

The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on January 3, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**: Mayor Curtis invited Aldermen-elect and the Town Attorney Edward Deano to the podium to begin the Swearing-In Ceremony. The Oaths of Office were administered to each of the Aldermen and to the Mayor. Town Clerk Janet Dufrene reported that the Town was awarded a grant from Keep Louisiana Beautiful for a Town entrance beautification project in the amount of \$5000.00. An image of the plan was presented to attendees.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Boudreaux, Congemi, Patterson, Saussy and Templet were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the December 6, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. The November 2022 Financial Report was presented to the Board. Mayor Curtis directed the Aldermen to review and consider the report, to contact the Administration with any questions and to be prepared to accept the report at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Templet moved to select Mr. Patterson as the Mayor Pro Tem. Mr. Saussy seconded the motion. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Congemi, Patterson, Saussy and Templet. Mr. Patterson as the newly elected Mayor Pro Tem explained that his position came with the responsibility to chair the Governmental Committee. He went on to appoint Chairpersons as follows: Mr. Saussy in Finance & Appropriations, Mr. Templet in Community Planning & Development, Mr. Boudreaux in Infrastructure, and Ms. Congemi in Human and Community Services. Ms. Dufrene recapped events related to the Master Planning sessions and advised that the Planning Department would be focusing on the permitting process rather than development standards in the near future.

**OPEN:** Mayor Curtis announced that Lex LeBlanc has been appointed to serve and fulfill the unexpired term of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Eric Templet.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Templet. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3RD DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor