

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Council of the City of Opelousas, Parish of St. Landry, State of Louisiana, convened in a regular session on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic mandates for social distancing and limited occupancy requirements, the meeting was open to limited general public and was **LIVE-STREAMED ON THE WWW.CITYOFOPELOUSAS.COM website.**

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.

A moment of silent meditation was observed. Pastor Dale Fontenot, New Life Church of God, Palmetto, Louisiana, led the prayer.

In recognition of the upcoming observance of Veterans' Day on tomorrow, Mayor Alsandor took the opportunity to dedicate this Council meeting to all of the Veterans of this city and this parish. He stated that he, the Council and the citizens are truly appreciative of the service that they have given to their country. Mr. Link Savoie, Veterans Advocate and U. S. Army Retired Chief Warrant Officer, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to APPROVE the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held 10/20/2020. 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 Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis and Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to add the following items: under the NEW BUSINESS Section, Item No. 13-A, "*Approve engagement of Landmark Consulting, LLC to provide technical assistance to support the City of Opelousas in applying for public assistance for emergency protective measures performed before, during and after the hurricane disasters*"; under the OLD BUSINESS Section, Item No. 10, "*Discussion of Bowman's Barbershop on Landry Street*".

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

At this time, Mayor Alsandor publicly apologized to Ms. Lena Charles, chairwoman of the Opelousas Downtown Development District. Mayor Alsandor stated that last week he and Ms. Lena spoke about her coming to the Council presenting a resolution in support of the Vine Street project. He stated that it was an oversight on his part because if we don't have the resolution present, it is unfortunate that we can't put it on because a resolution has to be presented to them at the Council meeting for us to have that documentation in front of them. He again apologized for not having her have the resolution that needs to be presented to the Council but also to the body and have the wording presented to us from the Opelousas Downtown Development; but legally the resolution must be written up and also in documented form. Tonight, he takes full responsibility for that and he apologizes for that. Ms. Charles accepted his apology. She inquired if the matter would be put off again until next month. Mayor Alsandor stated that it would be put off or delayed with proper documentation put in front of them for the Council to vote on for that support letter you are requesting.

On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to ADOPT the agenda as a whole with the requested changes. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

- Updates/Presentations from Mayor Julius Alsandor. At this time, Mayor Alsandor, on behalf of the Council, presented Pastor Dale Fontenot, New Life Church of God, Palmetto, LA, with a plaque of recognition for his 30 years of faithful service as a Pastor. Mayor Alsandor also recognized Representative Dustin Miller and Senator Gerald Boudreaux on their assistance in acquiring \$500,000 worth of funding for the City's Parks and Recreation Department for acquisition of a new multi-purpose building.
- **Three-minute recess for submission of public comments/questions.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reading of Public Comments/Questions, if any. At this time, Mayor Alsandor asked if there was any public input for any of the items on the agenda. Mr. Don Leger requested the opportunity to comment on an item on the agenda. He stated that he lives at 919 Anthony Avenue in Opelousas and he wanted to speak about the Introduction of Ordinances to acquire police vehicles and the Ordinance to acquire more fire trucks. He stated that he is not questioning the need but whether or not the City can afford this because the City's infrastructure is crumbling but he has not seen the City put any money into the infrastructure. If they can afford these expenses, then the City should be able to put money into the crumbling infrastructure. He also stated that the \$500,000 that the City is receiving for the grant is wonderful but he inquired about what happened to the insurance reimbursement that the City got when the park building burned down. He stated that the Mayor may not know that right now but maybe he can find out and let him know. Mayor Alsandor stated that they are investing in their infrastructure. They are presently having work done at the Water Well at Med South which was damaged by the storm and they doing improvements with the digesters and screens at the Sewer Plant. They also have recently had work done on the Chlorine System at the Water Plant.
- Ms. Lena Charles thanked the Mayor for coming out on Saturday for the Opelousas Downtown Development District Master Plan meeting.

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- Mr. Donald Broussard announced that he is a concerned citizen and he is requesting donations on behalf of the Opelousas Life Church and Sis. Allison Dunbar Guillory to prepare boxes for the needy for Thanksgiving. Last year they fed over 100 and this year their goal is to feed over 200. He stated that he has a letter available with the details. His second order of business was to address the matter relating to his bringing a group of private investors to the City of Opelousas about a year ago to partner with the City as a majority/minority partnership. He stated that they were not given the opportunity to make their presentation due to networking and technical problems. He requested an opportunity to address the Council at a later date determined by the Mayor. Alderwoman Sherell Roberts stated that she feels they should be given an opportunity in a General services committee meeting to make a presentation. Mayor Alsandor stated that he would reach out to Mr. Broussard to make that presentation at a larger venue with the limited number they can put in under COVID-19 guidelines.

### **REPORTS**

Review Monthly Finances. Mr. Stephen Woods, City Accountant, provided the Council members with a financial summary report of the City's revenue and expenditures for the month ending October 31, 2020. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III and Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to accept the Monthly Finance Report as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Engineer's Monthly Report. A copy of the Engineer's Monthly Report was provided to the Council members. Mr. William Jarrell stated that the cleaning and TV work on the Sewer lines that is due for the first year is approximately fifty percent complete. He also stated that they will be finalizing the report for the Water Meter Replacement Project by next week. On a motion by Alderman Floyd Ford and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to accept the Engineer's Monthly Report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

City Attorney's Report. Attorney Broussard stated that the City received one new suit filed by Jonah Coleman relating to well-publicized events with Officer Tyron Andrepoint. The suit has been referred to RMI and they have assigned that representation to Joy Rabalais; the lawsuit is prosecuted by plaintiff's attorneys—Darryl Washington out of Dallas and Clay Burgess out of Lafayette. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to accept the City Attorney's Report. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion of Bowman's Barbershop on Landry Street.* Alderwoman Sherell Roberts requested that this item be added for discussion because the property was scheduled for condemnation at the last Council meeting. She stated that when she passed in front of the building, it looked like they were fixing the building instead of it being torn down. She wants to know if a letter was sent informing the owners that it was to be torn down. Mayor Alsandor stated that he thought there was an outside agreement between the two parties. Alderman Batiste stated that the official act was for condemnation but the two parties were discussing working out some agreement between themselves. Mrs. Doucet stated that Ms. Fisher wanted to acquire the property but the Bowman's wanted to keep their property. She stated that the Council voted that if nothing was done by the Bowman's then the building would be demolished. Alderwoman Roberts stated that her recollection was to tear the building down but the other parties' discussion was as to who would tear the building down—the owner, Ms. Fisher, or the City. The City Clerk asked Mrs. Doucet if she was going to notify the owner that they need to stop repairs and that the building would be demolished. She stated that she would be sending notification. No additional motion was made on this matter and the recommendation for condemnation and demolition from last month's meeting stands.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discuss request for approval of plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located in an R1 ZONE (Residential 1 ZONE) at S. Market Street & Park Avenue, Lots 6 & 7, Bercier & Lewis Addition (Bobcat II Realty & Management – Pride Doran). The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on 11/09/2020 and recommended approval of this item. On a motion by Alderman Marvin Richard and seconded by Alderman Milton Batiste III, it was resolved to approve the request for approval of plat being submitted for the RE-SUBDIVISION of property located in an R1 ZONE (Residential 1 ZONE) at S. Market Street & Park Avenue, Lots 6 & 7, Bercier & Lewis Addition (Bobcat II Realty & Management – Pride Doran). 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.

Grant Authority to advertise for bids for the following items in the Public Works Department: Bulk Lime and (b) Concrete. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings and Alderwoman Chasity Davis, it was resolved to grant Authority to advertise for bids for the following items in the Public Works Department: Bulk Lime and (b) Concrete. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

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Approve Waiver of Potential Conflict permitting Joy Rabalais to represent Opelousas in the matter Jonah Coleman v. City of Opelousas, suit no. 20-3779-B, 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, St. Landry, Louisiana. On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings, it was resolved to approve Waiver of Potential Conflict permitting Joy Rabalais to represent Opelousas in the matter Jonah Coleman v. City of Opelousas, suit no. 20-3779-B, 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, St. Landry, Louisiana. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Approve engagement of Landmark Consulting, LLC to provide technical assistance to support the City of Opelousas in applying for public assistance for emergency protective measures performed before, during and after the hurricane disasters. On a motion by Alderman Charles Cummings and seconded by Aldermen Milton Batiste III and Marvin Richard, it was resolved to approve engagement of Landmark Consulting, LLC to provide technical assistance to support the City of Opelousas in applying for public assistance for emergency protective measures performed before, during and after the hurricane disasters. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

## **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

### **INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE CARS.**

#### ORDINANCE

#### AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE CARS

WHEREAS, the Police Chief for the City of Opelousas (the "City") has advised the City that the police department is in need of additional police cars, and that leasing the automobiles as opposed to purchasing them is in the best interest of the City;

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has discussed with Enterprise FM Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust, and its related subsidiaries the terms of a Master Equity Lease Agreement, a Maintenance Management and Fleet Rental Agreement, and Maintenance Agreement related to the proposed lease of police cars;

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Police Chief that the City acquire nineteen (19) automobiles for use in the police department;

WHEREAS, the aggregate annual payment for the acquisition of nineteen such automobiles is estimated to be \$331,236.72 for the first year, and \$261,146.52 for each subsequent year, which shall include specified maintenance for the automobiles and necessary aftermarket outfitting;

WHEREAS, the governing authority for the City has contemplated and prepared this ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor for the City, Honorable Julius Alsandor, to enter a lease agreement on behalf of the City for the purpose of considering and acquiring the requested police cars for the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the Mayor of the City, Honorable Julius Alsandor, is hereby authorized to enter a lease agreement Enterprise FM Trust, a Delaware Statutory Trust, and its related subsidiaries binding the City of Opelousas for the acquisition of nineteen (19) police cars at an aggregate annual payment for the acquisition of nineteen such automobiles is estimated to be \$331,236.72 for the first year, and \$261,146.52 for each subsequent year. **NO MOTION WAS MADE TO INTRODUCE THE ORDINANCE.**

On a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III and seconded by Alderman Marvin Richard, it was resolved to **TABLE** the introduction of AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF POLICE CARS until a later date. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, A Public Hearing was opened at 7:29 p.m. FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONDEMNATION/DEMOLITION OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

- (a) Peter Guillory, Jr., 500 Block Planters Street (Trailer A & B), (2 Abandoned Mobile Homes)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (b) AAR Properties, Edwin R. Bowman (T/S), 934 E. Jefferson Street, (Abandoned Wood Frame Structures)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (c) Gilbert Austin, Jr., (C/O Lisa Joseph), 702 Hiram Street, (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (d) Sarah Marie Thomas, 931 Hiram Street, (Abandoned Mobile Home)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (e) Charles Chatman, Jr., ETAL, Arthur Chatman Sr. (DH), 822 W. Hiram Street, (Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (f) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, Mary Otherie Sam (T/S), 923 E. Jefferson Street, (Abandoned Stucco Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (g) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, Jimmie Alfred Red (T/S), 1422 E. Jefferson Street, ((Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (h) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, Clement Lavergne (T/S), 626 Arkansas Avenue, ((Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*
- (i) St. Landry Parish Police Jury, Heather Frank Thomas (ETALS), 1118 Plaisance Street, ((Abandoned Wood Frame Structure)  
*Recommendation is for condemnation.*

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m.

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

YEAS: Chasity Davis, Marvin Richard, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, and Sherell Roberts,

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Milton Batiste III (*stepped out*).

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:41 p.m. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GRAND COTEAU, THE TOWN OF SUNSET, THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, AND THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY IN SUPPORT OF THE I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT. No questions or comments. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m.

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO FIRE TRUCKS. Chief Mason elaborated on the lease-purchase details. The total acquisition cost is estimated to be \$1,893,345.00 principal with interest to accrue on said principal. Two payment options include monthly payments over a period of ten years with 2.72% interest or twelve years with 2.89% interest, whichever the governing authority shall authorize. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

Pursuant to an advertisement in the *Daily World*, a Public Hearing was opened at 7:50 p.m. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A BELT PRESS. Mr. William Jarrell gave an overview of the operation of a belt press. He stated that the belt press is used to dewater the sludge and that sludge is hauled to the landfill and without the belt press at the wastewater plant, the equipment cannot process the solids and they back up in the plant and create treatment problems. He stated that the City is already under a compliance order with EPA. Alderman Richard asked what was the bidding process for the belt press. Mr. Jarrell stated that there was not a bid process for this because this is a service contract with Sustainability Partners who will provide the belt press. The City will pay a service fee on a monthly basis for maintenance to Sustainability Partners. The City is not locked in and can get out of the agreement at any time although there is a buyout feature if the City is interested in purchasing the belt press. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.

### ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GRAND COTEAU, THE TOWN OF SUNSET, THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, AND THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY IN SUPPORT OF THE I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT. (Vote Required)

ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GRAND COTEAU, THE TOWN OF SUNSET, THE TOWN OF WASHINGTON, THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, AND THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY IN SUPPORT OF THE I-49 MIDWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Opelousas City Council, that:

WHEREAS, the St. Landry Economic and Industrial Development District (\*SLED') determined a need for a unified vision of the I-49 Midway Corridor ("Corridor") Segments I, II, III and the interactions therein with Segment IV (Washington, Opelousas, Sunset, Grand Coteau, and Carencro);

WHEREAS, the Acadiana Planning Commission, Inc. ("APC") entered into a Planning Services Agreement with the SLED in order to perform research, inventory, grant development, organization, and implementation relating to the vision for the Corridor;

WHEREAS, the Planning Services provided by the APC rely heavily upon the engagement collaboration, and support of property owners, residents, and businesses in the Corridor;

WHEREAS, the Planning Services further necessitate the cooperation of the municipalities within the Corridor project boundaries;

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas and the Town of Grand Coteau, the Town of Sunset, the Town of Washington, and the Parish of St. Landry, desire to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purposes of collaborating on a vision for the I-49 Midway Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the 1974 Constitution of the State of Louisiana and La. R.S. 33:1324, *et seq.* provide that, for a public purpose, public entities, parishes, municipalities, and political subdivisions may engage in and make cooperative endeavor agreements/intergovernmental agreements between themselves for specific purposes.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance having been introduced on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 by councilmember Sherell Roberts, a public hearing having been held on same on November 10, 2020, on a motion by councilmember Charles Cummings and seconded by councilmember Floyd Ford, the following vote was held for final adoption:

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

NAY: None.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Opelousas City Council, that:

SECTION 1: All of the aforementioned "Whereas" clauses are adopted as part of this ordinance.

SECTION 2: The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement as defined in Exhibit One, Intergovernmental Agreement between the Town of Grand Coteau, the Town of Sunset, the Town of Washington, the City of Opelousas, and the Parish of St. Landry in Support of the I-49 Midway Corridor Project. The Intergovernmental Agreement allows for collaboration regarding the visioning of the I-49 Midway Corridor.

SECTION 3: It is expressly understood and agreed that this Intergovernmental Agreement is executed by and between the City of Opelousas and the Town of Grand Coteau, the Town of Sunset, the Town of Washington, and the Parish of St. Landry, and shall be binding upon such parties upon execution hereof.

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SECTION 4: The following is summarized information concerning this Intergovernmental Agreement:

Participants:

The participants in this intergovernmental agreement shall be the Town of Grand Coteau, the Town of Sunset, the Town of Washington, the City of Opelousas, and the Parish of St. Landry.

Purpose:

The purpose of this intergovernmental agreement is to allow collaboration between the parties with the goals of:

- A. Enhancing multi-parish connectivity; and
- B. Developing a community vision; and
- C. Creating visibility for growth opportunities; and
- D. Fostering collaboration and consistency among municipalities; and
- E. Identifying and mitigating future challenges; and
- F. Exploring and planning for new endeavors; and
- G. Promoting and ensuring sustainable development; and
- H. Building a repository of existing plans and infrastructure; and
- I. Establishing the foundation for a corridor plan.

SECTION 5: The City of Opelousas City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, or his designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the purposes of the aforementioned agreement.

SECTION 6: All ordinances or resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall become effective upon signature of the Mayor, the elapse of ten (10) days after receipt by Mayor without signature or veto, or upon an override of a veto, whichever occurs first.

ATTEST:



LEISA ANDERSON, CLERK



JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO FIRE TRUCKS. (Vote Required)

ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER A TAX-EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO FIRE TRUCKS

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief for the City of Opelousas (the "City") has advised the City that the fire department is in need of two additional fire trucks;

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has discussed with several sellers and financiers the terms of a proposed lease agreement for the acquisition of two fire trucks;

WHEREAS, the amount to finance for the acquisition of two such fire trucks is estimated to be \$1,893,345.00 principal with interest to accrue on said principal, payable in monthly installments over a period of ten or twelve years, whichever the governing authority shall authorize;

WHEREAS, if the term of the Agreement is ten years, the rate of interest shall be 2.72%;

WHEREAS, if the term of the Agreement is twelve years, the rate of interest shall be 2.89%;

WHEREAS, the governing authority for the City has contemplated and prepared this ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the Mayor for the City, Honorable Julius Alsandor, to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City for the purpose of acquiring the requested fire trucks for the City;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance having been introduced on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 by councilmember Charles Cummings, a public hearing having been held on same on November 10, 2020, on a motion by councilmember Milton Batiste III and seconded by councilmembers Chasity Davis and Floyd Ford, the following vote was held for final adoption:

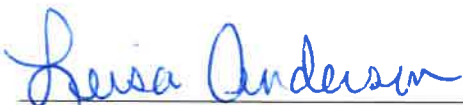
YEA: Milton Batiste III, Floyd Ford, Charles Cummings, Sherell Roberts, Chasity Davis, and Marvin Richard.

NAY: None.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Opelousas, in legal session convened, that the Mayor of the City, Honorable Julius Alsandor, is hereby authorized to enter a tax exempt lease purchase agreement binding the City of Opelousas for the acquisition of two fire trucks at an aggregate price not to exceed \$1,900,000.00 principal with applicable interest, payable by the City in monthly installments over a twelve (12) year period.

Done this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of November, 2020, at Opelousas, Louisiana.

ATTEST:



HON. LEISA ANDERSON, CLERK



HON. JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF A BELT PRESS. (Vote Required)

ORDINANCE NO. 13 OF 2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF DEBT FOR A BELT PRESS

WHEREAS, the City of Opelousas (the "City") is in need of a belt press to ensure competent provision of services;

WHEREAS, the City has received from Sustainability Partners, LLC a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (the "Agreement") setting forth a written proposal for a belt press;

WHEREAS, a copy of the Agreement is attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the City contemplates this Ordinance for the purpose of authorizing the incurrence of debt for the belt press, and the execution by the Mayor of any and all documents necessary to facility the acquisition of the belt press.

WHEREAS, this Ordinance was introduced on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, by councilmember Charles Cummings, a public hearing on same was held on November 10, 2020, after due notice was given according to law, and upon Motion of councilmember Charles Cummings, and seconded by councilmember Sherell Roberts, the following vote was held:

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

NAY: None.



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NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the governing authority of the City, in legal session convened, that the City is hereby authorized to incur debt with Sustainability Partners, LLC, for the acquisition of a belt press as set out in the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, and the Mayor of the City, Julius Alsandor, is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to acquire the belt press, and to bind the City to the documents.

Opelousas, Louisiana this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
LEISA ANDERSON, CLERK

  
JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR

**RESOLUTIONS**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM.**

The following Resolution was offered by Alderman Marvin Richard, seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION NO. 13 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Opelousas that Mayor Julius Alsandor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

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

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

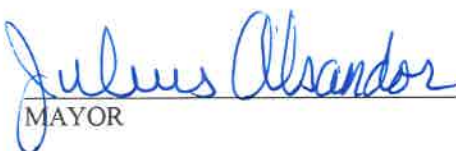
NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

  
MAYOR

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT TO LOAN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR THE REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO DRAINAGE IN THE CITY.**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 14 OF 2020**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT TO LOAN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TO THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS FOR THE REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO DRAINAGE IN THE CITY**

WHEREAS, the parties to this agreement are St. Landry Parish government, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, hereinafter referred to as "Parish," appearing herein through its duly authorized President, Jessie Bellard, and the City of Opelousas, an incorporated municipality in St. Landry Parish, appearing herein through its duly authorized Mayor, Julius Alsandor, hereinafter referred to as "City." WHEREAS, the parties enter into this contractual agreement pursuant to the authority granted to enter into intergovernmental agreements by LA R.S. 1324.1.

WHEREAS, the CITY does not have the necessary machinery and equipment for the repair of damage to the drainage in the City; and WHEREAS, the PARISH does have the necessary machinery and equipment for the repair of damage to the drainage in the City; and WHEREAS, both parties deem this is in their best interest and the interest of their constituents to enter into this cooperative agreement, NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, and other valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree to the following:

A. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement term shall commence on November 1, 2020.

B. RECITALS

The purpose of this agreement is for the Parish to loan machinery and equipment to the City for the repair of damage to drainage in the City. The City will provide the manpower and material necessary in the use of said machinery and equipment from the Parish.

C. AGREEMENT

The Parish shall loan machinery and equipment to the City for the repair of damage to the drainage in the City. The City will provide the manpower and material necessary in the use of said manpower and equipment from the Parish. From time to time the City will request the use of machinery and equipment from the Parish to resolve drainage problems in the City, and upon said request, the Parish President shall then decide the dates and times that the Parish machinery and equipment shall be used by the City.

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D. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1.1 Term. The agreement shall commence on November 1, 2020 and continue until one of the parties terminates this agreement in accordance with the termination provision of this contract.

1.2 Termination Provision. This agreement may be terminated at any time by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice of the decision to terminate this agreement.

1.3 Adherence to Law. Each party shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances applicable to this agreement.

1.4 Non-discrimination. Each party shall comply with all requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes and local non-discrimination ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OPELOUSAS, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY AND STATE OF LOUISIANA: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law as agreed upon by the following representatives of both parties:

CITY OF OPELOUSAS  
JULIUS ALSANDOR, MAYOR  
P O BOX 1879  
OPELOUSAS, LA 70571-1879

ST. LANDRY PARISH GOVERNMENT  
JESSIE BELLARD, PARISH PRESIDENT  
118 SOUTH COURT STREET  
OPELOUSAS LA 70570

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

THEREUPON, the above Resolution was declared adopted.

ATTEST:



City Clerk



Mayor

The time capsule will be buried this Saturday at City Hall at 1:00 p.m.

There being nothing further to come before the Council, on a motion by Alderman Milton Batiste III, seconded by Alderman Charles Cummings and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



MAYOR