



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Abita Springs Town Hall. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis reported that the sewer project is progressing, with completion anticipated in April 2026. He advised that routine maintenance identified potential issues with the Town's water well, prompting a recommendation for a full camera inspection to determine the source of the problem. The Town is also exploring potential interconnections with nearby water utilities to provide temporary water support.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2025-11-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. The amendment was explained as necessary to adjust revenues and expenditures associated with the wastewater treatment plant project, reflecting increased capital outlay costs for installation of the treatment tank, including invoices totaling approximately \$1.6 million and \$592,000. After hearing public comment, Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Patterson.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the minutes from the November 2025 Town Council meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

**CHAIRMAN REPORTS:** Mr. Boudreaux discussed the Town's water well and emphasized the importance of testing, suggesting more frequent inspections. The Town's Water Operator, Danette Jenkins, confirmed that testing is conducted regularly. Discussion followed regarding potential system improvements, the possible addition of a new well, and interconnection with another system as a secondary water source.

Mr. Patterson announced that an agreement was executed with JAC Construction in the amount of \$28,980 for the Town Center Statue Foundation, with work expected to begin soon. He also provided funding updates, including approval of the preapplication submitted to DEQ for a \$3.75 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan for sewer improvements, submission of Capital Outlay requests for sewer, water, and drainage projects, and submission of a \$5 million Water Sector Program grant application for a new water well.

Ms. Contois provided Planning and Zoning updates and encouraged the public to attend the December 18th meeting to participate in discussions regarding the proposed zoning regulations. The regulations will be presented to the board for final review on January 29th before being forwarded to the Council.

Mr. Saussy reported that he and Mr. Boudreaux had scheduled a dinner meeting with Baton Rouge officials to discuss the proposed Capital Outlay projects.

Mr. Templet provided updates for Human and Community Services, noting strong attendance at the Town's Halloween event. He invited the public to attend the Christmas Market on Sunday, December 7th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, featuring free photos with Santa, children's crafts, and live entertainment. He also announced upcoming caroling, handbell, and tree-lighting activities.

Deputy Wells delivered the Marshal's report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2025-11-01, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. Mr. Patterson moved for adoption of the Instrument, seconded by Mr. Saussy. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet; Nays: 0; Absent: 0; Abstain: 0.

Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2025-11-02, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026. Mr. Boudreaux stated that he believes additional work remains to be done. Ms. Contois noted that a special meeting had been held to address council questions and provide additional information and stated that she had no further questions at this time. Stewart Eastman expressed concerns regarding cemetery funding and long-term planning once all plots have been sold, as well as concerns related to a gas study and credit card fees.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:** Sandra Slifer with Keep Abita Beautiful presented information regarding a recycling event to be held near Town Hall on January 10, 2026, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, during which residents may recycle e-waste items. A list of acceptable materials will be posted on the Keep Abita Beautiful website.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.