



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on July 16, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1.) Mayor Curtis introduced Xavier Meyers member of Scout Troop 610 in Abita Springs. Mr. Meyers presented his plan to build bat houses and to place them in the park and around the cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. 2.) Mayor Curtis also mentioned that recycling would now be picked up on Mondays and that the Town Hall had been used as a location for an upcoming Hulu production.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Curtis opened the discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019 - 006 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-215(A) BY ADDING THERETO TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE USE OF BED AND BREAKFASTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The Aldermen discussed amendment of the ordinance. Suggested changes included removal of the requirement that a maximum 20% of the structure could be rented and the addition of a provision mandating off-street parking. It was also noted that the applicant must comply with all code requirements. Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearing, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Ms. Contois was absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the June 18, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the April and May Financial Reports seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

**REPORTS:** Lieutenant Alan Williams, Marshal Michael Slemmer, and Fire Chief Brandon Stein presented statistical reports for the period. Town Engineer Andre Monnot reported that the gravity rehabilitation project is underway. He noted that the gravity collection system portion of the project has been advertised for bid and opening is scheduled for July 17, at 11am. Also mentioned was that the lift station component is at 60% design completion and is projected to be on budget. The Harrison extension and intersection project is at a standstill pending evaluation by the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Mr. Monnot also reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant evaluation report is 90% complete.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Town Attorney Edward Deano reviewed and memorialized the Aldermen's suggested amendments to INSTRUMENT 2019 - 006 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-215(A) BY ADDING THERETO TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE USE OF BED AND BREAKFASTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. In addition to those enumerated during the public hearing, amendments included a stipulation that the owner must be on premises during the rental. The motion to amend Instrument 2019-006 was made by Mr. Saussy and seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 4 Aldermen Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:1, Alderwoman Contois, Abstain:0. Mr. Murphy made a motion to adopt INSTRUMENT 2019 - 006 as amended, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 4 Aldermen Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:1, Alderwoman Contois, Abstain:0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) Mayor Curtis read the following announcement aloud. "***Announcement of Public Meeting - Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 22161 Level Street, Abita Springs, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Abita Springs to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.***" 2.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-007 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA

SPRINGS; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-215.1 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE BROOK FOREST ZONING DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The introduction was seconded by Ms. Randolph. 3.) Ms. Randolph introduced INSTRUMENT 2019-008 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-205 BY ADDING THERETO THE DEFINITION OF OWNER AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO ADD SECTION 9-231 TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE USE OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Patterson. 4.) Mayor Curtis explained that Instrument 2019-009 involved annexation of Town property which houses the Town's sewer plant and maintenance barn. Mr. Saussy moved to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-009 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ZONING AND ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Patterson. 5.) Mayor Curtis advised that after additional discussion with the Town's Planning Consultant, (Steven Villavaso) INSTRUMENT 2019-010 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN INSTITUTIONAL/PUBLIC ZONING CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, would not be prepared or introduced.

**OPEN/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Randolph announced that Hope House would be sponsoring an educational event related to child abuse at the Town Hall and invited the public to attend. The public expressed opinions regarding the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town, the repeal of the Brook Forest ordinance, and new development in Abita Springs.

Alderman Patterson moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Randolph.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor