



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on October 15, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-223 YARDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, RELATED TO LIMITATIONS ON ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, (c) (2) b. AND d. Mayor Curtis asked that the discussion and public hearing be deferred to allow time for the Board and Town Attorney to amend the Instrument before final consideration. Mr. Saussy moved to defer the discussion of Instrument 2019-12 until the November Public Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor with Randolph absent.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Mayor provided an update related to the recent visit to Notre Dame University and arrangements to move forward with the Town's Master Plan. He also announced that the Sewer Rehabilitation Project is in the initial stages with the video inspection and cleaning of the lines. The main well repair is complete and the secondary well behind Town Hall is now functioning and available if needed. Upcoming special events include the Abita Fall Fest and the annual Halloween Block Party. The Town is considering November 17<sup>th</sup> as a possible date for the Water Festival. The proposed date would coordinate the festival with the Farmers Market and the Friends of the Park Tree Giveaway.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy were present. Council Member Randolph was absent. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the September 17, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor with Randolph absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the August Financial Report seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor with Randolph absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-012, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-223 YARDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, RELATED TO LIMITATIONS ON ACCESSORY BUILDINGS (c) (2) b. AND d. Discussion occurred regarding possible changes to the ordinance. The Board expressed a desire for more time to consider amendments. Mr. Patterson moved to defer consideration of the Instrument until the November Town Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor with Randolph absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) Discussion of AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. Ms. Contois explained the process that was used to create the budget for 2020 including a meeting of the Finance Committee, Finance Clerk, Clerk of Court, Mayor and Finance Consultant Jay Hawkins. Several public meetings were held to discuss line by line items. It was noted that the proposed budget may require changes before final passage based upon the outcome of the bond proposition on the November 16<sup>th</sup> ballot. The Budget Ordinance will be included for introduction on the November 19<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting Agenda. 2.) Consideration of a RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE SETTING OF PRIORITIES FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS. Discussion occurred regarding the process and requirements to apply for a permit for short term rentals. Mr. Patterson made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Ms. Contois. All in favor with Randolph absent and Saussy abstaining.

**OPEN/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Stewart Eastman suggested that the Historic Commission consider rules concerning "formula businesses" such as franchises and chain retail businesses.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor