

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2019

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

With Mayor Julius Alsandor presiding, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Alsandor requested the Clerk to call the roll and the following Council members were PRESENT: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis. ABSENT: None.

Mayor Alsandor announced that Mr. Jessie Johnson, a former City employee, had recently passed away. A moment of silent meditation was observed. Mr. Ricky Julien, Sr., led the Prayer and Alderman Charles Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, it was resolved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 03/12/2019 with any necessary changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, it was resolved to delete Item No. 18, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ACCEPT A MONETARY DONATION FROM ALDERWOMAN CHASITY DAVIS TO BE EARMARKED SOLELY TO FUND THE ADDITION OF A SPLASH PAD AT THE PHILLIP AND FERN STREET PARK IN DISTRICT E" and to accept the agenda with the changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

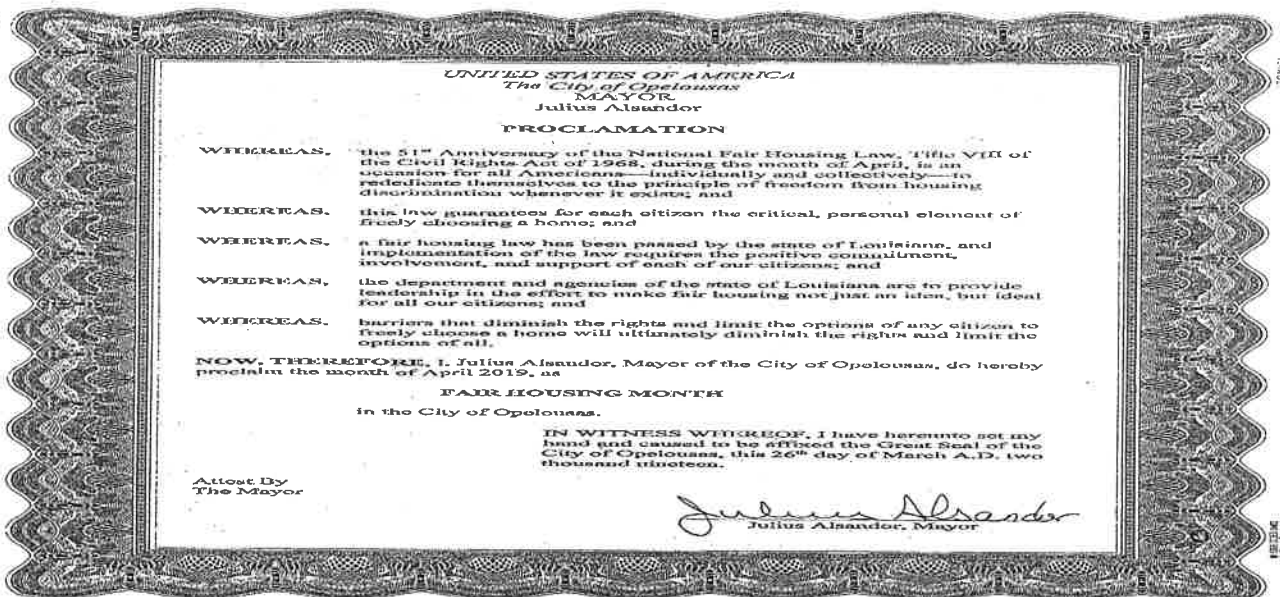
YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

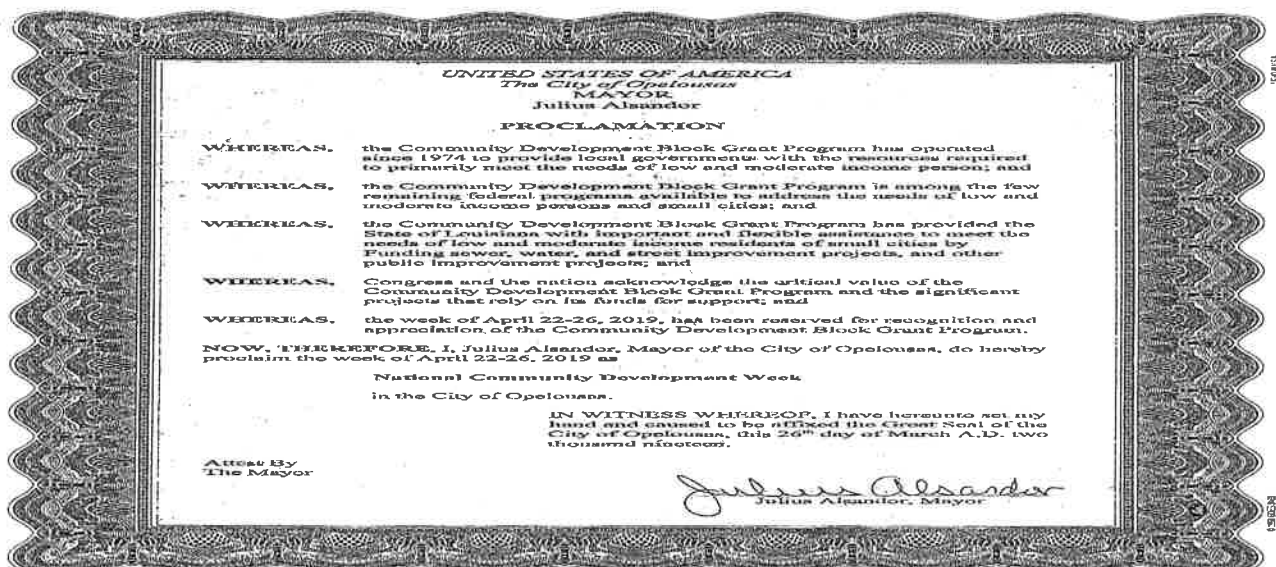
ABSENT: None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Proclamation in Recognition of Fair Housing Month (April 2019).



- Proclamation in Recognition of National Community Development Week (April 22-26, 2019).



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- Recognition of Cleanest City Contest, District H, participants. Mayor Alsandor recognized Mrs. Margaret Doucet for her dedicated efforts for the Cleanest City Contest and that the City of Opelousas has been selected as a winner in the District H category. He announced that the State Competition was originally scheduled to begin on 04/22/2019 but has been moved up to 04/15/2019.
- Honoring of Opelousas High School Power Lifting Team. Mayor Alsandor recognized Coach Kip Duplechain and Principal Ricky Julien. The Power Lifting Team (Iron Tigers) competed in the State Championships. One of the members highlighted was Kendrick Lewis, Class 4A, whose stats included a 315 lb. squat, a 155 lb. bench press, and a 335 lb. dead lift. Mayor Alsandor presented the Coach and the team with a plaque of recognition for their excellent efforts during the State Competition.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m. for A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION of property located at 4383 I-49 Service Road South as described below (Giles Nissan of Opelousas):

9.526 AC TRACT A N & W BLUE SKIES LAND DEVELOPMENT LLC S LAHAYE CENTER OF OPELOUSAS E I-49 SERVICE RD IN SEC 155 T-7S R-4E 1127702 PLAT NOTES R199 PLAT: 1090119 CAB 5-22 PARTITION 212133 (K-7-170 JUDG OF POSS RE-SURVEY 1980 ROY SHERIFFS DEED 595656-a (F-20-586) WILLIAM W RUCKS IV BUYS 20% UND INT FROM MARY RUCKS 724844 (P-30-111) WILLIAM WARD RUCKS IV & CATHERINE MAY RUCKS DONATE AN UND ½ INT OF 1/5 INT TO MARGARET ROY RUCKS AND WILLIAM WARD RUCKS III 763135 (DON 56-632) WILLIAM WARD RUCKS IV & CATHERINE MAY RUCKS DONATE AN UND ½ INT OF 1/5 INT TO PAULA ROY SIMON 763137 (DON 52-636) SAID TRACT OF LAND IS MORE CLEARLY SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES (PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS), DATED JUNE 30, 2015, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 01 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4 OF 1998 FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCORPORATING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS CERTAIN PROPERTY AND CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY (GILES NISSAN OF OPELOUSAS, 4383 I-49 SERVICE ROAD SOUTH)

WHEREAS, Giles Nissan of Opelousas owns certain property as further described below, and said property is currently situated outside the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas (the "City");

WHEREAS, Giles Nissan of Opelousas has petitioned the governing authority of the City to annex this property into the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the City is willing to incorporate the property owned by Giles Nissan of Opelousas and has contemplated and prepared this Ordinance for the purpose of incorporating the property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the boundaries of the corporate limits of the City of Opelousas shall be amended to incorporate within the limits of the City the following described property to wit:

9.526 AC TRACT A N & W BLUE SKIES LAND DEVELOPMENT LLC S LAHAYE CENTER OF OPELOUSAS E I-49 SERVICE RD IN SEC 155 T-7S R-4E 1127702 PLAT NOTES R199 PLAT: 1090119 CAB 5-22 PARTITION 212133 (K-7-170 JUDG OF POSS RE-SURVEY 1980 ROY SHERIFFS DEED 595656-a (F-20-586) WILLIAM W RUCKS IV BUYS 20% UND INT FROM MARY RUCKS 724844 (P-30-111) WILLIAM WARD RUCKS IV & CATHERINE MAY RUCKS DONATE AN UND ½ INT OF 1/5 INT TO MARGARET ROY RUCKS AND WILLIAM WARD RUCKS III 763135 (DON 56-632) WILLIAM WARD RUCKS IV & CATHERINE MAY RUCKS DONATE AN UND ½ INT OF 1/5 INT TO PAULA ROY SIMON 763137 (DON 52-636) SAID TRACT OF LAND IS MORE CLEARLY SHOWN ON PLAT OF SURVEY BY MORGAN GOUDEAU & ASSOCIATES (PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS), DATED JUNE 30, 2015, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on March 12, 2019, by Alderman Charles Cummings, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

Ratify approval of plat located at 4383 I-49 Service Road South to be ZONED as C1 (Commercial 1) (Giles Nissan of Opelousas). PENDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION. The Ordinance for annexation was adopted.

On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to ratify approval of plat located at 4383 I-49 Service Road South to be ZONED as C1 (Commercial 1) (Giles Nissan of Opelousas). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss approval of request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located at 4383 I-49 Service Road South to operate a paint shop and automotive repair shop as part of a car dealership (Giles Nissan of Opelousas). PENDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION. The Ordinance for annexation was adopted. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to approve request for CONDITIONAL USE of property located at 4383 I-49 Service Road South to operate a paint shop and automotive repair shop as part of a car dealership (Giles Nissan of Opelousas). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 5:35 p.m. for A PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO INCUR DEBT ON ITS VISA CARD ISSUED BY AMERICAN BANK. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:39 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, the following Ordinance was offered for adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 02 OF 2019  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO INCUR DEBT  
ON ITS VISA CARD ISSUED BY AMERICAN BANK

Whereas, the Governing Authority of the City of Opelousas by Resolution No. 01 of 2019, dated January 8, 2019 authorized the City of Opelousas, through its Mayor, Honorable Julius Alsandor, to apply for and to obtain a VISA credit card through American Bank; and

Whereas, American Bank issued to the City of Opelousas the requested VISA CARD; and

Whereas, the VISA Card has a maximum limit of \$10,000.00; and

Whereas, the Governing Authority of the City of Opelousas desires by this Ordinance to authorize the incurrence of debt using the VISA Card maximum amount of \$10,000.00 subject to the Administrative Policy of the City of Opelousas for using such cards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Opelousas in legal session convened, that the City of Opelousas be and is hereby authorized to incur debt in the maximum amount of \$10,000.00 using the VISA Card issued by American Bank; provided, however, that any such expenditure using the VISA Card shall be for purposes of transacting business for the City of Opelousas.

Said Ordinance having been introduced on March 12, 2019, by Alderman Charles Cummings and Alderwoman Sherell Roberts, notice of public hearing having been published, said public hearing having been held, the title having been read and the ordinance considered, a record vote was taken and the following result was had:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 5:40 p.m. for A PUBLIC HEARING for possible condemnation/demolition of the following properties:

- a. Roy J. Riggs, 132 N. Railroad Avenue (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*
- b. Gilbert Austin, Jr., c/o Gwen Alsandor, 700 Block of Planters Street (Abandoned Brick Structure)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*
- c. St. Landry Parish Policy Jury, Doris Chenier T/S, Deeded 2014 Parish Taxes, 637 Joseph Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*
- d. St. Landry Parish Policy Jury, Hattie Mae Washington Etals T/S, Deeded 2009 Parish Taxes, 831 Burr Street (Abandoned Brick Structure)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*
- e. Marva Broussard Allison, c/o Leon Recard, 619 Joseph Street (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*
- f. Ella Brooks Randell, Fern & Bernice Street (Abandoned Burned Mobile Home)  
*(Recommendation is for condemnation for demolition)*

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:50 p.m.

On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to accept the recommendations. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

### PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Mr. Conner Nichols with PayStar Services regarding online utility payments. Mr. Nichols handed out information to the Council regarding the process of accepting utility payments online through his company's services. He stated that this is a free service to the City of Opelousas to collect utility payments online with a small fee of \$2.95 per transaction being assessed to the customer. Alderman Batiste requested more time to review the proposed contract and asked that the item be tabled.

Discuss request for approval for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone located at 838 W. Cherry Street to open a Childs Day Care Center (B & B Investors – Skylar Hall). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 04/08/2019 regarding this matter and recommended approval of this request. On a motion by Alderwoman Sherell Roberts and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve the request for VARIANCE of property located in a R1 (Residential 1) Zone located at 838 W. Cherry Street to open a Childs Day Care Center (B & B Investors – Skylar Hall). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts and Chasity Davis.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Discuss request for approval of Site Plan for property located in a C2 (Commercial 2) Zone at I-49 Frontage @ Commerce Boulevard to build a Strip Mall (Commerce Plaza – Derrick Comeaux). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 04/08/2019 regarding this matter and this request was tabled because no representation from the project was in attendance to answer the Committee members' questions. No action taken at this time. This item will be placed on next month's agenda by the Planning Commission.

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Presentation by City Attorney. No Report.

Engineer's Monthly Status Report. No Report.

**RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LASSAR) TO PLACE THE OPELOUSAS POST MILITIA HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LE VIEUX VILLAGE IN RECOGNITION OF THIS POST'S UNKNOWN MILITARY ACTION AIDING SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE WINNING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF 1775-1783.

On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Floyd Ford, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 03 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LASSAR) TO PLACE THE OPELOUSAS POST MILITIA HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LE VIEUX VILLAGE IN RECOGNITION OF THIS POST'S UNKNOWN MILITARY ACTION AIDING SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE WINNING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF 1775-1783

WHEREAS, in late August of 1779, the Opelousas Post Militia consisting of about 67 men left from this place to join other military units to attack British forces numbering over 1,000 in the lower Mississippi valley; and

WHEREAS, the Opelousas Post Militia crossed the Atchafalaya Basin to join the Governor-General of the Spanish colony of Louisiana, Gen. Bernardo de Gálvez, and met at Fort San Gabriel a few miles below Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, total forces under Gálvez included 175 Spanish army veterans, 330 Spanish recruits, 80 free men of color, 160 Choctaws, and about 600 men from the various militias along the Mississippi and throughout the province of Louisiana and on September 22, 1779, Gálvez's forces, including this militia, captured Ft. New Richmond at Baton Rouge; and

WHEREAS, the brilliant victory forced the surrender of British Ft. Panmure at Natchez and this generally unknown military action in American history in which the Opelousas Post Militia took part aided significantly in the winning of the American Revolution of 1775-1783.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, STATE OF LOUISIANA, DO HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE LOUISIANA SOCIETY, SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (LASSAR) TO PLACE THE OPELOUSAS POST MILITIA HISTORICAL MARKER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LE VIEUX VILLAGE IN RECOGNITION OF THIS POST'S UNKNOWN MILITARY ACTION AIDING SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE WINNING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION OF 1775-1783.

The above Resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 as follows:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ACCEPT A MONETARY DONATION FROM ALDERWOMAN CHASITY DAVIS TO BE EARMARKED SOLELY TO FUND THE ADDITION OF A SPLASH PAD AT THE PHILLIP AND FERN STREET PARK IN DISTRICT "E". (*ITEM DELETED*)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$91,198.00 OF SURPLUS FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN WHICH THE CITY AGREES TO USE THESE FUNDS ACCORDING TO SPECIFIC GUIDELINES.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DISTRICT TO RECEIVE \$91,198.00 OF SURPLUS FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS IN WHICH THE CITY AGREES TO USE THESE FUNDS ACCORDING TO SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

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 \$91,198.00; and

WHEREAS, both parties deem this is in their best interest and the interest of their constituents to enter into this intergovernmental agreement as follows:

1. The DISTRICT has set aside for CITY the sum of \$91,198.00 of which the entire amount will be provided as a reimbursement to the CITY.
2. CITY agrees to use these funds only according to the following guidelines.
  1. Used to overlay streets or roads.
  2. May contract with others for street or road repairs.
  3. Purchase of materials or supplies to repair streets or roads.
  4. May be used to purchase materials for incidental drainage projects related to street or road repairs. This item will need prior approval for payment, therefore, please provide a detailed listing of drainage repairs to DISTRICT office.

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3. CITY agrees to request reimbursements and provide evidence of qualified expenditures as listed in section 2.
4. Under no circumstances will the DISTRICT pay to the CITY more than \$91,198.00.
5. For the purpose of notices under this agreement, the parties nominate the following:  
ST. LANDRY PARISH SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL DISTRICT

Richard LeBouef  
Executive Director  
417 Solid Waste Road  
Washington, LA 70589

CITY OF OPELOUSAS

Mayor Julius Alsandor  
City of Opelousas  
P.O. Box 1879  
Opelousas, LA 70571-1879

6. Both parties verify that this agreement has been approved by Ordinance or Resolution of the governing body at a Regular or Specially-called meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Opelousas Board of Aldermen authorizes Mayor Julius Alsandor to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with St. Landry Parish Solid Waste Disposal District to use an allocation of \$91,198.00 solely for the purpose of improving and resurfacing parish roads and municipal streets and drainage improvements incidental thereto.

The above resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was adopted on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 as follows:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAYSTAR SERVICES TO PROVIDE ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS. Mr. Connor Nichols addressed the Council regarding the proposed contract for online payment services. After the presentation, Alderman Milton Batiste asked that the matter be tabled to allow the Council additional time to review the contract proposal. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to table this item until next month. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT AND ENGINEER AND TO COMMIT COSTS FOR THE FY 2020-2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 05 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT AND ENGINEER AND TO COMMIT COSTS FOR THE FY 2020-2021 LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas deems it necessary and proper to submit an application for funding under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for a sewer system rehabilitation project; and

WHEREAS, professional engineering services are necessary in connection with the preparation of the application and the engineering design and inspection, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, professional grants consulting and administrative consulting services are necessary to assist in the preparation of the application and the partial administration of the grant, should the project be funded; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the base rating factors and points, up to four (4) bonus points will be assigned to those applicants which commit other funds to pay the cost of the application preparation and should the project be funded, all of the associated administrative costs and commits to pay the engineering fees associated with the implementation of this project should the project be funded.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of City of Opelousas that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application for funding and all the necessary documents in connection with the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Morgan, Goudeau & Associates, Inc. to assist with the application preparation and if the application is funded, provide the professional engineering services required and the City hereby commits to pay all the engineering fees associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program should the project be funded to receive two (2) bonus points in the rating of the application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign a contract with Minvielle and Associates, Inc. to prepare the application for funding and if the application is funded, provide the professional grant administrative services required and the City hereby commits to pay all the costs associated with the preparation of the application and all of the grant administrative consulting fees associated with the implementation of the LCDBG program should the project be funded to receive two (2) more bonus points in the rating of this application.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was duly adopted on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019 by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.


NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-18-01).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 06 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR JULIUS ALSANDOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-18-01)

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 JULIUS ALSANDOR, 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-MM6-18-01;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, do hereby authorize Mayor Julius Alsandor to sign any and all documents pertaining to FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-18-01.

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

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

Done and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR CHERRY STREET PARK UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-18-02).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 07 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR JULIUS ALSANDOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR CHERRY STREET PARK UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION (FP&C PROJECT NO. 50-MM6-18-02)

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 JULIUS ALSANDOR, 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-MM6-18-02;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas, State of Louisiana, do hereby authorize Mayor Julius Alsandor to sign any and all documents pertaining to FP&C Project No. 50-MM6-18-02.

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

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

Done and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE FY 2018-2019 LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,557.00 ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS.

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, the following Resolution was offered for adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 08 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR JULIUS ALSANDOR TO ACCEPT THE FY 2018-2019 LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LGAP) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$5,557.00) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas' application has been approved for the FY 2018-2019 Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant in the amount of \$5,557.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That Mayor Julius Alsandor be and he is hereby authorized to accept the FY2018-2019 Division of Administration, Office of Community Development Louisiana Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) Grant, to help defray the costs of designated projects.

Section 2. That Council does hereby further accept said Grant on behalf of the City of Opelousas.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this legislation were

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adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

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

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

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

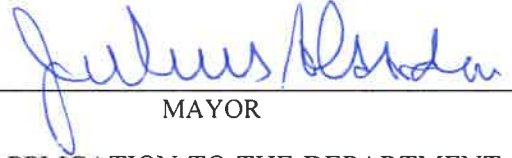
ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

Done and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THIS PROJECT ON THE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 09 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A PRE-APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THIS PROJECT ON THE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM

WHEREAS the City of Opelousas is in need of Wastewater System Improvements; and,

WHEREAS loans and/or grants for this project may be available through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program operated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas that:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit a pre-application to the Department of Environmental Quality on behalf of the City of Opelousas for the purpose of placing this project on the Project Priority List for funding through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan program; and,

Section 2. The Mayor is further authorized to furnish such additional information as may reasonably be requested in connection with the pre-application; and,

Section 3. The Mayor is hereby designated as the Official Project Representative for the City of Opelousas for any project that may result from the submission of the pre-application.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

YEAS: Marvin Richard, Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts.

NAYS: None.

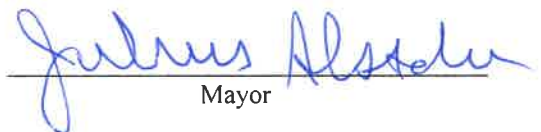
ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

ABSTAINING: None.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

CONSENTS

The following Consent Items were unanimously motioned, seconded, and carried with the following exception:

ABSENT: Chasity Davis (*left early*).

Approved Contract Change Order No. 3 (Final) in the increase amount of \$15,405.53 for adjustment of final contract quantities. This change order is for the Street Improvements (Wartell Street, Mary Ann Street, and College Avenue) Project, MGA Project S#523. (Contractor: Coastal Bridge Company, LLC).

Approved the termination of Police Officer Recruit Antrevion D. Harrison, effective 03/26/2019.

Approved the recommendation of Police Chief Martin McLendon to hire Ruby Lemelle in the position of Police Recruit, effective 04/22/2019, pending successful pre-employment requirements.

Approved the written reprimand of Police Sergeant Tyron Andrepont, effective 04/03/2019, for violation of Opelousas Police Department Policy and Procedures General Order 14.2.1 Courtesy.

Approved the written reprimand of Police Officer First Class Tyrone Davis, effective 04/03/2019, for violation of Opelousas Police Department Policy and Procedures General Order 14.3.2 Insubordination and Opelousas Police Department Policy and Procedures General Order 14.3.9 Unauthorized Use of Time.

Approved the written reprimand of Police Officer First Class Jeremy Jennings, effective 04/03/2019, for violation of Opelousas Police Department Policy and Procedures General Order 14.3.10 Unbecoming Conduct.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings, seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR