



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on January 22, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Patterson, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the December 18, 2018, and January 9, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All present were in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis read a proclamation of appreciation for the volunteer service of Keli Sanders as a member of the Town Planning and Zoning Commission. The Mayor then offered the following information regarding the Trace/Sidewalk Lighting grant project. The Town's contracted engineering firm hopes to submit plans to the Department of Transportation and Development between mid to late February, with construction bids not expected to go out prior to the end of 2019.

REPORTS: 1.) St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office – Lt. Alan Williams reported that there were 33 citations and 4 summonses since December 18th. Responding to Mr. Murphy's inquiry, the Lieutenant noted that plans for the Push-Mow Parade would begin soon. The Mayor asked Museum Committee member George Long to participate in the planning meeting. Mr. Long agreed. A local resident requested that the speed limit on Main St. remain 25mph for its entirety. The Mayor said that an effort to initiate the procedure by which this can be accomplished is underway. 2.) Town Marshal - Marshal Slemmer reported on 5 monthly complaints. Complaint topics involved litter, off leash dogs, and zoning. Mr. Saussy asked the Marshal's opinion regarding whether the number and placement of speed limit signs are adequate. The Marshal answered affirmatively. He added that he would investigate further. 3.) Fire District 8 - Chief Glynn announced that year end complaints totaled 919 compared to 722 for the same period last year. A local resident mentioned that the Town's ordinance prohibiting fireworks was not enforced during the New Year holiday. She suggested that the ordinance be enforced or repealed. 4.) Town Engineer Andre Monnot reported on pending engineering projects. (Engineering reports are posted on the town's website at townofabitasprings.com.)

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Murphy summarized prior budgetary discussions related to the construction of a parking lot, professional service fees to draft a master plan, and employee benefits. The alderman noted that research is still underway (on the latter,) and does not necessitate a delay in the adoption of the budget. Mr. Murphy moved to adopt INSTRUMENT 2018-008, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 2.) Mayor Curtis invited discussion on the topic of the veto override of INSTRUMENT 2018-009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES PART 9 - PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, CHAPTER 1 – PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS, ARTICLE B. – HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Mr. Saussy read the prior mayor's veto statements on Instruments 2018-009 and 2018-010. Local residents asked for clarification of the process. Town Attorney Edward Deano explained the former vetoed ordinance addressed changes to the code related to what is governed by the commission and how the guidelines are amended. The second instrument adopts the guidelines. He said these will be further amended in new instruments scheduled to be presented for introduction later in the meeting. Ms. Randolph made a motion to override the veto of Instrument 2018-009, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 3.) After hearing public

comment Ms. Contois moved to adopt INSTRUMENT 2018-010, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF BRYAN GOWLAND AS TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER, seconded By Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 2.) Mr. Murphy moved to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF ERIC TEMPLET AS TOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONER, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 3.) Ms. Contois made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF OTTO DINKELACKER AS TOWN HISTORIC COMMISSIONER, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas:5, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 4.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of Instrument 2019-001. Mr. Saussy read the subject section (for repeal) 9-307.1 E) involving the Commission's authority to exercise Landmark Commission oversight outside of the District. Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-001 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO MAKE CLERICAL AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 9-305(d), 9-307(b), 9-307(e), AND TO REPEAL SECTION 9-307.1 E) OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Saussy moved to refer the Instrument to the Historic Commission for their consideration, seconded by Mr. Patterson. 5.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to introduce Instrument 2019-002 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS DESIGN REVIEW GUIDELINES FOR THE HISTORIC COMMISSION; TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF ANY REGULATION OF LANDSCAPING OF PROPERTY IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, and to forward the Instrument to the Historic Commission for their consideration, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 22nd DAY OF JANUARY.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor