



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on May 21, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis presented a Proclamation declaring May as Bike Month in Abita Springs. The Mayor noted that Lynne Congemi was not present at the meeting to receive the Proclamation of Appreciation for her service as Historic Commissioner.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened the discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-004—AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RELATED TO THE RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY INTO MORE THAN TEN LOTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, BY ANY ABITA SPRINGS TOWN OFFICIAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. There were expressions of support for the moratorium along with expressions of concern from others. A local resident pointed out a conflict within the ordinance and added that it was his opinion that inclusion of a date related to application submission which precedes the effective date of the ordinance could prove to be problematic. He also suggested that the ordinance exclude subdivision of property which would not affect the town's sewer infrastructure. Another resident answered stating that the applicant could request a variance allowing for an exception.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the April 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Ms. Saussy moved to accept the March 2019 Financial Report seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Saussy made a motion to amend INSTRUMENT 2019-004 to replace the words on line 21 "ten lots or more" with the words "more than ten lots." The motion was seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt as amended, INSTRUMENT 2019-004, —AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RELATED TO THE RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY INTO MORE THAN TEN LOTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, BY ANY ABITA SPRINGS TOWN OFFICIAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2018 COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE, seconded by Ms. Randolph. It was explained that the questionnaire is a required part of the Town's financial audit. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. 2.) Mayor Curtis read, in full, the RESOLUTION LEVYING MILLAGES ON THE 2019 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS: GENERAL ALIMONY AT 7.86 MILS, PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 3.00 MILS, AND STREET BONDS AT 5.00 MILS. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt the 2019 millage renewals, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The public was invited to comment. A local resident encouraged the Board to consider increasing millages to cover road repairs. A roll call vote was taken with the following result: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. 3.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-005, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

ORDINANCE #483 ADJUSTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 4.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce 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 N BREAKFASTS IN THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. 5.) Mayor Curtis reported that he was interested in deferring introduction of 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 OTHER RELATED MATTERS. Mr. Patterson made a motion to defer introduction of Instrument 2019-007 with discussion of the topic at the June 4th Public Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0.

OPEN: Community members asked the Board to provide information regarding the contractual agreement with Jay Hawkins. A Brook Forest property owner asked for an explanation for the rationale of the repeal of the "Brook Forest Ordinance"

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21st DAY OF MAY.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor