

Town of Abita Springs



**MAYOR
DANIEL J. CURTIS**

The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on June 16, 2020 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Mayor opened the public hearing discussion of Instrument 2020-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #492 ADJUSTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. The Mayor called for public comment resulting in no response. Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearing seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Town is moving forward within the guidelines of COVID-19 to plan the 4th of July Celebration including music and fireworks.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Saussy made a motion to modify the agenda to include a discussion of Parish Council representation in the Town of Abita Springs. The motion to second was offered by Mr. Patterson and the resulting vote was unanimous. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the May 19, 2020 meeting minutes and the April Financial Report, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend and adopt Instrument 2020-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #492 ADJUSTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, seconded by Ms. Randolph. After calling for public comment, the vote was taken and resulted in the following: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) The RESOLUTION LEVYING THE ADJUSTED MAXIMUM MILLAGES ON THE 2020 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS was read aloud by Mayor Curtis. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt the following millages on the 2020 Abita Springs tax roll: General Alimony at 7.420 mils, Parks & Playgrounds & Streetlights at 2.830 mils, Sewer & Water Infrastructure & Street Bonds at 5.00 mils. The motion was seconded by Ms. Contois. The result of the roll call vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of the 2019 Compliance Questionnaire explaining that the document is a required part of the financial audit. He added that the questionnaire addresses the Towns compliance with all applicable State and Federal regulations and laws. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE 2019 COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 3.) Jim Tonglet of Ericksen Krentel presented a summary of the Town of Abita Springs 2019 Financial Audit. Mr. Tonglet stated the audit report contains an unmodified clean opinion and found no instances of non-compliance. The firm's management letter presented by Gretchen Lozes Fisher addressed improvements in outstanding checks, unreconciled credits, and payables issued outside of the accounts payable aging module. 4.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to

adopt a RESOLUTION SELECTING THE ST TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 5.) Ms. Contois made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EMERGENCY CONTRACTS IN THE EVENT OF A NAMED STORM IN THE GULF, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 6.) Mr. Patterson moved to adopt a RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS INFORMING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AS OUTLINED IN THE MWPP, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote resulted in the following: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 7.) Mr. Saussy requested that a resolution in support of consolidating the Town into one Parish District be discussed and considered at the next Public Committee Meeting. It was mentioned that this redistricting appropriately occurs in coordination with receipt of census results.

Marshal Bonnet presented the Town of Abita Springs Marshal's Office Report. Included in the report was information related to a traffic incident, mailbox tampering, and a theft from an automobile.

Mr. Patterson moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16th DAY OF JUNE 2020.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor