



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on May 17, 2022, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Mayor invited the Town Marshal and Fire District 8 Chief to give their reports. Statistics were presented. The Marshal noted that the Town Administration has been involved in discussions with a Louisiana-based automated traffic enforcement solution company that allows officers to regulate and enforce traffic in their jurisdiction without having to engage the driver on the side of the road. Those in attendance expressed support for the program. Chief Stein provided information relative to the rolling forward of the District 8 millage.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Contois, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson was absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the May 17 and May 25, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor. Ms. Contois made a motion to accept the April 2022 financial report, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1.) Discussion of Instrument 2022-005 opened. The ordinance would serve 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. Mr. Saussy suggested that the moratorium time period (150 days) was too long, and that the ordinance was overly broad and reactionary. The public expressed support for the moratorium and disagreed with Mr. Saussy's assessment. 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 was opened for public comment. Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearings seconded by Mr. Murphy.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1.) Ms. Contois made a motion to amend Instrument 2022-005 to change the effective date of the ordinance. The amendment was as follows, *"This ordinance becomes effective upon the signature of the Mayor."* The amendment was seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote to adopt the amendment was: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Alderman Randolph, Absent 1: Alderman Patterson. Ms. Contois made a motion to adopt, as amended, 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, as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The vote was: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 1, Alderman Randolph, Absent 1: Alderman Patterson. 2.) Ms. Contois made a motion to amend INSTRUMENT 2022-006 to adjust budgetary dollar amounts to reflect actual revenue and expenditures more closely, and to further adjust corresponding references in the title of the ordinance. The motion to amend was seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote to adopt the amendment was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent 1: Alderman Patterson. Ms. Contois made a motion to adopt, as amended, 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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. The vote to adopt was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent 1: Alderman Patterson.



**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) Jim Tonglet and Gretchen Fischer, from the Town's auditing firm, Ericksen Krentel CPAs and Consultants, presented information from the Town's Financial Audit to the Board. Mr. Tonglet reported that the Town received a clean opinion and that no material weaknesses were discovered. 2.) Ms. Contois made a motion to introduce 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. The introduction was seconded by Ms. Randolph.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor