



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on December 20, 2022, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis advised everyone of the Hard Freeze Warning. The Mayor also updated attendees on the Town's Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Tammany Parish for the Level/Burvant St. Road Overlay Project. And the Water Sector Program Award for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Curtis opened public discussion of Instrument 2022-011, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and Ending December 31, 2023. The Mayor opened discussion of Instrument 2022-012, An Ordinance of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Abita Springs to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-102 (b) through (h) Relative to Standing Committees, Associated Meetings and Procedures and to Provide for Other Related Matters

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Ms. Randolph moved to accept the November 15, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor. Ms. Contois made a motion to accept the October 2022 financial report, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ms. Randolph made a motion to amend Instrument 2022-011, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget of Revenue & Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 & Ending December 31, 2023, to reflect adjustments to the figures contained therein. The amendment was seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was as follows: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson and Randolph, Nays: 1, Alderman Saussy, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Ms. Randolph made a motion to adopt, as amended, Instrument 2022-011, seconded by Ms. Contois. Mr. Saussy explained that he would not support the budget adoption without the inclusion of additional funding for law enforcement personnel. Mayor Curtis stated that the Town is adequately protected by nine full-time law enforcement personnel and one part-time deputy. The vote was as follows: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson and Randolph, Nays: 1, Alderman Saussy, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. 2.) Ms. Randolph made a motion to amend Instrument 2022-012, An Ordinance of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Abita Springs to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Section 2-102 (b) through (h) Relative to Standing Committees, Associated Meetings and Procedures and to Provide for Other Related Matters seconded by Ms. Contois. Mr. Deano explained the amendment removed the "work session" descriptor from the text along with other technical corrections including gender specificity. The vote to amend was as follows: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. Ms. Randolph made a motion to adopt Instrument 2022-012 as amended, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote to adopt was as follows: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) Ms. Randolph made a motion to adopt A Resolution to Establish Council Meeting Rules of Procedure, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Ms. Randolph moved to amend the rules to clarify that the aldermen's responsibilities, relative to their leadership in their assigned roles pertained to legislation. The amendment was seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote to adopt as amended was as follows: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. 2.) Mr. Saussy moved to adopt A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs to Establish Towing Fees for the Removal of Junk Vehicles, seconded



by Ms. Contois. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0.

**OPEN:** Mayor Curtis announced that Lex LeBlanc has been appointed to serve and fulfill the unexpired term of Planning and Zoning Commissioner Eric Templet. Outgoing Board Members expressed appreciation to the Mayor Pro Tem, the Mayor, the administration, and the public for the opportunity to serve and the cooperative efforts put forth by all. Mayor Curtis also expressed his appreciation to the Board.

Ms. Randolph moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor