



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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mayor reminded residents of the upcoming July 4th event at the Park. He acknowledged recent awards received by the Farmers Market, Trailhead Museum, and local vendors. An update on plans related to a new park playground project was presented. Next, the Mayor reported that the Live Oak Journal would be completed soon and asked everyone to submit any articles or suggestions to Kristin Tortorich. The Mayor also recognized a recent front-page article, entitled Birds, Bees and Trees written by Sheila Grisset and published in the St. Tammany Farmer. The article highlighted the Abita Springs Nature Center and Conservancy Area.

Coastal Environmental Services, General Manager, Jack Francioni, provided a presentation and question and answer period regarding waste recycling services.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Saussy, and Templet were present. Alderman Patterson was absent. Ms. Contois made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux and passed unanimously.

The Michelle Cunningham, Partner at DHHM Certified Public Accountants reviewed the April 2025 Financial Statements, highlighting key variances from the 33% year-to-date budget target. Council members raised questions on specific revenues and expenses, which were clarified by Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Dufrene.

CHAIRMEN/MARSHAL REPORTS:

Alderman Boudreaux reported on infrastructure efforts and the ongoing wastewater treatment plant project. The Mayor provided updates on development plans, sewer system issues, and the Level/Burvant Street project. Alderman Contois announced upcoming Planning & Zoning meetings and encouraged public attendance regarding proposed zoning changes. Alderman Saussy expressed appreciation for updated financials and stressed the need to revise the budget. Ms. Dufrene confirmed submission of the 2024 audit to LLA, pending public release upon approval. Alderman Templet updated residents on the Individual Onsite Sewer System program, mosquito prevention, monthly citations, and a new Take-Home Vehicle policy enacted by the Mayor. Marshal Bonnet shared recent activity from the Marshal's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Danette Jenkins informed the Council of a rate increase from Coastal Environmental Services and a presentation of options to address the increase. Following discussion, the Council directed the Administration to draft a resolution to raise monthly garbage rates to \$27.48/month for approval at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business to discuss.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT: During the public comment period, Alderman Templet expressed gratitude to the community for their support during a recent family emergency. Local resident, Jean "Sissy" Wiggin



commended Keep Abita Beautiful President, Sandra Slifer for her leadership. She then voiced concern regarding recent state legislative actions, urging residents to contact their local representatives. Fire District Chief Brandon Stein elaborated on Ms. Wiggin's concerns. Town Event Coordinator, Angie Hahn provided an update on the July 4th event, thanking all sponsors and volunteers. Stewart Eastman raised concerns about light pollution resulting from new lighting along the sidewalks and Tammany Trace. Former town employee Frederick 'Ricky' Young issued a public statement addressing the misappropriation of public funds, in which he expressed regret.

At the conclusion of the public remarks, Alderman Templet moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Alderman Boudreaux. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted this July 1, 2025.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor