



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on September 21, 2021, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2021-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-223 OF THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CORNER LOT SIDE YARD SETBACKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS After a call for public comment with some in favor and some opposed, Mr. Patterson moved to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced that St. Tammany Farmer Journalist Bill McHugh would be retiring and all expressed appreciation for his many years of service. The Mayor also provided an update on the storm debris load and haul activities.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor. Jay Hawkins, Abita Springs Financial Consultant presented the July Financial Report. Ms. Contois made a motion to accept the July 2021 financial report, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt INSTRUMENT 2021-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-223 OF THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO CORNER LOT SIDE YARD SETBACKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Randolph made a motion to second the introduction. Local resident Stewart Eastman, as in prior meetings, expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance, stating that he supported maintaining residential corner lot, side yard setbacks, at 30 feet. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) The Board discussed but took no action on the Historic Commission recommendation to reduce spacing between fence pickets to 2". 2.) Mayor Curtis advised the Board that the new owners of the Old Clifton Conservancy Property, on North St toward the River, from Gum to Pine Streets expressed interest in an exchange of property with the Town. 3.) Mayor Curtis briefed the Board regarding the possibility of acquiring the property adjacent to Town Hall at 22164 Main St. The Mayor explained that currently Town Hall space is limited and the site has a great deal of potential for public use. He noted that he would come back to the Board for further discussion as plans develop.

OPEN: Stewart Eastman requested the Board review the "Tree Ordinance," suggesting that the problem of invasive species be addressed.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor