



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Abita Springs Town Hall. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Curtis opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and sharing reminders about several upcoming community events. These included the town's annual Busker Fest, the Autism Awareness Event, the En Plein Air art gathering, and the next installment of the Abita Springs Opry.

ROLL CALL

A roll call confirmed that all members of the Board of Aldermen were present. Mr. Saussy made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 11, 2025. The motion was seconded by Ms. Contois and passed unanimously without discussion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Three ordinances were brought forward for public hearing and discussion: 1.) Instrument 2025-003 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO CREATE A STANDARD OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL FINANCIAL RECORDS. 2.) Instrument 2025-004 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ALLOW A PUBLICLY ELECTED ALDERMAN, TO ADD TO THE AGENDA OF A PUBLIC MEETING AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE. 3.) Instrument 2025-005 AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF 13TH ST. NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Saussy introduced Instrument 2025-007 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Following the introduction, the Board engaged in a discussion about the rules of procedure for Council meetings, referencing documents included in the meeting packet. This conversation focused on refining the conduct, structure, and transparency of council operations.

CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Alderman Boudreaux reported on the activities of Public Works, highlighting recent responses to resident service requests. He emphasized the need to invest in new equipment and addressed concerns about chlorine levels in the water system—pointing to infrastructure and public health priorities. Alderman Patterson discussed updates to the Meeting Rules of Order, Council Code of Conduct, and Record Retention policies, all of which aim to improve governance standards and ensure proper documentation. Alderman Contois reminded residents of an upcoming meeting focused on zoning classifications and provided an update on the processing and status of Short-Term Rental (STR) permits. Alderman Saussy noted that the 2025 budget remains under development, indicating ongoing review and adjustments to align with projected revenues and priorities. Alderman Templet addressed issues related to individual sewer treatment systems, providing updates on maintenance and oversight. He also informed residents of progress in compiling the town's Law Enforcement Policy and Procedures Manual, signaling a focus on public safety and accountability.

OLD BUSINESS

1.) Mr. Templet made a motion to amend Instrument 2025-005 AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF 13TH ST. NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: YEAS: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0. Mr. Templet then made a motion to adopt the instrument as amended, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: YEAS: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0. 2.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to defer until the May 6th Council Meeting, Instrument 2025-003 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO CREATE A STANDARD OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON’S ACCESSIBILITY TO ALL FINANCIAL RECORDS, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote to defer was as follows: YEAS: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0. 3.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to table Instrument 2025-004 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ALLOW A PUBLICLY ELECTED ALDERMAN, TO ADD TO THE AGENDA OF A PUBLIC MEETING AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE. The motion was seconded by Mr. Templet. The vote to table was as follows: YEAS: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, NAYS: 0, ABSTAIN: 0, ABSENT: 0.

OPEN / ADJOURNMENT

During the public comment period, Sandra Slifer, Keep Abita Beautiful President, discussed the town’s participation in “Love the Boot”, a statewide campaign promoting community clean-up and beautification. Fire Chief Brandon Stein reminded residents about the upcoming Fire District 8 millage renewal, encouraging civic awareness and voter participation. Byron Armand offered comments on the budget summary.

At the conclusion of public remarks, Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Ms. Contois. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of April 2025.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor