



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on December 3, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis addressed the lack of decorum and respect in previous meetings. He noted that this lack of civility was unacceptable and would not be allowed. He then updated information about Fete de Noel, the food drive, the Wacky Wreath Party and the ongoing process of updating Town Policies.

ROLL CALL: Council Members, Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept November 6, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

CHAIRMEN UPDATES: Mr. Boudreaux discussed the need for updated equipment for the Public Works department, and specified streets in need of attention and repair. Mr. Patterson advised that he attended a training through the Louisiana Department of Health. Ms. Contois discussed the St. Tammany Parish Bike Plan and then asked that residents check on their neighbors during the cold weather period. Mr. Saussy mentioned that he had questions concerning the September financials but that he would reserve those for the budget portion of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Town Clerk Janet Dufrene presented a project review presentation. The presentation included the following information: the renovation of the annex building, the adoption of the Town of Abita Springs' Master Plan, the Federal Highway Administration's Safe Streets for All Program, the execution and installation of hand painted Town welcome and other artistic signage, the development of a community garden, publication of the Live Oak Journal, procurement of the Abita Springs Nature Center and Conservation Area along with the acquisition of dedicated green space areas throughout Town, the lighting of the Town Center. Other projects covered related to securing funding through grants for the repair of the Trailhead Museum Deck, the upgrade of the park's electrical supply, commencement of the transfer of accounting software from QuickBooks to Tyler Tech, live streaming and recordation of town meetings, progress and completion of phases of scheduled drainage and sewer infrastructure improvement projects. Residents asked questions after the presentation about the retainage of meeting recordings, the new sewer plant, and prospective plans for the old plant. Open discussion between council members and administrative staff followed regarding September Financials and the 2025 budget. Most questions were related to special projects/grants and payroll benefits. Mr. Saussy then requested that a meeting be scheduled at the Town Hall with the Town Clerk sometime during the upcoming week. Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2024-007, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget, Revenue and Expenditures, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025, and Ending December 31, 2025. The introduction was seconded by Mr. Templet.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no "Old Business" discussed.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT: Announcements included reminders about the upcoming election and the last scheduled Keep Abita Beautiful, clean-up for the year.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3RD OF DECEMBER, 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor