

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2014

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 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 they remember Mr. Ted Griffin who passed away, one of the original members appointed to the LeVieux Village in 1988. In addition to that, he asked that they remember the young lady who died tragically in an accident on yesterday. A moment of silent meditation was observed. Mayor Cravins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 04/08/2014.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adopt the agenda.

### PRESENTATIONS

*Presentation for recognition of the Employee of the Month.* The Employee of the Month for April 2014 is Mr. Robert Williams, Jr. Mr. Williams has been employed with the Wastewater Department for 26 years. He is married and has five children.

*Presentation of the 2014 Historic District Preservation Awards.* Ms. Cassandra Johnson-Thomas, chairman of Historic District Commission, presented the awards:

Commercial Division – L. Austin Fontenot, Sr. Home, 313 S. Market Street (Sarah Branton)

Residential Division – McBride Home, next to the old Governor's mansion on Liberty Street (Mr. Billy St. Cyr)

*Presentation by Ms. Linda Cunningham-Greene regarding a summer program for children.* Ms. Cunningham-Greene taught in the public school system for 25 years and at universities and she has had her first book published on Amazon.com. She has written a program that is very much needed in Opelousas. She stated that she is concerned with saving our children. Ms. Cunningham-Greene read a letter she provided to the Mayor and Council regarding the plans for her program for a camp for children to be known as Summer Camp Gratitude. Her letter requested donations and any other sponsorship that can be provided. Cost to sponsor is child is \$75.00 per week for 6 weeks (\$450.00 for the whole program)

*Discuss request for VARIANCE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 324 W. Landry Street to replace existing signage with an 8' monument sign (Morrow, Morrow, Ryan & Bassett).* A public hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 05/12/2014. The Commission approved the request. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 324 W. Landry Street to replace existing signage with an 8' monument sign (Morrow, Morrow, Ryan & Bassett).

*Discuss request for approval of the plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located at 227 S. Lombard Street (Alfred Dupree).* A public hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 05/12/2014. The Commission approved the request. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for approval of the plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located at 227 S. Lombard Street (Alfred Dupree).

*Discuss request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 306 E. Landry Street to resume use as an Automotive Repair Service Shop (Bordelon & Berteau, LLC).* A public hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 05/12/2014. The Commission approved the request. On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 306 E. Landry Street to resume use as an Automotive Repair Service Shop (Bordelon & Berteau, LLC).

*Discuss request for pre-approval for VARIANCE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 130 W. South Street for a 2' (two-foot) height variance to replace an existing sign (ICCI Properties, LLC – Ardoin Architecture, LLC).* A public hearing regarding this matter was held by the Planning Commission on 05/12/2014. The Commission approved the request. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the request for pre-approval for VARIANCE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 130 W. South Street for a 2' (two-foot) height variance to replace an existing sign (ICCI Properties, LLC – Ardoin Architecture, LLC).

*Presentation by Mrs. Margaret Doucet regarding quotes received for the following projects:*

- a. Demolition of the Old Bulk Plant Located at 734 W. Vine Street. Quote of \$9,500.00.
- b. Removal of Asbestos Transite Slate and Demolition at 517 E. North Street. Quote of \$3,800.00 for demolition, \$2,900.00 for asbestos removal.
- c. Removal of Transite Shingles at 423 S. Academy Street. Quote of \$2,700.00.00.

Mayor Cravins suggested that they gather all of the information and make suggestions at next month's meeting on Items a and make suggestions at next meeting.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Aldermen Louis Butler, Jr., and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the removal of Transite Shingles at 423 S. Academy Street.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: Budget Committee, Personnel Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 @ 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Julius Alsandor, Chairman; Jacqueline Martin; and Blair Briggs;

ABSENT: Reginald Tatum.

Alderman Julius Alsandor led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag.

1. *Discuss request to amend Sewer Department Budget for repairs to equipment.* Ms. Pat Barnaba stated that the Bar Screen at the Sewer Treatment Plant has failed. She has gotten prices on remanufacturing the one that is in place or replacing it with a new one. The original equipment was put in back in 1989 and it lasted 19 years. In 2008 it had to be removed and remanufactured and only lasted 5 ½ years. The cost would be \$48,700 to have it remanufactured with an additional \$3,000 to get a crane and someone to pull it out and then reset it back in the channel once it is repaired. A new one would cost about \$100,000 along with the additional \$3,000 to have it put into the channel. Ms. Barnaba explained that the Bar Screen is where the wastewater first comes into the plant and it takes all of the big trash, such as trash bags, rocks, etc., out of the wastewater before it starts its process to the treatment areas. Currently, the equipment is completely down but they are using a manual screen in which an employee has to go out and manually rake it every half hour. Ms. Barnaba recommended that the equipment be replaced instead of repaired. On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of the request for full replacement of the Bar Screen at the Sewer Plant in the amount of \$103,000 from the Sewer Department. *On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the amendment to the Sewer Department in the amount of \$103,000 for the replacement of the Bar Screen at the Sewer Plant.*
2. *Discuss request to amend Fire Department Budget line item 54220-7065 (Firefighter Communications Grant) to reflect the grant received.* On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of the request to amend Fire Department Budget line item 54220-7065 in the amount of \$134,000 (Firefighter Communications Grant) to reflect the grant received. Chief Cahanin informed the Board that the FEMA Grant Amendment that the Fire Department applied for the replace their Recorder was approved and they have requested those funds in the amount of \$14,000 which will be coming in about 5 – 7 business days. Chief Cahanin requested that he be allowed to use \$1,400 of those funds to meet his match on the Communications Grant. On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of the request to allow Chief Cahanin to use \$1,400 of the \$14,000 to meet his match on the Communications Grant. *On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the amendment to the Fire Department budget line item 54220-7065 in the amount of \$134,000 to reflect grant funds received and to approve the request to allow Chief Lee Cahanin to use \$1,400 of the \$14,000 to meet his match on the Communications Grant.*

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

*(Immediately Following Budget Committee Meeting)*

PRESENT: Jacqueline Martin, Chairman; Blair Briggs; and Louis Butler, Jr.

ABSENT: Joseph Charles.

1. *Approve the recommendation by Fire Chief Lee Cahanin to suspend Fire Operator Varsha Rideau for fifteen (15) shifts for not reporting for duty at the prescribed time. (AWOL, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Insubordination, R.S.33:2500(4)).* Chief Cahanin made a correction to this item. He stated that it should be 15 calendar days and not 15 shifts. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., and unanimously carried, it was resolved to forward to the full council for approval of the request to approve the recommendation by Fire Chief Lee Cahanin to suspend Fire Operator Varsha Rideau for fifteen (15) calendar days for not reporting for duty at the prescribed time. (AWOL, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Insubordination, R.S.33:2500(4)). *On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the recommendation by Fire Chief Lee Cahanin to suspend Fire Operator Varsha Rideau for fifteen (15) days for not reporting for duty at the prescribed time. (AWOL, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense; Insubordination, R.S.33:2500(4)).*

*Presentation by City Attorney.* Attorney Garrett Duplechain stated that he had no business to discuss.

*Engineers Monthly Report.* Mr. William Jarrell stated that the Roofing Project for the Municipal Plaza is just about complete that the Burr Street Bridge is under construction.

**BIDS**

*Accept Bids for Lease of North Park Concession Stand (Bid #06-14).* Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Lease of North Park Concession Stand (Bid #06-14), two (2) bids were received:

BIDDER NAME	BID AMOUNT
SANDRA DAVIS	\$411.75 per month
BRYAN CHARLES	\$230.00 per month

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum, seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the highest bidder meeting specifications.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to advertisement in the Daily World, a Public Hearing was opened at 5:59 p.m. 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.

Comments:

Alderman Julius Alsandor explained that they decided that they should cut the salaries of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen by seven percent and that their insurance would not be tampered with and the cut would only apply to their salaries.

Patrick Fontenot stated that he is just concerned about the City. He thinks that seven percent is not enough of a cut. He gave a list of salaries from municipalities from around the State as provided by the Louisiana Municipal Association. He stated that he is sharing this information with them so that they might make a good decision and share some of those funds with our community.

Alderman Reginald Tatum stated that those numbers do not reflect per diem or car allowances. He stated that they only make \$16,000 without the car allowance. He stated that Mr. Fontenot was not including the per diem in the salaries for the other cities. He also pointed out that some of those other Mayors and Council members are part time whereas, they are full time. He also stated that there is a problem with the City's audit because these audits were showing the Mayor's per diem as substantially more than what they were told by Ms. Frank that it is. He suggested that they need to amend and say they found they were in error.

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Ms. Karen Frank stated that Mr. Tatum was going by a 2010 audit and that the current 2013 audit that was adopted in February has the correct amounts.

Alderman Blair Briggs stated that they have been debating this topic for the past five or six months and he thinks that seven percent is something that they as Council members agreed on and is definitely a step in the right direction.

Mayor Cravins stated that he feels that the cut should have been at least ten percent or more because the salaries of the aldermen is higher than a significant number of our City employees and that does not bode well in the eyes of the people that work for the City.

Alderman Reginald Tatum stated that he does not think the salaries should be reduced at all being that this was set twelve years ago and basically eight of those twelve years, their salaries have not gone up with a cost of living increase.

Wilbert Levier asked whether or not the Council gets the 2 ½ percent cost of living increase when the other employees get it.

Mayor Cravins stated that this administration has not received it and it was not received since the prior administration.

Patrick Fontenot pointed out that the cost of living adjustment was ruled illegal for the Council and that was why it was stopped and they donated it to the library.

Alderman Reginald Tatum stated that he disagreed because he was on the Council when this was done and nothing came up about it being illegal—they just decided to donate it to the library.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 01 OF 2014

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.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on April 8, 2014 by Alderman Reginald Tatum, notice of public hearing having been published and the public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, on a motion by Alderman Joseph Charles and seconded by Alderman Reginald Tatum to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the following results were had:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Whereupon the Presiding Officer declared the Ordinance duly adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

Pursuant to advertisement in the Daily World, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:21 p.m. 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.

Comments:

Mike Hefner, geographic planner, presented Plan 1 for the reapportionment with one change to include the annexations that were not reflected on the Census Bureau's municipal boundaries, north of Harry Guilbeau Road and the area in and around Evangeline Downs.

Alderman Reginald Tatum asked if they had to advertise again since the first maps were not correct.

Mike Hefner stated that they did not have to do it again since the descriptions did not change.

Wilbert Levier asked if addresses will change.

Mike Hefner stated that no and once the ordinance is adopted, the Registrar of Voters will send new voter registration cards.

Alderman Julius Alsandor asked that the purpose of this reapportionment and the effective date be explained to the public.

Mike Hefner stated that after every census, any municipality or parish or state government that elects their representatives by districts has to take a look at the new population of those districts and adjust the lines so that each district represents approximately the same number of people. They generally use a plus or minus five percent difference between the districts as their guides. When the voters go to the polls on November 4, 2014, they will be voting for candidates running in each of those districts as they are on this map. Once those representatives are elected and seated on January 2015, those will be the new areas they will represent.

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

The following Ordinance was offered by Alderman Reginald Tatum, duly seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and Alderman Joseph Charles, and duly resolved and adopted on May 13, 2014:

ORDINANCE NO. 02 OF 2014

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**

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**(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.

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.

After being considered section by section and being put to a vote on the whole, the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

And the said Ordinance was therefore declared adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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Donald Cravins, Sr., MAYOR

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Karen Frank, CITY CLERK

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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

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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.

**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.

*Maps of the District may be viewed at Municipal Plaza Building located at 105 N. Main Street, Opelousas, Louisiana.*

**RESOLUTIONS**

*A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2014

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2014 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the City of Opelousas:

MILLAGE

7.13 mills

GENERAL ALIMONY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2014, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing Resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the Resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: None.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

*A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013.*

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

RESOLUTION NO. 05 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION ENVIRONMENTAL  
AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2013

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Opelousas informs the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the following actions were taken by the Opelousas Board of Aldermen:

1. Reviewed the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Environmental Audit Report which is attached to this Resolution.
2. Set forth the following actions necessary to maintain permit requirements contained in the Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, number LA 0036404:
  - a. ALL OPERATORS WILL BE SENT TO CLASS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION.
  - b. MONITOR OVERFLOWS IN COLLECTION SYSTEM.
  - c. REPLACE LIFT STATION PUMPS AS NEEDED.

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, following a roll call vote:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AND ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT.*

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Aldermen Joseph Charles and Louis Butler, Jr., the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 06 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AND ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

**CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2014**

WHEREAS, both St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "DISTRICT") and City of Opelousas, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "CITY") are public bodies and political subdivisions of the State; and WHEREAS, R.S. 33:1321, et seq., allows the entering of intergovernmental agreements between such entities; and WHEREAS, Act 1249 of the 1999 Session of the Louisiana Legislature authorized DISTRICT to use surplus funds derived from fees collected from persons or political subdivisions for the disposal of solid waste generated outside the boundaries of the DISTRICT for the purpose of improving and resurfacing parish roads and municipal streets and drainage improvements incidental thereto; and WHEREAS, Act 1249 of the 1999 Regular Session of the Legislature allows the DISTRICT to adopt rules governing the disbursement of such funds prior to any disbursements; and WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has allocated funds to be divided amongst the municipalities and parish government within St. Landry Parish with the CITY authorized to receive the sum of \$69,830.00; and WHEREAS, both parties deem this is in their best interest and the interest of their constituents to enter into this intergovernmental agreement, NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen authorizes Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr., to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District to use an allocation of \$69,830.00 solely for improving and resurfacing parish roads and municipal streets and drainage improvements incidental thereto. The above resolution having been read in full and a vote taken was adopted as follows on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2014. YEAS: Joseph Charles, Julius Alsandor, Louis Butler, Jr., Blair Briggs, Reginald Tatum, and Jacqueline Martin. NAYS: None. ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DONALD R. CRAVINS, SR., TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE OPELOUSAS INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION PROGRAM, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION – ST. LANDRY (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-13-01).*

On a motion by Alderman Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Louis Butler, Jr., the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 07 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR DONALD R. CRAVINS, SR., TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE OPELOUSAS INFRASTRUCTURE RENOVATION PROGRAM, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION – ST. LANDRY (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-13-01)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana, the STATE OF LOUISIANA, herein represented by MARK A. MOSES, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL (FP&C) OF THE DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA), and the CITY OF OPELOUSAS, a political subdivision of the State, herein represented by DONALD R. CRAVINS, SR., MAYOR, do hereby enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to serve the public for the purposes hereinafter declared in the aforementioned agreement as it relates to FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-13-01; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, do hereby authorize Mayor Donald R. Cravins, Sr., to sign any and all documents pertaining to FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-13-01.

The above resolution having been submitted to a roll call vote was adopted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Done and signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

**CONSENTS**

On a motion by Louis Butler, Jr., and seconded by Aldermen Julius Alsandor and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the re-appointment of Mr. Joseph LaDay to the Opelousas Municipal Fire & Police Civil Service Board. Term of office expires 04/25/2017.

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 Louis Butler, Jr., and seconded by Aldermen Julius Alsandor and Joseph Charles, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise a Public Hearing for the following properties:

- a. Steven M. Alfred, 609 Arkansas Avenue (Burned Wood/Brick Veneer Structure)
- b. Theresa Marie Vallarie, 720 Laurent Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure)
- c. Horace Batiste, 430 Garland Avenue (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)
- d. Dox Maintenance, LLC, 622 E. Vine Street (Brick Veneer Apartment Buildings)
- e. David Garland, Dox Maintenance, LLC, TS, 622 E. Vine Street (Brick Veneer Apartment Buildings)

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.

**CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2014**

On a motion by Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the recommendation by Chief Perry Gallow for suspension of Police Officer First Class Christopher Kimble for twenty (20) hours without pay for violation of the Opelousas Police Department Rules and Regulations (Insubordination).

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Julius Alsandor.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to approve the name change of Police Officer Romalis O. Curtis to Romalis O. Thomas, effective 04/03/2014.

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 Reginald Tatum and seconded by Alderman Joseph Charles, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Probational Police Officer Bryan R. Wiles, effective 04/19/2014.

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kids Across America will take 75 kids from Opelousas to Missouri on two chartered buses.

Mrs. Margaret Doucet announced that this Friday will be the judging for State Competition for the Cleanest City Contest.

Mr. Cyrus Auzenne with Solid Waste announced that if your trash is bundled (tied up), it will be picked up by Progressive Solutions.

Mrs. Melanie Lee-Lebouef announced that Tourism is working on a Summer Movies in the Park on Saturdays.

Mrs. Linda Cunningham-Greene announced that the purpose of the Summer Camp Program is to teach children to be grateful for where they are.

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:

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MAYOR