



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on December 17, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: The public hearings were opened with a discussion of the 2020 budget. Town Financial Consultant Jay Hawkins reviewed highlights from INSTRUMENT 2019-013, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. Mr. Hawkins in answer to a question posed by Mr. Bill McHugh stated that Town priorities will remain largely the same for 2020. Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-014, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-101(C) AND (E) AND ESTABLISH SUBSECTION (F) THEREOF TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORITY AND COMPENSATION OF THE TOWN MARSHAL, APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MARSHALS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Residents cautioned the Council regarding the authority and autonomy of the Marshal expressing concern that past problems might reoccur. Mayor Curtis next opened discussions of INSTRUMENT 2019-015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ZONING OF ANY LANDS AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR SUCH MORATORIUM AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS and INSTRUMENT 2019-016, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY LOTS WHICH ARE PART OF A RESUBDIVISION OF LAND CONSISTING OF MORE THAN TEN LOTS. The public was invited to comment; a local resident expressed concern, advising that the Town could be subject to legal challenge for extending the moratoriums. Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearings. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion; all Aldermen were present and in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced that a water supply line was damaged and that town employees were working to repair the line and restore service. He added that upon the restoration of service a precautionary boil water advisory would be necessary.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the November 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the November Financial Report seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Mr. Patterson moved to adopt Instrument 2019-013, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **2.)** Mr. Saussy moved to adopt Instrument 2019-014, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 10-101(C) and (E) AND ESTABLISH SUBSECTION (F) THEREOF TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORITY AND COMPENSATION OF THE TOWN MARSHAL, APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MARSHALS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. After inviting public comment, the roll call vote resulted in the following: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **3.)** Mr. Patterson moved to adopt Instrument 2019-015, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ZONING OF ANY LANDS AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR SUCH MORATORIUM AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **4.)** Mr. Patterson moved to adopt Instrument 2019-016, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY LOTS WHICH ARE PART OF A RESUBDIVISION OF LAND CONSISTING OF MORE THAN TEN

LOTS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. After public comment, the roll call vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution to support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and to get a complete and accurate count of all persons within the Town, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **2.)** Mr. Patterson moved to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **3.)** Ms. Randolph moved to adopt a resolution to confirm David Gruning as Planning and Zoning Commissioner, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. **4.)** Mr. Patterson moved to introduce Instrument 2019-017 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-715 BY ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (d) RELATIVE TO FINES LEVIED FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 9 CHAPTER 7, TREE REMOVAL AND TIMBER HARVESTING, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FINES SHALL RUN WITH THE LAND UPON WHICH VIOLATIONS OCCURRED, THAT SUCH FINES MAY BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF ST TAMMANY PARISH AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. **5.)** Mr. Patterson moved to introduce Instrument 2019-018 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTIONS 3-511, 6-110 (c.), 6-111 (a.) AND (b.), 6-206, 6-207, 9-218.6 (a), 6-310 (c.), 6-311, 9-224, 9-411 (a.) (b.) and (c.), 9-511, 9- 603 (4), 9-712, 11-108 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FEES LEVIED BY THE TOWN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR TO SET SUCH FEES, AND FOR THE PUBLISHING OF A FEE SCHEDULE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. **6.)** Mr. Patterson moved to introduce Instrument 2019-019 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 9-804 ADDING THERETO SUBSECTION (5) RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION AND RECOMMENDATION BY A CONSULTANT RELATIVE TO DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor