

**CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2016**

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Reginald Tatum presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Tatum requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance and Attorney Jarvis Claiborne led the Prayer.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting held 12/08/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: correcting under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 15**, "Accept the resignation of Probational Firefighter Braylin Trahan, effective 01/09/2016, and approve payment for ninety-six (96) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification from Fire & Police Civil Service" should read, "Accept the resignation of Probational Firefighter **Baylin** Trahan, effective 01/04/2016, and approve payment for ninety-six (96) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification from Fire & Police Civil Service". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Mayor's Status Update (2015 Year in Review).* Mayor Reginald Tatum gave an overview from his first term as Mayor. Some key points from 2015 that he highlighted included:

- Increase in sales tax revenues.
- Numerous new businesses (5 restaurants, an Air-Evac life service at the local airport, a neighborhood Wal-Mart store, a Dollar General store).
- Another major restaurant chain will be coming in 2016.
- A new Fire Chief.
- A new Public Works Director.
- Fiber optics services will be coming in 2016.
- The City will be going after businesses/companies to get them to come to Opelousas.
- The City has been working in conjunction with Mrs. Melanie Lebouef to acquire grants for the Tourism Department.
- The Hazelwood Company opened in Port Barre and their employees will need a place to stay so a major investor may build housing in Opelousas which will bring more tax dollars to our City.
- The City has been concentrating on more Youth Services. Mayor Tatum has been talking to investors to open a bowling alley in Opelousas.
- The Downtown Development Committee will be meeting to come up with ideas for more progress for Opelousas.
- The City of Opelousas has started partnering with other Municipalities.

Mr. Freddie Herpin, *Daily World* photographer, asked the Mayor about the progress of the Harry Guilbeau Development project. Mayor Tatum stated that the project is still in the growing stages. The developer is waiting on the federal government to grant funding for the infrastructure portion of the project. Mr. Bobby Ardoin, *Morning Advocate* reporter, asked the Mayor how he would grade himself for his first year. Mayor Tatum stated that he would give himself a grade of "C".

*Discussion regarding review and acceptance of proposals received by Code Enforcement Department for asbestos removal and demolition for the following buildings:*

- a. *Willie Breaux, 802 E. Grolee Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure)*
- b. *John Edward Brooks, 423 E. Grolee Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure)*

Mrs. Margaret Doucet, Code Enforcement Director, presented the proposals that were received on the two properties. The proposals were as follows:

<b>802 E. Grolee Street</b>		
	<i>Asbestos Removal</i>	<i>Demolition of Structure</i>
<i>Romel Enterprises, Inc.</i>	<i>\$8,053.00</i>	<i>\$8,700.00</i>
<i>T &amp; M Dynamic Enterprises LLC</i>	<i>\$3,550.00</i>	<i>\$4,350.00</i>

<b>423 E. Grolee Street</b>		
	<i>Asbestos Removal</i>	<i>Demolition of Structure</i>
<i>Romel Enterprises, Inc.</i>	<i>\$8,775.00</i>	<i>\$18,711.00</i>
<i>T &amp; M Dynamic Enterprises LLC</i>	<i>\$3,650.00</i>	<i>\$4,250.00</i>

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to take the proposals under advisement and award to the lowest contractor meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

*Presentation by City Attorney.* No presentation.

*Engineer's Monthly Status Report.* Mr. William Jarrell was not in attendance.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A 2015-1016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TASERS FOR THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 01 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A 2015-1016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TASERS FOR THE OPELOUSAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) provides grant monies to assist local governments with the cost of training and 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 2015/2016 Office of Community Development Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP), to help defray the cost for equipment for the Opelousas Police Department.

Section 2. That Council does hereby further accept said Grant on behalf of the City of Opelousas should it be awarded to the Opelousas Police Department.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this legislation were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

The above Resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016 as follows:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

**CONSENTS**

*Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2016.* Alderman Julius Alsandor, current Mayor Pro-Tempore, nominated Alderman J. Tyrone Glover for Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2016. Mayor Tatum opened the floor for any other nominations. No other nominations were made. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the appointment of Alderman J. Tyrone Glover as Mayor Pro-Tempore for 2016.

*Appointment of City Auditing Firm for 2016.* Alderman Blair Briggs nominated Kolder Champagne Slaven & Company as the Auditing Firm for 2016. Mayor Tatum stated that this was the firm he wanted to select. No other nominations were made. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to accept the appointment of Kolder Champagne Slaven & Company as the City Auditing Firm for 2016. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

*Appointment of Committees for 2016.* Mayor Tatum submitted the following committees:

Budget Committee	Personnel Committee	General Services Committee
Sherell Roberts, Chairwoman	Jacqueline Martin, Chairwoman	J. Tyrone Glover, Chairman
Marvin Richard, Vice-Chairman	Sherell Roberts, Vice-Chairwoman	Marvin Richard, Vice-Chairman
Blair Briggs	Julius Alsandor	Julius Alsandor
Jacqueline Martin	J. Tyrone Glover	Blair Briggs

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to accept the appointment of Committees for 2016 as recommended. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

*Accept the resignation of Probational Firefighter Baylin Trahan, effective 01/04/2016, and approve payment for ninety-six (96) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification from Fire & Police Civil Service.* On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Probational Firefighter Baylin Trahan, effective 01/04/2016, and approve payment for ninety-six (96) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification from Fire & Police Civil Service. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

*Approve payment of an additional ninety-two (92) hours of unused leave to Mr. Rodney Daigle. Mr. Daigle resigned from the Opelousas Police Department on 11/01/2015 and was only paid for forty (40) hours of unused annual leave. Fire & Police Civil Service has since verified that he has a total of 132 hours of unused annual leave.* On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve payment of an additional ninety-two (92) hours of unused leave to Mr. Rodney Daigle. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Sherell Roberts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***City of Opelousas Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2016, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.***

***Upcoming Meeting Date Changes:***

***FEBRUARY 2016 Council Meeting will be rescheduled to 02/16/2016 in observance of Mardi Gras Holiday. City of Opelousas Municipal Offices will be closed on 02/09/2016.***

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

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MAYOR