



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on June 18, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened the discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-005, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #483 ADJUSTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. Community members asked for clarification of some of the larger differences in budget to actual income and expenditures. It was noted that sewer project expenditures did not occur as early as anticipated and that a cemetery columbarium project did not come to fruition. Mr. Patterson moved to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the May 21, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Contois made a motion to amend Instrument 2019-005. Mayor Curtis called for public comment. A local resident asked why there was a substantial increase in Shared Sales Tax Revenue. Jim Tonglet, a representative from the town's auditing firm, explained that the figures were included as part of a routine modified accrual accounting basis and were derived from a lease transaction. The line item expense included the cash outlay and the revenue line item included the value of the asset. Sewer project expenditures related to professional fees and the closed-circuit video recording of parts of the sewer gravity collection system were also discussed. A resident suggested that public hearings be conducted on an earlier date, preceding the council vote. Mr. Patterson seconded Ms. Contois' motion to adopt. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt as amended, INSTRUMENT 2019-005, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #483 ADJUSTING THE OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Jim Tonglet and Gretchen Lozes-Fischer of the town's auditing firm, Ericksen Krentel L.L.C., presented information from the draft of the Town Audit Report. Mr. Tonglet advised that the report included an unmodified clean opinion with no significant deficiencies in internal controls. He went on to state the audit revealed no material weaknesses adding that overall the financial condition of the Town is good. Ms. Lozes-Fischer suggested improved processes related to giving attention to outstanding checks, utility accounts receivable report and unreconciled credits, and the accounts payable aging module. Mr. Tonglet advised that the audit report will be available on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website upon their approval. 2.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt a RESOLUTION TO SELECT THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL, seconded by Ms. Randolph. A local resident read an article from The St. Tammany Farmer (from the mid-1800s) related to a short-term rental. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0.

OPEN: A local resident advocated for a reduction in the speed limit on town streets to 20mph. Ms. Randolph announced the Teen Night at the Town Hall on June 26th. Ms. Randolph went on to encourage local residents to patronize a newly opened town business "From Attic to Awesome." The Mayor announced the VFW is holding an Independence Day Celebration at the Trailhead from 5-10pm on June 29th. A local resident asked that the administration communicate that the discharge of fireworks within Town limits is prohibited.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18th DAY OF JUNE.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor