



**MAYOR
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BUDGET MESSAGE

Attached is the balanced 2022 Operating Budget for the Town of Abita Springs. The proposed budget reflects anticipated revenue and expenditures for the town government for the 2022 year beginning January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

The total budget for 2022 is as follows:

| Funds | 2022 | 2021 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$ 2,146,400 | \$ 1,733,200 |
| Utility Fund | \$ 3,197,000 | \$ 7,911,000 |
| Cemetery Fund | \$ 45,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Parks and Recreation Fund | \$ 192,300 | \$ 86,900 |
| Lighting Fund | \$ 34,900 | \$ 27,700 |
| Shared Sales Tax Fund | \$ 340,400 | \$ 295,400 |
| Public Works Fund | \$ 669,500 | \$ 647,000 |
| | \$ 6,625,500 | \$10,726,200 |

The Budget includes the above specified funds and includes revenue and expenditures that are estimated for the 2022 calendar year for each fund. Revenue for 2022 includes the town's normal revenue sources of Ad Valorem, Sales Taxes and Franchise Taxes as well as Fund Balances from Cemetery Fund, and Parks & Recreation Fund. Emergency Reimbursements and remaining General Obligation and Limited Tax Bond funds are also included. The Budget for 2022 is focused on Operating Expenses as well as replacement and rehabilitation of the town's infrastructure. These projects include rehabilitation of the town's sewer lines, lift stations, manholes, wastewater treatment plant, water well, roads, gas system and town facilities. These projects are paid for with funds from the DEQ loan as well as the General Obligation Bond and the Limited Tax Bonds.

Attached is an additional statement restating figures in an alternate format as required by Act 966 by the 2010 Louisiana Legislative Regular Session effective January 1, 2011. Said Act specifically states in Section (2)(a) that such statement shall "include a clearly presented side-by-side detailed comparison of such information for the current year, including the fund balances at the beginning of the year, year-to-date actual receipts and revenue received, and estimates of all receipts and revenue to be received for the remainder of the year; estimated and actual revenue itemized by source: year to date actual expenditures and estimates of all

expenditures to be made for the remainder of the year itemized by sources. All the above-referenced requirements are met by the attachment. This statement is mandated by law.

2022 REVENUE & EXPENDITURES

General Fund:

The increase in revenue for this fund is due to the recording of Ad Valorem Taxes of \$379,300, Sales Tax of \$460,000, \$398,800 in Grant Income from the Nature Trail Grant, Trace Lighting Grant and Records Room Grant which are ongoing Grant Programs from previous years that we anticipate beginning or complete in 2022. We are also recording a projected \$520,000 in Hurricane Ida and CARES Act reimbursements for expenses incurred due to recovery and clean up from the hurricane in 2021 and the preventative measure taken during COVID-19 in 2020.

Utility Fund:

This fund includes revenues from the sales of gas, water and sewer services as well as installations of new service. The Budget for 2022 includes Utility Revenues of \$1,987,000 and DEQ Loan Proceeds of \$1,213,000 for the Sewer Line Rehab, Lift Station Rehabilitation and Sewer Plant Rehab projects. Expenditures include the remaining expenses for the Sewer Line Project and Lift Station Rehabilitation of \$1,213,000 and debt service payments on the DEQ loan of \$383,000.

Cemetery:

The anticipated revenue for the Cemetery Fund for 2022 is \$20,800 from plot sales along with \$45,000 in Fund Balance Transfer from the Cemetery Fund. Expenditures for 2022 include repair to the Mausoleum, parking lot space and sidewalks and regular maintenance and upkeep of the property.

Parks and Recreation:

The bulk of the funding for this fund comes from Ad Valorem for 2022 of \$49,800 and revenue from the Museum and Farmers Market and space rental fees of \$74,500. Fund balance transfers of \$68,000 are expected for the rehabilitation and upgrade of the playground in the park and purchase of fixtures for the museum. Expenditures include upgrades, maintenance and repairs to the park, pavilion, playground, and museum area as well as basic operating expenses.

Lighting Fund

The Lighting Fund revenue is comprised of \$24,900 in Ad Valorem funds and revenue from the Cleco Franchise Agreement for Q1 in the amount of \$10,000. Expenditures from this fund are for the operation and maintenance of the streetlights in Abita Springs. Fund balances will be used to upgrade existing lighting when possible.

Shared Sales Tax:

The revenue for this fund is derived from the Shared Sales Tax agreement with St Tammany Parish and accounts for \$340,400 in revenue. These funds can only be used for streets and drainage projects and the costs associated with those activities including debt service payments of \$92,900 on the bonds associated with streets and drainage.

Public Works:

The Public Works Fund is funded mostly through Sales Tax Revenue of \$430,000 with additional revenue coming from culvert installations and a Fund Balance Transfer of \$250,000 for the General Obligation Bond for the repair and upgrade of streets. Expenditures include Debt Service payments of \$9,000 on the bonds, street repairs expected in the amount of \$250,000 and regular operating expenses associated with public works.