

CITY OF OPELOUSAS
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 10th day of February 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, J. Tyrone Glover, Blair Briggs, Sherell Roberts and Jacqueline Martin. Alderman Julius Alsandor arrived late. ABSENT: None.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Alderwoman Sherell Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance and Alderman J. Tyrone Glover led the Prayer.

On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 01/13/2015.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add to the agenda under the PRESENTATION Section, Item No. 6-A, "*Presentation by Mr. Paul Gennuso regarding a parade*". 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 Jacqueline Martin and Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to adopt the agenda, with the following changes: deleting under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 8, "*Presentation by Mr. David Burluson with Acadiana Railway Company, Inc.*"; adding under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 11-A, "*Presentation by Mr. Calvin Mills with CMC Technology Consultants regarding IT Services*"; under the CONSENTS Section, adding to Item No. 28, "*... and approve payment of \$1,054.08 for ninety-six (96) hours of unused vacation hours, pending verification from 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

Presentation by Ms. Mary Jackson regarding support for the OHS Marching Band to participate in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington D.C. Ms. Jackson is one of the booster parents for the Opelousas High School Band. This band is the only band in the State of Louisiana that was invited to go to Washington D.C. to the Memorial Day Parade in front of the White House. She is requesting travel expenses for the band which is \$25,000 if they go with the organization or \$24,000 with Creative Travel. Alderman Blair Briggs asked if this had come up before the Parish Council also and what was the outcome. Ms. Jackson stated that she had gone before the Parish and that she had to go back again on the 19th for a response. Alderman Julius Alsandor asked Mr. LeRoy Ventress, band director, what steps they were taking for additional fundraising. Mr. Ventress stated that they have had a few fundraisers but they need assistance on a larger scale that what the fundraising activities can provide. He stated that the deadline for submission of some of the funds is 02/15/2015 and the parade is 05/25/2015. Alderman Briggs asked for input from the City Attorney on the legality of this issue. Attorney Jarvis Claiborne stated that the City cannot give public funds to a private entity because public funds have Constitutional restrictions on them; however, there is nothing to stop individual council members from making donations on their own. No action taken on this matter.

Presentation by Mr. Paul Gennuso regarding a parade. Mr. Gennuso stated that he has concerns about the parade that is to be held in Opelousas on Sunday. He referenced Ordinance No. 6 of 2012 (Horse Ordinance) which states that Code Enforcement must enforce this ordinance first by making sure that each rider has a permit for the horses. He stated that with the number of horses expected to participate in this parade this is a liability with the limited resources that the City has available. Attorney Jarvis Claiborne stated that this ordinance was designed for horses that are kept on property not for horses in parades. Alderman Julius Alsandor asked the Police Chief if the organization hosting the parade has met the criteria necessary for the parade. Chief Thompson stated that they were given stipulations which they met. Ms. Eva Noel stated that it will be more like 75 horses and not the large amount that was stated in the newspaper and that they have gotten all of the permits and licenses needed for this event. Mr. Gennuso stated that as of this afternoon, no State permit was issued. Alderman Marvin Richard stated that Mr. Miller assured them that he and his organization would see to the

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cleanup during and after the event. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to allow the parade to move forward on Sunday. The motion was rescinded by Alderman Richard and a second motion was offered. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to allow the parade to move forward on Sunday provided all criteria is met. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Julius Alsandor, Sherell Roberts, and Jacqueline Martin.

NAYS: J. Tyrone Glover and Blair Briggs.

ABSTAINED: Marvin Richard.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION PASSES.

Presentation by Mr. Loren Carriere regarding the Hope for Opelousas' Music and Arts Show. Mr. Carriere stated that Hope for Opelousas is celebrating seven years with an Art Show at Delta Grand on March 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. It is open to the public with free admission. He encouraged everyone to come out and support the organization.

(Item Deleted) Presentation by Mr. David Burlison with Acadiana Railway Company, Inc.

Discussion regarding illegal signs in the City on street corners and posts. Mayor Tatum stated that Alderman Blair Briggs had a concern regarding signs on poles which is illegal. He pointed out that the City workers have to take them down which is time consuming. He stated that the fine process is already on the books but just needs to be enforced. No action taken at this time.

Presentation by Mr. Raymond Duplechain regarding Keep Opelousas Beautiful. Ms. Frances Leday spoke on behalf of the Keep Opelousas Beautiful Committee and stated that they are concerned about the City and Parish appearance. She pointed out that Keep Opelousas Beautiful is a State-certified organization and she distributed a package to the Council so they can refer to regarding activities in which they participate. Mr. Raymond Duplechain stated that the City wants to be a healthy, clean, and green community. Upcoming events include the Trash Bash on March 14, 2015 and the Clean City Contest on March 17, 2015.

Presentation by Opelousas Tourism/Main Street regarding Way-Finding Signage Project. Mrs. Melanie Lee-Lebouef stated that the Office of Tourism Projects will be posed on the CityofOpelousas.com website and on the Main Street Facebook page.

Presentation by Mr. Calvin Mills with CMC Technology Consultants regarding IT Services. Mr. Mills stated that there are severe issues with the infrastructure of the City. He pointed out that there are no safeguards with security of data. He stated that the City is in serious need of an upgrade.

Discuss request by Police Chief Donald Thompson to transfer \$28,000.00 from Salary Line Item 54210-1101 to Professional Services Line Item 54210-3374. On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the request by Police Chief Donald Thompson to transfer \$28,000.00 from Salary Line Item 54210-1101 to Professional Services Line Item 54210-3374 to hire Mrs. Anna Simmons as a Consultant. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Blair Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request by Margaret Doucet to carryover funds in the amount of \$977.00 donated for TRASH BASH from last fiscal year's budget to the current fiscal year. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to approve the request by Margaret Doucet to carryover funds in the amount of \$977.00 donated for TRASH BASH from last fiscal year's budget to the current fiscal year. 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.

Discuss request for approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone at 614 Creswell Lane to open a Loan Office (B & M Rental / World Finance). On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and

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seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone at 614 Creswell Lane to open a Loan Office (B & M Rental / World Finance). 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.

Discuss request for approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 433 W. South Street to open a Lawn Mower Service Shop (Travis Blevins). On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone at 433 W. South Street to open a Lawn Mower Service Shop (Travis Blevins). 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.

Discuss request for approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a R2 (Residential) Zone at 1400 Goodloe Street to open a Snow Ball Stand (Phillip J. Stevens, Sr.). On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a R2 (Residential) Zone at 1400 Goodloe Street to open a Snow Ball Stand (Phillip J. Stevens, Sr.). 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.

Discuss request for approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a C2 (Commercial) Zone at 1200 Heather Drive to open a Permanent Makeup Salon (Leon & Sheila Ray – K's Permanent Makeup). On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, it was resolved to approve the request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located in a C2 (Commercial) Zone at 1200 Heather Drive to open a Permanent Makeup Salon (Leon & Sheila Ray – K's Permanent Makeup). 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. Attorney Jarvis Claiborne stated that they would have to go into Executive Session with Attorney Desiree Auzenne at the end of the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation regarding the Resa Latiolais and Brad Griffith cases.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. Mr. William Jarrell gave an update on the following projects: Burr Street Bridge Project is substantially complete. Elevated Water Storage Tank Project is still within the budget amount. Walnut Street Repair Project is completed but with overruns. Pine Street Bridge Project – bridge is sound but there is a problem with draining pipe under ground.

Committee Reports: Budget Committee.

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 20, 2015 @ 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Blair Briggs, Chairman; Jacqueline Martin; Sherell Roberts, and Marvin Richard. Aldermen Julius Alsandor and J. Tyrone Glover were also present in the audience.

ABSENT: None

A moment of silent meditation was observed and the pledge to the U. S. Flag was led by Alderman Blair Briggs.

The following item was deleted from the Budget Committee Agenda at the start of the meeting: "Accept the retirement request of former Police Chief Perry Gallow, effective 12/31/2014, and approve payment for 1,032 hours of unused annual leave in the amount of \$43,658.80, pending verification from the Fire & Police Civil Service Board". On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the agenda with the corrections.

1. **(Item Deleted)** Accept the retirement request of former Police Chief Perry Gallow, effective 12/31/2014, and approve payment for 1,032 hours of unused annual leave in the amount of \$43,658.80, pending verification from the Fire & Police Civil Service Board.

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2. *Discuss request by Police Chief Donald Thompson regarding an increase in salaries and raises for non-commissioned police personnel (Police Communications Officers, Secretary, Police Records Clerks).* Chief Thompson stated that he is not asking for any additional money. According to Chief Thompson's figures, he is requesting to raise the starting pay from \$7.50 per hour to \$10.00 per hour which is a 33 percent increase. In addition he would like to raise his current employee salaries by 33 percent also. Alderman Briggs asked if the figures the Chief was presenting included the City's portion of the Police Employees Retirement which is 31.5 percent. Alderman Briggs stated that he is inclined to increase the starting pay only and not the pay for all of the employees as the Chief is currently requesting which amounts to approximately \$120,000 plus approximately \$35,000 in retirement benefits as well as an additional 10 percent in other benefits. Lt. Scott Aymond stated that it is only fair that the current employees received a pay increase too. Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin wanted to know if the Police Department would be able to state within its budget with these new figures. Chief Thompson stated that he believes that they will be alright. On a motion by Alderwoman Jacqueline Martin and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to forward to the full council for further discussion and approval of request to approve the increase in the Police Department for non-commissioned police personnel (*Police Communications Officers, Secretary, Police Records Clerks*) from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per hour for starting pay only. **Chief Donald Thompson withdrew his request. No action needed.**

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Aldermen Marvin Richard and Blair Briggs and unanimously carried, it was resolved to accept the Budget Committee Report.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Louisiana Gas, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Grantee," is hereby granted the right to construct, install, operate and maintain in this municipality, as now and hereafter constituted, pipelines and related facilities for the transportation, distribution and sale of gas and for such purposes to use, and excavate in, the public highways, bridges, streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares, commons, grounds and other publicly owned areas for a period of fifteen (15) years.

Grantee's facilities shall be installed and operated in a workman like manner, and this Municipality shall be held harmless from any damages caused by the negligence of Grantee's employees in the course of their employment. Grantee shall tunnel beneath paved streets, sidewalks and alleys wherever practical in laying and replacing mains. Grantee shall refill its excavations and restore sidewalks and pavements promptly, and if this is not done within a reasonable time then it may be done by the Municipality at Grantee's expense. Grantee's lines shall be laid so as not to interfere with the present sewer and/or water system, and if a new sewer and/or water line crosses Grantee's pipeline at the same level, then this Municipality may, if Grantee has not done so after reasonable notice, raise or lower Grantee's line at Grantee's expense but only under Grantee's supervision. However, if any relocation of Grantee's pipelines and/or related facilities is required as a result of any project of the United States federal government or any project financed in whole or in part by the United States federal government, then the Municipality shall pay Grantee the costs and expenses incurred by Grantee in relocating Grantee's pipelines and/or related facilities up to but not greater than the total finances provided in connection with any such project by the United States federal government.

This Municipality may inspect Grantee's construction work at any time, or have said work inspected by a qualified engineer.

The point of delivery of gas to the consumer shall be at the inlet to the consumer's meter, and service pipe and facilities necessary to safely receive and utilize the gas at and beyond that point of delivery shall be furnished and maintained by the consumer, except that Grantee shall furnish and connect the gas meter. Title to all equipment installed by Grantee shall remain in Grantee, and Grantee shall have the unqualified right to use, extend, repair, replace, change, abandon or remove facilities installed under the authority of this grant or any other facilities as it may determine to be necessary or desirable from time to time in the conduct of its business. Grantee will not be obligated to commence, extend or continue any particular gas service by means of facilities installed under the authority of this grant or any other facilities except as Grantee may determine the prudent management and use of its present and future gas supply and facilities to permit and in accordance with Grantee's applicable rates, rules, regulations, policies and procedures, including curtailment procedures, as the same may exist and be changed from time to time. Grantee may promulgate and enforce reasonable rules, regulations and requirements governing the sale, delivery, receipt and use of gas furnished by Grantee and the commencement and discontinuance of gas service.

Grantee's rates currently effective in this Municipality for gas service shall continue in effect until raised or lowered in the manner provided by law.

In consideration of this grant, beginning on the date Grantee files its written acceptance of this ordinance and thereafter for as long as this ordinance remains in effect in accordance with its terms, Grantee shall pay to the City of Opelousas four percent (4%) of Grantee's gross receipts from gas sales to residential and commercial customers located inside the city limits. If the total amount of all such taxes, fees, levies or charges for which Grantee is liable exceeds the 4% percent gross proceeds of such revenues, the amount in excess of such 4% percent shall be paid to the City of Opelousas by the Grantee. Amounts due hereunder shall be computed monthly, and payments shall be made within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the month with respect to which payment is due.

In the event Grantee agrees, during the life of this franchise, to pay to any other municipality served by Grantee in Louisiana a franchise payment based upon a rate greater than the four percent (4%) specified above, or should Grantee enter into a franchise with any other municipality in

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Louisiana that includes benefits to such municipality that are not addressed herein, grantee shall extend such benefits in a proportionate manner to the city of Opelousas.

This franchise ordinance will not be effective unless it is accepted by Grantee by written notice delivered or mailed to the Mayor within 90 days after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

Upon its timely acceptance this ordinance shall continue in effect for a period of fifteen (15) years from the date of its passage and approval as indicated below.

The provisions hereof are intended to be separate and severable, and the holding of any portion hereof to be invalid shall not affect the other portions.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to introduce the ordinance and grant authority for a Public Hearing to adopt AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS, AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE. 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.

CONSENTS

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for Lease of the North Park Concession Stand with a minimum bid of \$200.00 and with the stipulation that the contract be signed by the awarded bidder within ten (10) days after receiving a certified letter and reviewing contract. If contract is not signed within that period, then the bid will be awarded to the next highest bidder. 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 grant authority to advertise for bids for Uniforms in the Police Department.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for the following in the Public Works Department: Type E Multi-Grade Mix, Type B Cold Mix, and Chlorine.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 in the increase amount of \$1,100.00 for the addition of Item 14-Make Ladder Repair in Interior Bowl for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation (South City Park) Project, MGA Project W#250 (Contractor: BLASTCO Texas, Inc.).

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 2 in the increase amount of \$34,900.00 for the addition of Item 15-Lead Abatement of Tank Interior Section (Dry) for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation (South City Park) Project, MGA Project W#250 (Contractor: BLASTCO Texas, Inc.).

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 (Final) in the increase amount of \$18,536.14 for the adjustment of final contract quantities for the 6" waterline (Walnut Street) Project, MGA Project W#258 (Contractor: Bihm Construction Company, Inc.).

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the resignation of John Williams IV in the Fire Department, effective 02/01/2015, and approve payment of \$1,054.08 for ninety-six (96) hours of unused vacation hours, pending verification from the Fire & Police Civil Service Board.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the extended sick leave for Permanent Police Lieutenant Frank Boudreaux, effective 11/24/2014.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the extended sick leave for Permanent Police Lieutenant Donald Young, effective 12/01/2014.

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On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the confirmation of Rodney May from Probational Lieutenant to Permanent Lieutenant, effective 01/05/2015.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the confirmation of Kerry Sam from Probational Sergeant to Permanent Sergeant, effective 01/05/2015.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the resignation of Police Officer First Class Christopher Kimble, effective 01/27/2015.

A roll call vote of the remainder of the CONSENTS Section 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

Margaret Doucet announced that the Trash Bash would be held on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

Alderman Alsandor announced that schools would be closed February 16-18, 2015 for the Mardi Gras holiday.

Mayor Tatum announced that the Harlem Ambassadors would be playing against several political and local leaders in a game at Opelousas High School on February 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Thompson announced that the Police Department would have a Meet and Greet function at the Opelousas Civic Center on February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation by City Attorney. Mayor Tatum stated that they would be going into Executive Session to discuss pending legal issues.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to go into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Blair Briggs and Sherell Roberts.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and unanimously carried, it was resolved to go back into Regular Session at 7:55 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, it was resolved to give Attorney Desiree Auzenne authority to discuss payment or other options for the Resa Latiolais and Brad Griffith cases and report back to the Council with determinations. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: Blair Briggs.

ABSENT: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor, seconded Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR