



PUBLIC COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:00PM
Abita Springs Town Hall
22161 Level St., Abita Springs, LA 70420

Posted: March 29, 2019 5:00pm

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING OF AGENDA: Mayor Pro Tem Murphy

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Saussy

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair: Alderwoman Contois

Committee Member: Mayor Pro Tem Murphy

Acceptance of Minutes (March)

1. Finance Report – Niki Mendow, Jay Hawkins

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair: Alderman Saussy

Committee Member: Mayor Pro Tem Murphy

Acceptance of Minutes (March)

1. Discussion of Instrument 2019-004 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RELATED TO THE RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY INTO MORE THAN TEN LOTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, BY ANY ABITA SPRINGS TOWN OFFICIAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS – Dan Curtis, Pat Patterson

2. A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE – Dan Curtis

3. Short-Term Rental Update - Bryan Gowland

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair: Alderman Patterson

Committee Member: Alderman Saussy

Acceptance of Minutes (March)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Committee Chair: Alderwoman Randolph

Committee Member: Alderwoman Contois

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1. Update on Fall Fest – Evette Randolph

ADJOURNMENT:

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SUMMARY		GENERAL	FUND		
SHEET #1	ANNUAL	EST ANNUAL	YTD-Feb	YTD-Feb	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%	
Revenue					
Taxes-All	\$ 644.8	\$ 659.3	\$ 230.7	35.8%	
All other	\$ 411.0	\$ 432.3	\$ 50.1	12.2%	
Ttl Revenue	\$ 1,055.8	\$ 1,091.6	\$ 280.8	26.6%	
Expenses					
Salaries/Ben&Ret	\$ 343.3	\$ 330.2	\$ 55.6	16.2%	
Contractors	\$ 319.7	\$ 209.2	\$ 50.2	15.7%	
Clerk of Court	\$ 63.6	\$ 45.6	\$ 10.1	15.9%	
All Other	\$ 329.2	\$ 323.9	\$ 58.2	17.7%	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,055.8	\$ 908.9	\$ 174.1	16.5%	
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 182.7	\$ 106.7		

SUMMARY	PUBLIC	WORKS			
SHEET #4	ANNUAL	EST ANNUAL	YTD-Feb	YTD-Feb	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%	
Revenue	\$ 320.0	\$ 325.7	\$ 60.7	19.0%	
Direct Expenses	\$ 144.6	\$ 137.0	\$ 24.4	16.9%	
Operating Exps	\$ 69.8	\$ 74.9	\$ 5.0	7.2%	
Admin Expenses	\$ 80.6	\$ 76.5	\$ 4.2	5.2%	
Total Expenses	\$ 320.0	\$ 288.4	\$ 33.6	10.5%	
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 37.3	\$ 27.1		

SUMMARY	SST	FUND			
SHEET #7	ANNUAL	EST.	YTD-Feb	YTD-Feb	
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%	
Revenue	\$ 305.2	\$ 319.8	\$ 51.4	16.8%	
Sal&Ben	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	
Operating Exp	\$ 147.7	\$ 57.4	\$ 5.2	3.5%	
Admin Exp	\$ 157.5	\$ 156.7	\$ 24.3	15.4%	
Total Exp	\$ 305.2	\$ 214.1	\$ 29.5	9.7%	
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ -	\$ 105.7	\$ 21.9		

SUMMARY:**UTILITY****FUND**

SHEET #2		EST ANN'L	YTD-Feb	YTD-Feb
NATURAL GAS	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%
Revenue	\$ 624.6	\$ 660.0	\$ 151.0	24.2%
Direct Expenses	\$ 440.7	\$ 420.7	\$ 96.2	21.8%
Operating Exps	\$ 23.2	\$ 15.5	\$ 2.3	9.9%
Admin Expenses	\$ 140.7	\$ 79.0	\$ 10.8	19.6%
Ttl Expenses	\$ 604.7	\$ 515.2	\$ 109.3	18.1%
Surplus/(Loss)	\$ 19.9	\$ 144.8	\$ 41.7	
WATER		EST ANN'L	YTD-FEB	YTD-FEB
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%
Revenue	\$ 464.2	\$ 487.7	\$ 67.9	14.6%
Direct Expenses	\$ 227.4	\$ 231.5	\$ 28.6	12.6%
Operating Exps	\$ 23.2	\$ 15.5	\$ 2.3	9.9%
Admin Expenses	\$ 140.7	\$ 79.0	\$ 10.8	19.6%
Ttl Expenses	\$ 391.4	\$ 326.0	\$ 41.7	10.6%
Surplus/(Loss)	\$ 72.8	\$ 161.7	\$ 26.2	

SEWER		EST ANN'L	YTD-FEB	YTD-FEB
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%
Revenue	\$ 624.9	\$ 687.0	\$ 88.7	14.2%
Direct Expenses	\$ 447.8	\$ 369.2	\$ 50.0	11.2%
Operating Exps	\$ 23.2	\$ 16.0	\$ 2.3	9.9%
Admin Expenses	\$ 140.7	\$ 79.0	\$ 10.8	19.6%
Ttl Expenses	\$ 611.8	\$ 464.1	\$ 63.1	10.3%
Surplus/(Loss)	\$ 13.1	\$ 222.9	\$ 25.6	
GARBAGE		EST ANN'L	YTD-FEB	YTD-FEB
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	%
Revenue	\$ 302.7	\$ 297.9	\$ 48.9	16.2%
Direct Expenses	\$ 227.5	\$ 231.4	\$ 39.2	17.2%
Operating Exps				
Admin Expenses	\$ 4.3	\$ 2.4	\$ 0.3	19.6%
Ttl Expenses	\$ 231.8	\$ 233.8	\$ 39.5	17.1%
Surplus/(Loss)	\$ 70.9	\$ 64.1	\$ 9.4	
Revenue	\$ 2,016.4	\$ 2,132.6	\$ 356.5	17.7%
Other Revenue	\$ 159.9	\$ 17.2	\$ 9.2	5.8%
Total Revenue	\$ 2,176.3	\$ 2,149.8	\$ 365.7	16.8%
Expenses	\$ 1,839.6	\$ 1,539.1	\$ 253.5	13.8%
LDEQ Debt Svc	\$ 336.0	\$ 6.1	\$ -	0.0%
Total Expenses	\$ 2,175.6	\$ 1,545.2	\$ 253.5	11.7%
Net Surplus/Deficit	\$ 0.7	\$ 604.6	\$ 112.2	

Town of Abita Springs



**MAYOR
DANIEL J. CURTIS**

**A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS
THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Louisiana grants local governments the right to levy and collect local sales and use taxes; and,

WHEREAS, there are several constitutional amendments and bills introduced in the 2019 Regular Legislative Session that would transfer collection responsibility of local sales and use tax levies to the state Department of Revenue; and,

WHEREAS, local taxing authorities possess the best knowledge and experience to properly collect its own taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the local taxing authority has a proven record of advancements in the areas of enforcement, audit coverage, dispute resolution, reporting technology and successful litigation; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana's budget issues do not offer prospects for the assistance, enforcement programs and training of its employees on the specific application or local sales and use tax ordinances without significant cost contributions from local governments, thereby resulting in the direct and indirect loss of local tax receipts; and,

WHEREAS, many local taxing authorities have issued bonded indebtedness guaranteed by the passage of locally adopted sales and use tax levies, collection of said levies the direct responsibility of local governments, and which transfer of that responsibility to a state agency may generate legal challenges and jeopardize future bond issues; and,

WHEREAS, the central local collector in each parish is directly responsible to the local taxing authorities and their elected officials for the performance of local tax administration; and,

WHEREAS, uncertainty exists as to who in the Department of Revenue will be accountable to local taxing authorities for the performance of critical local tax administration.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs as a governing body and local taxing authority, hereby requests that each member of the Town of Abita Springs Louisiana Legislative Delegation vigorously oppose any and all proposed legislation that transfers the administration and collection of local sales and use taxes to the Louisiana Department of Revenue; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent forthwith to said legislators so that they will be made aware of our opposition to this legislation.

This resolution was introduced and adopted on a motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____. Upon being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor

INSTRUMENT 2019 -004

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.

WHEREAS the capacity of sewer and water services to new customers must be determined prior to the approval of any large subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS the Town of Abita Springs is in the process of reviewing its Land Use Ordinances; and,

WHEREAS the Town desires that any large subdivisions comply with the amended ordinances; and,

WHEREAS the Town desires the time necessary to adopt such legislation prior to new subdivisions being proposed and approved.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED that there is hereby established a moratorium which prohibits the issuance of permits, including but not limited to, building permits, occupancy permits, sewer and/or water connects and any other permits to develop or improve any lots which have been created by the resubdivision of lands which creates ten lots or more for which application for such approval has been submitted after April 2, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall remain in effect for one hundred and eighty days from the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall become effective upon the signature of the Mayor.

An Ordinance introduced by _____ and seconded by _____ on this ____ day of _____ 2019.

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

HONORABLE DANIEL J. CURTIS, MAYOR

JANET DUFRENE, TOWN CLERK