



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on August 6, 2019. Mayor Curtis acting as Chairman in Mayor Pro Tem Murphy's absence opened the meeting of the committees.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the July 2019 minutes, seconded by Mayor Curtis. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the June financial report. Mr. Hawkins noted that expenses were down and anticipated an overall reduction for the year. He went on to say that the Parks, Playground and Lighting Fund was an exception, adding that the Town is researching ways to balance street lighting revenue and expenses. Mayor Curtis introduced new Finance Clerk Stacy Ludlow. 2.) Mayor Curtis read the following meeting announcement aloud: ***"Announcement of Public Meeting - Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 22161 Level Street, Abita Springs, Louisiana, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in the Town of Abita Springs to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds."*** Ms. Contois opened discussion of the authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of General Obligation Bonds and Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. Ms. Contois read aloud the Bond Proposition for the General Obligation Bonds. The Proposition read as follows: ***"Shall the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), to run not exceeding fifteen (15) years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding six per centum (6%) per annum, with the proceeds to be used for purposes of paying costs of acquiring and constructing improvements and replacements to the Town's sewerage system and water system and constructing, paving, resurfacing and improving public streets in the Town, including equipment, fixtures and accessories for the aforesaid purposes, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligation bonds of the Town and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 5 mills currently being levied to pay general obligation bonds of the Town?"*** Town Clerk Janet Dufrene explained that the general obligation and limited tax refunding bonds would provide 1.8 million dollars which would be used for water and sewer infrastructure, street overlays, and Town Hall renovations. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Curtis.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2019 minutes, seconded by Mayor Curtis. 1.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-007, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-215.1 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE BROOK FOREST ZONING DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Contois noted that the ordinance warrants modification and suggested that a second residential district be created. Brook Forest resident Donna Caire made an appeal to the Board to postpone action on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Patterson voiced his support of the ordinance repealing the Brook Forest Zoning Classification. 2.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-008, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-205 BY ADDING THERETO THE DEFINITION OF OWNER AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO ADD SECTION 9-231 TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE USE OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Reading from prepared notes local resident Mary Davis addressed the Board. Ms. Davis stated that she did not see the need for both a bed and breakfast and short-term rental ordinance, that short-term rental should not be allowed in residential zoning, that 50 permits were too many, and that on-street parking should be allowed. Rhonda Scorsone, also a town resident, expressed support for short-term rentals in commercial districts noting that she did not agree with the requirement that the owner must reside on the premises. 3.) Mr. Saussy opened

discussion to amend INSTRUMENT 2019-009 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ZONING AND ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND (Orme St. - Town's Sewer Plant and Maintenance Barn – Light Industrial) INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Mayor Curtis favorably recommended amendment of the annexation instrument to provide for the zoning of the sewer plant and maintenance barn property as Light Industrial. Mr. Saussy seconded the recommendation. Mr. Saussy moved to close the Governmental Committee Meeting, seconded by Mayor Curtis.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2019 minutes. Mr. Saussy was unexpectedly called away. Ms. Contois acting as committee member seconded Mr. Patterson's motions. With no new business to discuss Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Ms. Contois moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the July 2019 minutes, seconded by Mayor Curtis who was acting as committee member in Ms. Randolph's absence. With no new business to discuss, Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Curtis.

Mayor Curtis made a motion to close the committee meetings, seconded by Mr. Patterson.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6th DAY OF AUGUST 2019.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor