



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022, 6:00PM
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL
22161 Level St., Abita Springs, LA 70420**

Posted: June 17, 2022 4pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Curtis
INVOCATION: Alderman Contois
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderwoman Randolph

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Reports from Town Marshal and Fire District 8

ROLL CALL:

Call for Agenda Modifications
Accept May 17, 2022 Town Council Meeting Minutes
Accept the April 2022 Financial Report

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1.) Discussion of Instrument 2022-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.
- 2.) Discussion of Instrument 2022-006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #518 AS AMENDED THROUGH ORDINANCE #520, PROVIDING FOR AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V. AND XII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) Consideration of adoption of Instrument 2022-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.
- 2.) Consideration of adoption of Instrument 2022-006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #518 AS AMENDED THROUGH ORDINANCE #520, PROVIDING FOR AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V. AND XII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Discussion of the Financial Audit.
- 2.) Introduction of Instrument 2022-007, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REORDAIN SECTION 5-202 TO ESTABLISH NEW SPEED LIMITS ON STREETS WITHIN THE TOWN AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711.
PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.



AMENDMENT TO INSTRUMENT #2022-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

AMENDMENT 1

On page 2, line 85, delete the following word “introduction” and in lieu thereof insert the following words “effective date.”

AMENDMENT 2

On page 2, line 85, following the word “ordinance” add the following sentence “ This ordinance becomes effective upon the signature of the Mayor.”

The amendment was moved for adoption by Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____ and was declared adopted this, 21st day of June 2022.

The vote thereon was as follows:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTENTIONS:

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



INSTRUMENT 2022-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Abita Springs is in the process of commencing work on a new comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has budgeted funds for such work on a new comprehensive plan; and,

WHEREAS, certain allowed uses in the Commercial District as set out in Section 9-218 Commercial District are outdated and not properly regulated; and,

WHEREAS, the uses allowable in certain areas of the Historic District need to be delineated.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town of Abita Springs Board of Aldermen that there is hereby established a moratorium of the issuance of any permits whatsoever in the furtherance of or relative to the following uses as set out in Section 9-218 Commercial District.

- 8) Clothing stores
- 10) Drugstores and pharmacies
- 12) Filling stations
- 16) Grocery Stores, including meats, fruits and vegetables
- 17) Hardware stores
- 27) Restaurants and cafe
- 34) Theaters (not drive-in)
- 35) Variety stores
- 52) Dry good stores
- 53) Department stores

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this moratorium shall only apply to those properties that require the issuance of a non-residential building permit for new construction including additions that enlarge existing structures by fifty percent.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that there is additionally established a moratorium on the issuance of any permits whatsoever in the furtherance of a Commercial or Multifamily use in the following described property situated in the Town of Abita Springs:

Beginning on Hwy. 59 at the southeast corner of Square 31 in the Southwest Division of the Town of Abita Springs, proceed in a westerly direction to the intersection of the northern extension of Haynes Avenue. Proceed south on the Haynes Avenue extension to Cahill Street. Take Cahill Street west to Gordon Street. Proceed south on Gordon Street to Pearl Street. Take Pearl Street in a westerly direction to the intersection with Poitevent Street. Proceed on Poitevent Street in a northerly direction to North Street. Run east on North Street to its intersection with Gordon Street; Gordon Street north to Hwy. 36; Hwy. 36 west to Davis Cemetery Road; Davis Cemetery Road north to its intersection with the old Hwy. 435 extension to Hwy. 59, shown as old road on original map of Abita Springs dated January 1, 1951 by Robert A. Berlin, Deputy Parish Surveyor. Then continue along the projected extension of old Hwy. 435 from its intersection with Hwy. 59 in an easterly direction to a point where a northern extension of the Quarter corner of Section 30, T6S- R 12E would intersect with the old Hwy 435 extension. Thence run south 0 degrees 06 minutes east 1,340 feet; thence run south 89 degrees 50 minutes east 1,329.4 feet; thence run south 663.3 feet; Continue south 106.5 feet; thence run south 86 degrees 30 minutes west 330 feet; thence run south 0 degrees 30 minutes east 677 feet to the Abita River. Thence follow the meanderings of the Abita River in an easterly direction to its intersection with the Talisheek Road Hwy. 435. Thence follow Talisheek Hwy. 435 in a southwesterly direction to its intersection with Magnolia Street. Thence proceed south along Magnolia Street to Grover Street. Thence proceed in a westerly direction along Grover Street to its intersection with Pine Street. From Pine Street go south to the intersection of Eads Street. Thence proceed westerly along Eads Street to Gum Street. Thence south on Gum Street crossing Hwy. 36 to the intersection of 6th Street. Thence east on 6th Street to its intersection with the old right-of-way of the GM&O Railroad, now the Tammany Trace. Thence proceed south along the Tammany Trace right-of-way to the southern boundary

70 of the Bossier City Addition to the Town of Abita Springs. Thence proceed westerly along the southern
71 boundary of the Bossier City Addition to the Town of Abita Springs to its intersection with Hwy. 59. Thence
72 north on Hwy. 59 to its point of beginning.
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74 Start at the Corner of Sections 1,6,12, and 7 at the Intersection of LA Hwy 59 and Harrison Avenue and
75 proceed East along Mandeville Street to Dundee then proceed North to a point where it intersects with an
76 extension of the Bossier City Line and proceed west along said southern line of the Bossier City Addition to
77 the Town of Abita Springs, the Commercial Overlay that runs parallel with Hwy 59 and then proceed south
78 along said eastern side of the commercial overlay to the point of beginning. The squares adjacent to the
79 trace (already controlled by Ordinance# 258) and along St. Charles Street the property noted as Squares
80 8,9,34,36,37,33,38,32,39,49,44,48,42,47,43,46,45 and 41 of the Bossier City Addition and exclude the
81 Industrial District adjacent to Mandeville Street and Dundee Street. Property along Highway 435 from the
82 Abita Springs Post Office to Acorn/ Confederate Lane and westward to join the area already zoned Historic.
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84 BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT THIS MORATORIUM shall be in effect for one hundred (150) days
85 from the introduction of this ordinance.
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87 Introduced by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ on the ____ day
88 of _____ 2022. Adopted on motion of Council Member _____ and seconded by Council
89 Members _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2022.
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92 Vote was:
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106 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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106 Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

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134 Ord. - 5/17/22 Commercial – Multifamily Moratorium
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AMENDMENT TO INSTRUMENT #2022-006

AMENDMENT 1

On page 1, line 11, following the Roman numeral “XII.” insert the following “AND XIV.”

AMENDMENT 2

On page 1, line 19, delete the dollar amount “\$1,124,027.00” and in lieu thereof insert the following “\$1,155,000.00.”

AMENDMENT 3

On page 1, line 23, delete the dollar amount “\$149,017.00” and in lieu thereof insert the following “133,000.00.”

AMENDMENT 4

On page 1 add the following words and numbers on line 24,

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section XIV. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 2, line 61, delete the dollar amount “\$27,700.00” and in lieu thereof insert “\$30,500.00.”

The amendment was moved for adoption by Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____ and was declared adopted this, 21st day of June 2022.

The vote thereon was as follows:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



INSTRUMENT #2022-006

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*THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS MOVED FOR INTRODUCTION BY ALDERMAN _____,
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN _____, MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN _____,
AND SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN _____.*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #518 AS AMENDED BY
ORDINANCE #520 ESTABLISHING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ADJUSTMENT TO
SECTIONS V. AND XII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs that Budget Ordinance
No. 518 for fiscal year 2021 is hereby amended in that budget adjustment regarding the Sections as set forth
hereinafter be amended for the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section V. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 1, line 21, delete the dollar amount “\$1,530,400.00 and in lieu thereof insert
“\$1,124,027.00

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section XII. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 1, line 53, delete the dollar amount “\$86,900.00” and in lieu thereof insert
“\$149,017.00.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that in all other respects Ordinance #518 as amended by
Ordinance #520 remains in full force and effect.

The Ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTENTIONS:

And this Ordinance was declared adopted this ____ day of _____ 2022.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

Town of Abita Springs

Mayor Daniel J. Curtis

Budget Ordinance #518

1 BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of
2 Louisiana, in general session convened that:

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4 Section I. The attached estimate of revenues for the year beginning January 01, 2021 and ending
5 December 31, 2021 be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of revenues
6 for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

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8 Section II. The attached estimates of the expenditures for the year beginning January 01, 2021 and
9 ending December 31, 2021 serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town of Abita Springs during
10 the same period.

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12 Section III. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and this hereby to operate
13 as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

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15 Section IV. The Mayor may authorize transfers between line items of expenditures within a
16 function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department
17 budget. Other budget adjustments shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council as a
18 whole provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget.

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20 Section V.
21 General Fund Revenue **2021** 1,218,400.00 1,530,400.00
22 Fund Balance 212,300.00 202,800.00
23 **Total General Fund Income** **1,430,700.00** **1,733,200.00**

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25 Section VI.
26 General Fund Expenditures 1,430,700.00 1,733,200.00
27 **Total General Fund Expenditures** **1,430,700.00** **1,733,200.00**

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29 Section VII.
30 Utility Fund Revenue 6,401,000.00 6,677,800.00
31 Fund Balance 1,243,200.00 1,233,200.00
32 **Utility Fund Income** **7,644,200.00** **7,911,000.00**

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34 Section VIII.
35 Utility Fund Expenditures 7,644,200.00 7,911,000.00
36 **Total Utility Expenditures** **7,644,200.00** **7,911,000.00**

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38 Section IX.
39 Cemetery Revenue 15,000.00
40 Fund Balance 10,000.00
41 **Total Cemetery Income** **25,000.00**

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43 Section X.
44 Cemetery Expenditures 25,000.00
45 **Total Cemetery Expenditures** **25,000.00**

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47 Section XI.
48 Parks & Recreation Revenue 86,900.00
49 **Total Parks and Recreation Income** **86,900.00**

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51 Section XII.
52 Parks and Recreation Expenditures 86,900.00
53 **Total Parks and Recreation Expenditures** **86,900.00**

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55 Section XIII.
56 Street Lighting Revenue 27,700.00
56 **Total Lighting Income** **27,700.00**

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59	Section XIV.	
60	Street Lighting Expenditures	<u>27,700.00</u>
61	Total Lighting Expenditures	27,700.00
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63	Section XV.	
64	Shared Sales Tax Revenue	<u>295,400.00</u>
65	Total Shared Sales Tax Income	295,400.00
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67	Section XVI.	
68	Shared Sales Tax Expenditures	<u>295,400.00</u>
69	Total Shared Sales Tax Expenditures	295,400.00
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71	Section XVII.	
72	Public Works Revenue	397,000.00
73	Fund Balance (General Obligation Bond 2020)	<u>250,000.00</u>
74	Total Public Work Income	647,000.00
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76	Section XVIII.	
77	Public Works Expenditures	<u>647,000.00</u>
78	Total Public Work Expenditures	647,000.00
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80	This Ordinance having been introduced by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderwoman Contois on this 20 th day of October 2020.	
83	This Ordinance having been adopted on a motion of Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderman Saussy.	
84	Passed and adopted at Abita Springs, Louisiana on the 17 th day of November 2020.	
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Vote was:

Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy

Nays: 0

Abstain:0

Absent: 0

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



INSTRUMENT 2022-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS the Town of Abita Springs requires an update to its Ordinance based upon changing conditions on town roads and traffic flow concerns and to aid in public safety; and

WHEREAS the Town of Abita Springs has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the town to adjust certain speed limits and post speed limit signs within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Abita Springs; and

WHEREAS, any violation of the posted speed limits shall constitute a traffic offense, pursuant to the Louisiana Traffic Code, and within the jurisdiction of the Town of Abita Springs.

BE IT ORDAINED that Section 5-202 is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-202. - Speed Limits Established

- (a) It shall be unlawful to drive or operate any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than twenty (20) miles per hour or 30 kilometers per hour unless signs or markings are in place indicating a greater or lesser permissible rate of speed.
- (b) Where signs or markings are in place indicating a greater or lesser permissible rate of speed than twenty (20) miles per hour, it shall be unlawful to drive or operate any vehicle in violation of such signs or markings.
- (c) No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

Introduced by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____ on the ___ day of _____ 2022. Adopted on motion of Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Members _____ on the _____ day of _____ 2022.

Vote was:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

Ordinance –Speed Limit, July 2022