



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on July 20, 2021, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Pro Tempore Ryan Murphy acting as Chairman on behalf of Mayor Curtis, who could not be present, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: 1.) Mayor Pro Tem Murphy opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2021-004 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTIONS 9-306 AND 9-802 RELATIVE TO HISTORIC DISTRICT JURISDICTION AND STANDARDS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. 2.) The Mayor Pro Tem opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2021-005 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-205 BY ADDING THERETO THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL (SMALL-SCALE) AND BED AND BREAKFASTS; SECTION 9-210(B)(2) RELATIVE TO INDIVIDUAL ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; SECTION 9-212 TO ESTABLISH THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 9-223 (A) TO ADD LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 9-231 (1) TO ADD SUBSECTION D. TO INCLUDE THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 3-504 TO AMEND SUBSECTION A. RELATIVE TO ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND TO ADD SUBSECTION B. RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND FURTHER TO ESTABLISH AND ORDAIN SECTION 9-215.1 RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SECTION 9-232 RELATIVE TO BED AND BREAKFASTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. St. Tammany Farmer reporter, Bill McHugh suggested a change in the text of the amendment for the sake of consistency and clarity. His suggestion was relative to changing the order of “agriculture (small-scale.)” The Board was receptive to the adjustment. Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the hearings, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy were present. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Murphy was present and acted as Chairman. Ms. Contois made a motion to amend the agenda to consider approval of the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Randolph. There was unanimous approval of the motion. Ms. Contois moved to accept the June 15, 2021 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. Ms. Contois made a motion to accept the May 2021 financial report, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the May 13, 2021 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt Instrument 2021-004 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTIONS 9-306 AND 9-802 RELATIVE TO HISTORIC DISTRICT JURISDICTION AND STANDARDS FOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Contois. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy served as Chairman and did not vote. 2.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend the Instrument to include technical corrections and clarification of intent. Substantively, Section 9-212 of the Town of Abita Springs Code of Ordinances was expanded to include all zoning districts including the new Low-Density Residential Zoning District. The motion to adopt was seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor of the amendment. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt Instrument 2021-005 as amended. The title



is as follows: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-205 BY ADDING THERETO THE DEFINITION OF AGRICULTURAL (SMALL-SCALE) AND BED AND BREAKFASTS; SECTION 9-210(B)(2) RELATIVE TO INDIVIDUAL ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS; SECTION 9-212 TO ESTABLISH THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 9-223 (A) TO ADD LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 9-231 (1) TO ADD SUBSECTION D. TO INCLUDE THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; SECTION 3-504 TO AMEND SUBSECTION A. RELATIVE TO ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL AND TO ADD SUBSECTION B. RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND FURTHER TO ESTABLISH AND ORDAIN SECTION 9-215.1 RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND SECTION 9-232 RELATIVE TO BED AND BREAKFASTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Mr. Saussy seconded the motion to adopt the instrument as amended. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy served as Chairman and did not vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Ms. Contois made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. It was noted that the project involves the installation of lighting in the town center along walkways. The proposed area includes the sidewalks near the park extending east along Highway 36 near the fire station. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Mayor Pro Tem Murphy served as Chairman and did not vote.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 20th DAY OF JULY 2021.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor