

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2015

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 8th day of December 2015 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, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin. ABSENT: None.

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 Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting held 11/10/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: adding a RESOLUTION SECTION, **Item No. 15-A**, "*A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM THE ESTATE OF JULIA BROOKS SIMMS*"; and **Item No. 15-B**, "*A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR REGINALD TATUM TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPALITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (MIP) APPLICATION*"; adding under the CONSENTS Section, **Item No. 17-A**, "*Accept the resignation of Permanent Police Officer Rodney Daigle, effective 11/01/2015, and approve payment of forty (40) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification by the Fire & Police Civil Service Board*". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION: In recognition of Coach Christopher T. Edwards.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Christopher T. Edwards was born in Houston, TX and raised in Plaisance, LA; and

WHEREAS, Christopher T. Edwards attended Northwest High School (freshman and junior year), Westminster (sophomore) and graduated from Northwest Academy (Houston, TX); and

WHEREAS, Christopher T. Edwards accepted a full ride football scholarship to Lambuth University where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and minor in Health; and

WHEREAS, Christopher T. Edwards began his career with St. Landry Parish School Board working first as AD-Head Football coach and PE teacher at Lawtell Elementary. He served this position for a total of 7 years. His overall record in football 37-11 (with 10 of those losses occurring within the first 3 years); and

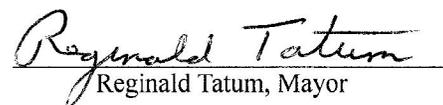
WHEREAS, Christopher T. Edwards accepted his current position at Northwest High School as AD-Head Football Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. This year the Northwest Raiders completed regular season 8-2, and advanced to the 3rd round in playoffs (Quarterfinals). Their total record for this year is 10-3, a school record. His overall record at Northwest is 14-10; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reginald "Reggie" Tatum, Mayor of the City of Opelousas, along with the Board of Aldermen, do hereby proclaim November 27, 2015 as

"Coach Christopher T. Edwards Day"

in the Historic City of Opelousas, Louisiana in honor of all his accomplishments and contributions to medicine and science.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Opelousas, Louisiana to be affixed this 2nd day of December, 2015.


Reginald Tatum, Mayor

Discuss request for VARIANCE of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 1231 S. Union Street to build two (2) buildings—one to be used as a Fast Food Restaurant, and request for VARIANCE for a Drive Thru Window at that location (B & M Rental Properties, Inc./D'Argent Development, LLC). Mrs. Margaret Doucet stated that one thing has been discussed and changed—it is only going to be one building that they are requesting to build there. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 12/07/2015 and to a vote of 3 to 2 it was sent to the Council with a recommendation for denial. Mrs. Doucet stated that, just for the Council's information, from what was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting everybody was in agreement up unto the driveways and one driveway to come off on Highland Drive was the discussion that they did not come to an agreement upon. Mayor Tatum invited anyone who did not want the restaurant to be on the corner of Union and Highland to come up and speak. Mrs. Doucet stated that the property they are going to build the restaurant on is in a Neighborhood Mixed Use Zone—some commercial and some residential properties there. Mr. Carl Riley, a resident on Highland Drive, stated that in addition to the opposition of putting a commercial establishment on that corner would be also that driveway on Highland. They are opposed to any type of commercial building establishment there. Ms. Janice McBride, a commercial real estate agent feels that Union is a commercial street. Mr. Don Deshotel who lives on Highland on the dead end, stated that exit on Highland is very hard because of traffic and the restaurant may also have 18-wheelers coming in to deliver food. Alderman Julius Alsandor asked the residents who is against the building completely and who is against using Highland as an outlet and inlet. After a show of hands was made, Alderman Alsandor stated that it is the Council's duty to find a remedy. A large majority of the residents are against using Highland. Alderman Alsandor pointed out that they have to find a way to bring this business to Opelousas. Mayor Tatum asked is there any way to use only Union Street as an entrance and exit. Mr. Justin Giallonardo of D'Argent Development, contractor for Little Caesar's project, stated that the Little Caesar's will not accept that. Mayor Tatum asked if anyone had done a study regarding the traffic problem in that area. He stated that a resolution should be done to request a traffic study. Mr. Paul Leleux, a resident on Highland Drive, wants it in writing that there will be no exit on Highland. Mr. Giallonardo stated that Little Caesars will not agree to this. Ms. Mary Jolivette, stated that her

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understanding is that Highland will be used for deliveries. She pointed out that this is very dangerous with the traffic problems and the road conditions. Ms. Cathy Boudreaux stated that she has lived on Highland the longest and that the City keeps changing the zoning to accommodate new businesses. She does not want the pizza place there. Mr. Giallonardo pointed out that the only issue is the access on Highland and the left turn onto Union. The restaurant will provide 20 full time jobs. Alderman J. Tyrone Glover asked is there no way to get Little Caesar's to change the exit to Union Street. Mr. Giallonardo stated that they will not accept it without an exit on Highland. Mr. Corey Levier feels that it is the duty of the Council to please the people. Mr. Carl Riley feels that Little Caesar's is trying to strong-arm them. Ms. Janice McBride stated that the City has lost a lot of residents and revenue within the last five years. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to **DENY** the request for VARIANCE of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 1231 S. Union Street to build two (2) buildings—one to be used as a Fast Food Restaurant, and request for VARIANCE for a Drive Thru Window at that location (B & M Rental Properties, Inc./D'Argent Development, LLC). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: J. Tyrone Glover and Blair Briggs.

NAYS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin

ABSENT: None.

MOTION FAILS. REQUEST FOR VARIANCE IS APPROVED.

Discuss request for approval of plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located at Normandie Drive in Clos du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 12/07/2015 and recommended **approval** of this item. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the request for approval of plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located at Normandie Drive in Clos du Bois Subdivision (Michael Richard). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Presentation by City Attorney. No presentation.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. No presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (a) Personnel Committee – 11/19/2015; (b) General Services Committee – 12/02/2015.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: J. Tyrone Glover, Chairman; Sherell Roberts, Vice-Chairman; Julius Alsandor and Jacqueline Martin.

ABSENT: None

Alderman Glover recommended that the item regarding the new hires be handled first on the agenda instead of last. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to change Item No. 4, "Approve the recommendation for hire of the following personnel in the Police Department, effective 11/22/2015 and pending satisfactory completion of all prerequisites: (a) Jordan J. Colla, Police Officer Recruit; and (b) Jacob Fusilier, Police Officer Recruit" to Item No. 1 on the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

1. *Approve the recommendation for hire of the following personnel in the Police Department, effective 11/22/2015 and pending satisfactory completion of all prerequisites: (a) Jordan J. Colla, Police Officer Recruit; and (b) Jacob Fusilier, Police Officer Recruit.* Attorney Jarvis Claiborne stated that he had spoken with Capt. Craig Thomas and the effective date may have to be changed. Capt. Thomas stated that they are waiting on the results of the psychological evaluations and they are not scheduled to take the psychological evaluations until 12/02/2015 but the results should be back before the next Council meeting. He is requesting that the effective date be changed to 12/08/2015 for the next Council meeting. Alderman Alsandor asked Captain Thomas if neither one of these recruits had any prior law enforcement experience. Capt. Thomas replied none. Alderman Glover asked if all of the criminal background checks had been taken care of. Capt. Thomas replied yes. Alderman Alsandor asked each of the recruits if they had any family members in law enforcement. Mr. Colla replied that he had a cousin who was in law enforcement and Mr. Fusilier stated that his step dad served on the police force in Leonville. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was recommended to change the hire date to 12/08/2015 and forward to the full council for approval. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

2. *Approve the Administrative Leave with Pay for Probational Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont, effective 10/20/2015.* At this time, Alderman Alsandor asked Capt. Thomas if there was some procedural process that could be put in process where they could get this before it is done instead of after the administrative leave and approving the same night to take the employee off administrative leave. Capt. Thomas stated that certain times just through his experience where the Chief may have to act upon that but he does not have the authority to place anyone on administrative leave by himself—it's the Council itself that does this; but say if an officer goes out and gets into a shooting then it behooves the Chief of Police to pull that man off of duty that night with the acceptance of the Council because then you can't allow them to go back on the streets. If it is not something where you will be terminating or an officer-involved shooting, then Capt. Thomas thinks they need to look at when do we put a man on administrative leave—if you are going to suspend a man, then it is no reason for a man to be out on administrative leave. Alderman Alsandor wanted to verify that the administrative leave had already been served. Capt. Thomas replied yes. Alderman Glover suggested that they handle items 2 and 3 together. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was recommended to send Items 2 and 3 to the full council for approval. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

3. *Approve the termination of Administrative Leave with Pay for Probational Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont, effective 11/03/2015. Handled with Item No. 2.*

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4. *Approve the suspension of Probationary Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont for forty (40) hours as follows: 12/04/2015 – 12 hours, 12/05/2015 – 8 hours, 12/09/2015 – 12 hours, and 12/10/2015 – 8 hours.* Alderman Glover asked Sgt. Andrepont if he minded discussing these matters publicly or in Executive Session. Sgt. Andrepont replied that it didn't matter. Attorney Claiborne stated that he had to make a choice. He informed Sgt. Andrepont that as an employee, he had a right to have that in Executive Session. Sgt. Andrepont replied that he wanted Executive Session. Attorney Claiborne asked Sgt. Andrepont if he had an attorney present. Sgt. Andrepont replied that he did not. Attorney Claiborne asked him if he would like to have counsel present. Sgt. Andrepont replied no. On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 5:14 p.m. to discuss the Andrepont matter. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to return to Regular Session at 6:32 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was recommended not to accept the approval of the suspension Probationary Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont and send to the full council for further review and discussion by the Police Chief. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn. The Personnel Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. After the adjournment, Alderman Glover requested that they do the pledge and prayer prior to closing. Alderwoman Sherell Roberts led the Pledge to the U.S. Flag and Alderman Julius Alsandor led the prayer.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to accept the Personnel Committee Report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 6:10 P.M.

PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Chairman; Julius Alsandor, Vice-Chairman; and J. Tyrone Glover.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs.

A moment of silent meditation was held. Pastor Junius Egby with St. Mark Methodist Church led the prayer and Alderman Julius Alsandor led the pledge to the U.S. Flag.

1. *Presentation by Mr. Kenneth Edwards regarding water bill fees.* Alderman Richard read a brief statement regarding bill procedures: *'Customers have approximately two months to pay a delinquent bill before they are put on the cutoff list. There are 4 billing cycles each month and customers' bills are due each Monday of the month based on your billing cycle. If a customer has a one-month bill, they are not subject to disconnection. If they allow the bill to carry over to a two-month bill, then they have until the Tuesday immediately following the due date of their two-month bill to pay at least the past due amount in order to not be placed on the cut-off list or they may come in by the Monday due date to make payment arrangements in order not to be placed on the cut-off list.'* Alderman Richard made a general statement before addressing the agenda item. *'In reference to Ordinance No. 4 of 2015, that was adopted on April 14, 2015, that changed the cutoff fee from \$15.00 to a flat fee of \$30.00 which is the current ordinance, I would like to recommend to the Committee that we introduce an ordinance to change the \$30.00 fee to a flat fee of \$20.00 for all customers. If the Committee is in agreement, I would like to make a motion that this time be forward to the full council for approval for introduction of ordinance and authority to have a Public Hearing to amend Ordinance No. 4 of 2015, as it relates to delinquent account fees, changing the fee from \$30.00 to \$20.00 for all customer accounts.'* Alderman Glover stated that he wanted a copy of what Alderman Richard read because he did not have a copy of that in front of him. The City Clerk provided the Committee members with copies of the billing procedures. Alderman Glover stated that they had one presentation on the agenda and before they got to the motion, they need to address Mr. Kenneth Edwards and hear from him. Alderman Richard asked Mr. Edwards what is it he wants to accomplish. Mr. Edwards stated that he wants the bill to go back to what it was as recognized prior to the \$30.00. He stated that basically he is there on the defense of the people actually struggling to pay what they already owe. He would like for them to reconsider going back to what it was prior and as he said, prior, people were struggling to pay that. Mr. Edwards stated that he spoke to the Mayor about it after he was confronted by more than one person about this. He stated that he has confidence that the Council are up there for the same reason—to do whatever they can to help the people, but he does understand that they do have a job and it is something that needs to be voted on and he does respect that. But he would like when they do vote to consider all these people that are really struggling in this City, particularly at this time. He is speaking for the people of the City of Opelousas who are struggling to pay whatever bills they've got just not necessarily the water bill. Mr. Leroy Richard stated that he was against this from the start. He feels that if you get on the cut off list then \$15.00 is reasonable but then you charge an extra \$30.00—they can't pay their bill already—people don't have no jobs, no income. He is asking that they go back to the \$15.00. If they do get cut off then pay the \$30.00. Alderman Richard called Mrs. Donna Lewis to come up to share information regarding water bill procedures. Alderman Alsandor asked Mrs. Lewis to explain what is different now than what was originally in place before they voted on this as a full council back in March so that everybody can have a clear picture of where we are now. Mrs. Lewis stated that prior to April there was a \$15.00 fee if water was still on by the time the customer got here and \$30.00 if the water was off. She stated that the problem that we were running into was we had customers coming in saying the water was still on when in actuality it was off because the minute they would get home, they would call and say it is off because they didn't want to pay the \$30.00. Then we would have to call and track down servicemen to try and find out if the water was on or off. She pointed out that we give 59 days at least before water is turned off. We do have guidelines in place but we do make arrangements to help customers who need help. Mrs. Lewis stated that she hopes they are not asking them to do more with less because water and sewer are the City's main sources of revenue. Mr. Michael Simmons stated that the City does not give the customers a chance. He stated that his water was cut off, he came in and paid the two month bill plus the \$30.00 reconnect fee and two days later they came back out and cut it off again. He stated that he had to come back to City Hall and get it cut back on again. Mrs. Lewis stated that she had not spoken to this gentleman and it possibly could have been an error by the service men but it was not done intentionally. She pointed out that the size of the cut off list went down considerably with the \$30.00 fee in place. Ms. Yocha Payne, a water department teller, stated that the two fees had caused a lot of confusion for the

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customers and the tellers. She pointed out an instance of when a customer came through the drive thru on cut off day and said their water was off and was told to come in to do the paperwork to reconnect and when they came in they told the other teller that their water was still on.

On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was recommended to forward to the full council for approval to introduce an ordinance to lower the \$30.00 reconnect fee to \$20.00 for all customers and advertise a Public Hearing for adoption. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard and J. Tyrone Glover.

NAYS: Julius Alsandor.

ABSENT: Blair Briggs.

MOTION PASSES.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn. The General Services Committee meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to accept the General Services Committee Report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved **NOT** to accept the recommendation to introduce the ordinance to lower the \$30.00 reconnect fee to \$20.00 for all customers. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: Marvin Richard.

ABSENT: None.

At this time, the City Clerk noted that no action had been taken on Item No. 1 on the Personnel Committee:

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the recommendation for hire of the following personnel in the Police Department, pending satisfactory completion of all prerequisites and production of the documentation of results of psychological evaluations: (a) Jordan J. Colla, Police Officer Recruit; and (b) Jacob Fusilier, Police Officer Recruit. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Items 2 through 4 on the Personnel Committee Report will be handled at the end of the meeting in Executive Session.

BIDS

Accept Bids for Bulk Lime (Bid #06-15). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Bulk Lime (Bid #06-15), three (3) bids were received.

<i>BIDDER NAME</i>	<i>BID AMOUNT (per ton)</i>
LHOIST NORTH AMERICA	\$246.87
CARMEUSE LIME INC	\$241.76 <small>* does not meet specifications for CaO and MgO.</small>
UNIVAR USA INC	\$297.46

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Aldermen Julius Alsandor and Marvin Richard, it was resolved to take the bids under advisement and award to the lowest bidder meeting specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Accept Bids for Concrete (Bid #07-15). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Concrete (Bid #07-15), one (1) bid was received.

<i>BIDDER NAME</i>	<i>3000 PSI Per yard</i>	<i>4000 PSI Per yard</i>	<i>EXTRA CEMENT Per bag</i>	<i>CA. CHLORIDE Per 1 Percent Per yard</i>	<i>FIBER Per bundle</i>
BARRY CONCRETE	\$105.00	\$102.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.00

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to take the bid under advisement and award pending bidder meets specifications. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES: (a) Qaid Ahmed Musleh Alhalmi, 708 E. Vine Street (Abandoned Fuel Station); (b) Carlton Joseph Birotte, c/o Nola Mae Birotte, 708 East Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)

Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for a Public Hearing concerning abandoned properties, a Public Hearing was opened at 6:42 p.m.

(a) Qaid Ahmed Musleh Alhalmi, 708 E. Vine Street (Abandoned Fuel Station) – Mr. Michael Levier has purchased this property through a tax sale from the Parish. **Recommendation is to allow Mr. Levier the required amount of time to acquire the title to the property and to maintain the upkeep of the property during that time.**

(b) Carlton Joseph Birotte, c/o Nola Mae Birotte, 708 East Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure) – Ms. Hazel Sias is in the process of selling the house and stated that it takes 45 days to advertise for an estate sale but she does have a prospective buyer. **Recommendation is to allow the new owner the opportunity to start the process to repair the property or to start the demolition and if the new owner does not move in a timely fashion, it will be brought back before the Council.**

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

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On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to accept the recommendations for the two properties. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF PROPERTY FROM THE ESTATE OF JULIA BROOKS SIMMS.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2015
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION OF PROPERTY
FROM THE ESTATE OF JULIA BROOKS SIMMS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Opelousas, Board of Aldermen, accepts the donation of the following described property from the estate of Julia Brooks Simms, represented by its Administrator, Wilbert Giron, duly authorized by Order issued by the 27th Judicial District Court, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, under Probate No. 14-P-0820-D, dated November 4, 2015.:

A certain lot of ground with all the buildings and improvements thereon, situated in the City of Opelousas, Louisiana, having a front of Fifty-seven (57') feet on North Street, by a depth of Seventy-nine (79') feet between parallel lines, bounded East and West by property of Mary Simms, North by property of Earl Carson, and South by North Street.

Being the same property acquired by Julia Brooks Simms by Judgment of Possession in the Estate of Hildavere Simms under Act. No. 698299-A in Conveyance Book C-26, Page 196, of the records of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

The municipal address is 517 East North Street, Opelousas, Louisiana 70570. No title examination requested and none rendered.

This transfer of said property by the Succession is made and accepted in full of any claim against the Estate by the City of Opelousas including but not limited to the sum of \$6,500.00 due to it by the Estate, and the City of Opelousas does hereby fully release the Estate of Julia Brooks Simms from any further obligation to it.

The foregoing resolution was duly submitted to a vote and adopted as follows on the 8th day of December, 2015.

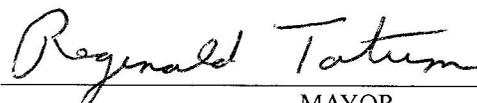
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to have the property appraised and then advertise property for sale. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2015
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR REGINALD TATUM
TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE
MUNICIPALITIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (MIP) APPLICATION

WHEREAS, Municipalities Infrastructure Program (MIP) Guidelines state that applicants are required to provide a resolution from the governing body authorizing the submission of their application;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Reginald Tatum, Mayor of the City of Opelousas, is hereby authorized to submit an application for possible funding under the Municipalities Infrastructure Program (MIP) to the Office of Community Development – Disaster Recovery Unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the MIP application.

The above resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 8th day of December 2015 as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK


MAYOR

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the suspension of Assistant Fire Chief Carl White for six (6) calendar days, effective 01/03/2016. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and unanimously seconded, it was resolved to approve the hiring of the following personnel in the Fire Department, pending successful medical exams:

(a) Shelly Freeman; (b) Vontreyven Hebert; (c) Carson Ray; (d) Joshua Thomas

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A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to Accept the resignation of Permanent Police Officer Rodney Daigle, effective 11/01/2015, and approve payment of forty (40) hours of unused annual leave, pending verification by the Fire & Police Civil Service Board.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman J. Tyrone Glover announced that the Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2015.

Mr. Corey Levier announced that his organization, "Together We Are" (a local charity), will be hosting a Talent Show on Sunday, December 20, 2015, at South Park Teen Center at 6:00 p.m. for all the kids of St. Landry Parish. Opelousas High and Northwest High Drum Lines will be doing a showcase at the Talent Show. Mr. Levier also stated that he will be having a meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015, at 838 Cherry Street at 5:30 p.m. to discuss other ideas for the schools.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the Tyron Andrepont matter. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to return to Regular Session at 7:42 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the Administrative Leave with Pay for Probational Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont, effective 10/20/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the termination of Administrative Leave with Pay for Probational Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont, effective 11/03/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to uphold the Police Chief's recommendation for suspension of Probational Police Sergeant Tyron D. Andrepont for forty (40) hours based on dates in the best interest of the Police Department schedule and having dates included in minutes once they are determined. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

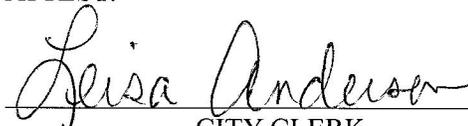
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: None.

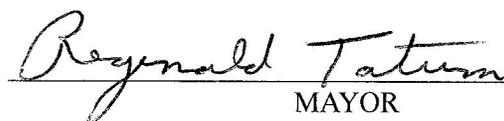
ABSENT: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR