



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on August 20, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Parish Council candidates (Rykert Toledano and Cindy Winch) and BESE Board candidate (Lee Barrios) addressed attendees. Mayor Curtis awarded Ms. Sherri Firmin a Certificate of Appreciation for her summer camp volunteer work and thanked members of Keep Abita Beautiful. The Mayor also announced that Gulf Coast Underground out of Theodore Alabama provided the low bid of 2.4 million dollars for the Gravity Sewer Rehabilitation Project and was awarded the contract.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened the 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. Public comment largely focused on delaying action on the ordinance. Discussion continued in support of amendment rather than repeal of the restrictions. Council Members Contois, Randolph, and Saussy agreed that it would be prudent to defer consideration of the instrument. Town Counselor deShea Richardson read from court opinions regarding property restrictions which are based on aesthetic considerations stating that these have been held to be invalid. Mayor Curtis 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. Some members of the public expressed opposition to the cost of the permit, prohibition of on-street parking, and eligibility of permits in residential zoning. Questions were raised related to the enforcement of the regulations and how disturbances would be handled. Ms. Richardson reviewed amendments which had been recommended at the earlier Public Committee Meeting including the reduction of the number of permits from 50 to 10. Mayor Curtis announced a change in the order of the agenda to consider New Business prior to Old Business.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the July 16, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the June Financial Reports seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Murphy made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION ORDERING AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TO AUTHORIZE THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREIN; MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Alderman Patterson seconded the motion. After a call for public comment, the vote was unanimous. Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Alderman Saussy made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION MAKING APPLICATION TO THE STATE BOND COMMISSION FOR CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000) OF LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA AND PROVIDING FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF BOND COUNSEL AND OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Alderman Patterson seconded the motion. After a call for public comment, the vote was unanimous. Yeas: 5 Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Alderman Murphy made a motion to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-011 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000) OF LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT THEREOF IN

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, seconded by Alderman Patterson.

OLD BUSINESS: Alderman Saussy made a motion to defer consideration 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 for sixty days, seconded by Alderwoman Contois. After a call for public comment, the vote was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 1, Aldermen Patterson, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Alderman Saussy made a motion to defer consideration 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 for thirty days, seconded by Alderwoman Contois. After a call for public comment, the vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Alderman Patterson made a motion to amend INSTRUMENT 2019-009 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ZONING AND ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS to add Light Industrial as the property zoning classification, seconded by Alderman Saussy. After calling for public comment the vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Alderman Patterson made a motion to adopt Instrument 2019-009 as amended, seconded by Alderman Saussy. After hearing public comment, the vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor