Doucet on the successful Trash Bash on Saturday. He stated there was also a carwash going on at the Central Fire Station at the same time and the kids participating were very well mannered. Representatives from the Clean City Contest were also in town and they were very impressed with what was taking place.

Mr. Wilbert Levier announced that there would be an Easter Egg Hunt on April 12, 2014 at the North City Park.

Mrs. Sandra Davis arrived late and asked what had taken place with the North Park Concession Stand issue. Mayor Cravins informed her that the Council decided to reject both bids and to put them back up for bids in the future.

Mr. Paul Gennuso addressed the Council regarding the Mouton Street Bridge. He asked who designed the project and who is going to inspect it. He pointed out that the project is shabby. He suggested that the City not pay the contractor until someone goes out and corrects the problems. Ms. Laura Balthazar stated that she went out there with the inspector for the Parish and they both agreed that L&R Construction Company should not get paid until everything is done and they will not get paid until that time. Next, Mr. Gennuso asked the City attorney what his findings were regarding the information he had given him on the CLECO issue. Attorney Duplechain stated that CLECO is violating the contract as it relates to failing to maintain insurance coverage and charges to its customers. He stated that a lawsuit was filed some time back on those issues with the District Court and went up to the Louisiana Supreme Court. The Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that this is a matter subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Louisiana Public Service Commission. The LPSC has the exclusive authority to fix or change any rate to be charged by a public utility. The courts lack the power to fix or change or fix the rates or do anything about it until the LPSC has acted. Mayor Cravins stated that there may be some basis to challenge the contract and maybe the Council can authorize an attorney to review the contract—one who has experience in utility law—and come back with a response. On a motion by Aldermen Joseph Charles and Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to have an attorney who has experience in utility law to review the

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contract with CLECO to see if any parts have been violated, with attorney fees not to exceed \$2,500.00 and then come before the Council with a response. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR