The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 13th day of October 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 and Sherell Roberts. ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Alderman Blair Briggs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Attorney Jarvis Claiborne led the Prayer.

Request to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 08/11/2015, the Special Meeting held on 08/25/2015 and the Regular Meeting held on 09/08/2015. Alderman Julius Alsandor requested clarity on the Special Meeting minutes of 08/25/2015 regarding where he asked about Community Development on page 2 of those minutes. He pointed out that it was stated that Ms. Anderson stated that she reached out to the auditors. His question that night was that "...Community Development is a department within the City itself and it's a bottom dollar line item and that line item had decreased over the last fiscal year which was approved in 2014." Alderman Alsandor stated, "I would like some documentation stating that, as Ms. Anderson quoted, said she checked with the auditors and it was okay to transfer funds between two departments. When you have a bottom dollar line item approved, money from that department cannot be taken out unless it is approved by the Council and this Council did not go through that process and I just want some type of documentation or even the auditors who take care of the City's money to come and state in front of here that it's okay to do that and then I'll never ask that question again." Mayor Tatum responded, "Okay, not a problem." Alderman Alsandor stated that he had one other thing. He stated, "It was also stated by Ms. Anderson that when she is instructed to do this, 'I only do what I'm told to do'." Mayor Tatum asked where that was in the minutes. Alderman Alsandor stated, "It's not in here and I think just for the protection of Ms. Anderson, that needs to be documented there so we all know and we're aware of it." On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 08/11/2015, the Special Meeting held on 08/25/2015 and the Regular Meeting held on 09/08/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

After review of the aforementioned minutes, the City Clerk could not find any instance of the comment 'I only do what I'm told to do' that Alderman Alsandor quoted her as having said.

Adoption of Agenda, with the following changes: deleting under the RESOLUTIONS Section, Item No. 17, "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER REFUNDING EXISTING UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS"; and deleting under the PRESENTATION Section, Item No. 8, "Presentation by Mr. Kenneth Edwards regarding delinquent fees for water bill accounts".

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to correct under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 9, "Discuss request, for <u>CONDITIONAL USE</u> of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 538 S. Union Street to operate a Car Audio & Video Sales & Installation Shop (Charles Wilfred Glasscock/Carlo Rosette)" to read "Discuss request for pre-approval for <u>CONDITIONAL USE</u> of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 538 S. Union Street to operate a Car Audio & Video Sales & Installation Shop (Charles Wilfred Glasscock/Carlo Rosette)". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 12-A, "Discuss request by Marshall Paul Mouton to purchase a vehicle from the Opelousas Housing Authority". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to add under the PRESENTATIONS Section, Item No. 7-A, "Presentation by Mr. Dan Purvis with Ratcliff Development LLC regarding donation for the North City Park Gym Project". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

Adding under the CONSENTS Section, Item No. 24-A, "Approve the Extended Sick Leave for the following in the Police Department:"

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to add 24-A (a) Permanent Police Lieutenant Frank Boudreaux, effective 09/14/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to add 24-A (b) Jailer Mary Fontenot, effective 07/07/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add 24-A (c) Permanent Police Sergeant Baxter Iford, effective 09/02/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add 24-A (d) Permanent Police Captain Martin McLendon, effective 08/31/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to add 24-A (e) Permanent Police Communications Officer Priscilla Toussaint, effective 09/07/2015". A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

At this time Alderman Julius Alsandor asked to be recognized. Alderman Alsandor stated, "Mayor, it's a policy that you enacted back in February. I have a constituent of mine and a citizen of the City of Opelousas went to pick up a green card but there were no more green cards and because there was no more green cards there, is that person allowed to speak at the end of the meeting as the green cards indicate?" Mayor Tatum responded, "Alderman Alsandor, it's at my discretion if someone can talk outside of the agenda and I have chosen to stick to the agenda for this meeting and we will stick to the agenda, and that's it." Alderman Alsandor replied, "If I may, Mr. Mayor, I don't agree with that, but I will abide with it today." Mayor Tatum replied, "Okay, thank you."

PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Ms. Dinah Riggs, with Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, regarding City of Opelousas' settlement plan for overpayment of FEMA funds. Ms. Riggs could not attend and sent Mr. Ben Pliai to speak on behalf of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHSEP). Mayor Tatum updated the Council members that the City owed this money due to overtime that it paid after the hurricane disaster from funds received from FEMA but could not show proper documentation to account for the funds. Mr. Pliai stated that currently the City owes \$431,241.63 back to FEMA. Mayor Tatum stated that they had offered a settlement plan to GOHSEP in the amount of \$25,000 per year until the debt was paid. Mr. Pliai pointed out the max they could allow for settlement was 4 – 5 years to satisfy the debt. He stated that he was not the one who would make the decision on the amount to be paid.

Presentation by Mr. Dan Purvis with Ratcliff Development LLC regarding donation for the North City Park Gym Project. Mr. Purvis delivered a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for the North City Park Gym Project which is in Alderman J. Tyrone Glover's district. The City Attorney stated that they would need to draft a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement in order to accept the donation. On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Mr. Dan Purvis and Ratcliff Development, LLC, to accept the \$1,500.00 donation for the North City Park Gym Project. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Julius Alsandor, J. Tvrone Glover, Blair Briggs and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

Presentation by Mr. Kenneth Edwards regarding delinquent fees for water bill accounts. Mr. Edwards called in and requested that this item be deleted and placed on next month's agenda. (ITEM DELETED)

Discuss request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 538 S. Union Street to operate a Car Audio & Video Sales & Installation Shop (Charles Wilfred Glasscock/Carlo Rosette). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/12/2015 and recommended pre-approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the request for pre-approval for CONDITIONAL USE of property in a NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) Zone located at 538 S. Union Street to operate a Car Audio & Video Sales & Installation Shop (Charles Wilfred Glasscock/Carlo Rosette). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

Discuss request for <u>VARIANCE</u> for property located in a R2 (Residential 2) Zone at 1427 Duson Avenue to build a Multi-Family Apartment Building (Ross Dupre). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 10/12/2015 and there was only one opposition to this project. The Commission recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover and seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor, it was resolved to approve the request for <u>VARIANCE</u> for property located in a R2 (Residential 2) Zone at 1427 Duson Avenue to build a Multi-Family Apartment Building (Ross Dupre). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

Discuss request by Mrs. Margaret Doucet to address complaints concerning owners of listed properties not making necessary repairs within the time allotted by Council as per the Public Hearing held on 09/11/2012:

(a) Willie Breaux, 802 E. Grolee Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure) – recommendation is condemnation for demolition. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

(b) John Edward Brooks, 423 E. Grolee Street (Burned Wood Frame Structure) – recommendation is condemnation for demolition. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the recommendation of condemnation for demolition. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

Discuss request by Mrs. Melanie Lee-Lebouef to amend the Tourism Budget Line Item 54560-3370 (Advertising) in the amount of \$3,220.00 for Gulf Coast Promotional Fund grant received. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the request by Mrs. Melanie Lee-Lebouef to amend the Tourism Budget Line Item 54560-3370 (Advertising) in the amount of \$3,220.00 for Gulf Coast Promotional Fund grant received. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

Discuss request to amend City Marshal's Department budget to purchase a vehicle from the Opelousas Housing Authority for \$9,000.00. Marshal Paul Mouton stated that they had bid on a vehicle from the Opelousas Housing Authority but lost the bid. The customer that won the bid did not pick up the vehicle and the Housing Authority contacted the next bidder which was the Marshal's office. Mr. Mouton stated that they do not have all of the money in their budget and requested funds from the City's general fund in order to purchase the vehicle. Alderman Alsandor suggested that the City pay two-thirds of the cost (\$6,000) and the Marshal's office pay the other one-third (\$3,000) from their budget. On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve the request to amend the City Marshal's budget to purchase a vehicle from the Opelousas Housing Authority with \$3,000 coming from the Marshal's budget and the City paying the balance of \$6,000 from the fund balance. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

Presentation by City Attorney. Attorney Jarvis Claiborne stated that he had received an Attorney General's Opinion relating to the donation of funds to the Opelousas High School Band. Accord to the Attorney General's Opinion, the City may not donate public funds to that organization as it would be a violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution (Opinion 15-0095... The City of Opelousas may not donate public funds to the Opelousas High School Band to defray the costs of traveling to Washington, D.C. for a performance, as such would constitute donation of public funds prohibited by La. Const., art. VII. Sect 14 – A. Prohibited Uses. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, the funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision shall not be loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private...).

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. Mr. William Jarrell gave an update on the Cherry Street Property soccer fields. Mr. Jarrell submitted a cost estimate for formation of the fields. The Council will take it under advisement and forward to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review. Regarding the North Park Pavilion project, Mr. Jarrell submitted the cost estimates to put an open-air metal building over the existing tennis courts and a cover over the existing basketball courts. The Council will take it under advisement and forward to the Parks & Recreation Commission for review.

BIDS

Accept Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #05-15). Pursuant to an advertisement in the Daily World for Bids for Sewer Pump Parts (Bid #05-15), six (6) bids were received:

BIDDER	FAIRBANKS MORSE PUMP PARTS	GORMAN-RUPP PUMP PARTS
COVINGTON SALES & SERVICE INC.	NO BID	NO BID
THOMAS PUMP AND MACHINERY	NO BID	\$5,251.00
SHAMROCK PIPE TOOLS INC.	NO BID	NO BID
GRINER DRILLING SERVICE INC.	\$37,458.30	\$7,621.90
DELTA PROCESS EQUIPMENT	NO BID	\$7,751.65
FLUID PROCESS & PUMPS LLC	\$40,872.00	\$6,924.00

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, 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 and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VETERANS FUNERAL HONOR GUARD TO ASSURE "A BEST GOING AWAY POSSIBLE".

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

RESOLUTION NO. <u>08</u> OF 2015 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A VETERANS FUNERAL HONOR GUARD

TO ASSURE "A BEST GOING-AWAY POSSIBLE"

WHEREAS, due to the proposed cut back of active duty military troops at Fort Polk and the Louisiana National Guard on alert for possible deployment, we will see a cut back in Honor Guard services; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 514 located in Opelousas is taking the cut back in services as a reality and has voted to sponsor a *Veterans Funeral Honor Guard* to assure "A Best Going-Away Possible" for the veterans of St. Landry Parish in which approximately 5,500 veterans currently reside; and

WHEREAS, this unique *Veterans Funeral Honor Guard* will be trained in formal military procedures for funerals consisting of a full rifle squad, one rifle squad leader, one flag folding detain, one bugler and (if requested) six pallbearers; and

WHEREAS, this *Veterans Funeral Honor Guard* will be available to the family of a veteran per a request through any Funeral Home in St. Landry Parish who in turn will contact the appropriate post coordinator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, do extend their support of the development of a *Veterans Funeral Honor Guard* in St. Landry Parish.

The above resolution having been submitted to a vote, was adopted as follows on the 13th day of October 2015.

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

NAYS: None.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK MAYOR

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER REFUNDING EXISTING UTILITIES REVENUE BONDS. (ITEM DELETED)

CONSENTS

Set Date and Time for Trick or Treating within Opelousas City Limits. Chief Donald Thompson suggested Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Safe Halloween for Kids Event is the same night at Le Vieux Village from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Tatum suggested that Chief change his times to coincide with that event. On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to set Trick or Treating within the Opelousas City Limits for Thursday, October 29, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to grant authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the fiscal year ending 08/31/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise for bids for Offsite Fuel for Vehicles (Fuel Card System). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to grant authority to advertise a Public Hearing for the following abandoned properties:

Qaid Ahmed Musleh Alhalmi, 708 E. Vine Street (Abandoned Fuel Station)

Carlton Joseph Birotte, c/o Nola Mae Birotte, 708 East Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the change of hire date from 09/14/2015 to 09/13/2015 for Police Communications Officer Jomanda Angelle. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve payment to Glen Stephen for one hundred thirty-two (132) hours of unused annual leave, as verified by the Fire and Police Civil Service Board. Mr. Stephen resigned from the Police Department on 09/03/2015. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to approve the recommendation for suspension of Police Officer Rodney Daigle for eight (8) hours, effective 10/21/2015, for violation of department policy, General Order 14.3.9 (Unauthorized Use of Time). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

On a motion by Alderman Julius Alsandor and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the Extended Sick Leave for the following in the Police Department:

- (a) Permanent Police Lieutenant Frank Boudreaux, effective 09/14/2015
- (b) Jailer Mary Fontenot, effective 07/07/2015
- (c) Permanent Police Sergeant Baxter Iford, effective 09/02/2015
- (d) Permanent Police Captain Martin McLendon, effective 08/31/2015
- (e) Permanent Police Communications Officer Priscilla Toussaint, effective 09/07/2015

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderman Blair Briggs and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve Contract Change Order No. 1 (Final) in the increase amount of \$7,246.50 for the addition of Item 17 and adjustment of final contract quantities for the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements (Walmart D.C. #6048) Project STP#3. (Contractor: Trek, Inc.). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Blair Briggs, it was resolved to accept the Sewer Treatment Plant Improvements (Walmart D.C. #6048) Project as Substantially Completion, MGA Project STP#73. (Contractor: Trek, Inc.). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Jacqueline Martin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City of Opelousas is recruiting citizens to serve on its Historic District Commission. Volunteering with an advisory board is an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the historic well-being of the City of Opelousas. The board reviews applications for exterior changes related to commercial and residential structures located within the Historic District. A majority of the commission's members have specialized training or an interest in architecture, preservation, archaeology, history or building methods. It meets at 12 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Le Vieux Village. Interested persons should contact Opelousas Tourism at 337-948-5227 or tourism@cityofopelousas.com

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman J. Tyrone Glover, seconded by Alderman Julius Alsandor and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:	
CITY CLERK	MAYOR