

# Town of Abita Springs

MAYOR  
DANIEL J. CURTIS

The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on August 18, 2020 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1.) Mayor Curtis introduced District 8 Fire Chief Brandon Stein. Chief Stein presented a report to the public and the Board. The Chief reviewed call statistics, the burn ordinance, mutual aid agreements, training, investigations and the district's cooperation with law enforcement and the Town's Public Works Department. Mayor Curtis commended the Chief and thanked him for the district's support. 2.) Mayor Curtis reported that with the reopening of schools there will be increased traffic issues and asked for cooperation. He noted that Main St. on the side of the Middle School will be closed from 6 to 8am to allow stacking of buses during drop-off.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the July 21, 2020 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the June Financial Report, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS** 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of the establishment of the "Demolition Security Deposit" at 50% of the cost of the demolition. Ms. Randolph moved to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, Louisiana to Establish the "Demolition Security Deposit", seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, and Absent: 0. 2.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2020-007 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR THE HISTORIC COMMISSION; RELATIVE TO PORCHES AND FENCES, the motion was seconded by Ms. Randolph. 3.) Mr. Patterson moved to introduce Instrument 2020-008 TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 9, CHAPTER 3 HISTORIC DISTRICT REGULATIONS, TO ADD SEC. 9-311 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS RELATED TO THE PROCESSING OF CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

**OPEN:** Stewart Eastman presented the Town with Love the Boot stickers for Town vehicles. Mayor Curtis reported that improvements to the Town Hall are moving forward with the addition of new lighting, painting, and removal of the pecky cypress wall covering and reinstallation in the annex building. The Mayor also addressed CLECO's tree trimming activities. He added that the execution of the project involves the removal of tree branches threatening the three-phase transmission lines and is necessary to ensure continued electrical service to the Town during severe weather. Town resident Liz Hall expressed her opposition to the Historic Commission's recommendation to increase the minimum porch width from 7 to 8 feet. She stated that it creates an unnecessary financial burden on homeowners without substantive foundation and considers it overregulation.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2020.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor