

# Town of Abita Springs



**MAYOR**  
**DANIEL J. CURTIS**

The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on January 21, 2020 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** The Mayor opened discussions and invited public comment related to the following Instruments. 1.) 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. 2.) 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. 3.) 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. In response to a question, it was explained that the ordinance would provide for the hiring of a certified planner chosen by the Town and paid for by the developer to participate in the planning phase of any planned unit development.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the December 17, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the December Financial Report seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1.) Town Attorney Edward Deano suggested that the Council amend Instrument 2019-017 to include language stating the ordinance would become effective upon the signature of the Mayor. Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend the Instrument as suggested, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt Instrument 2019-017 as amended. Mr. Saussy seconded the motion to adopt 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. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 2.) Ms. Randolph made a motion to amend Instrument 2019-018 to replace the words "board of alderman," with the word "mayor" on line 114 and to add the words "The ordinance shall become effective upon the signature of the Mayor." Mr. Saussy seconded the motion to adopt the amendment. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt Instrument 2019-018 as amended. Ms. Randolph seconded the motion to adopt 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. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph and Saussy. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0. 3.) Mr. Murphy made a motion to adopt 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 Mr. Patterson. The 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 introduce Instrument 2020-001 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020, 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 OF SAID BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 2.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2020-002 AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF NORTH ST. NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 3.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2020-003 AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF PINE ST. NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 4.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2020-004 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ZONING AND ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND AT 23425 HWY 435 INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

**OPEN/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Fire District 8 Commission Chairman Jay Hawkins announced that the Commission selected Brandon Stein as District 8 Chief. Revocation petitioners Lovelle Blitch and Mimi Clifton each addressed the Board to explain their interest in purchasing the North and Pine Street right of ways. LeAnn Magee commented on behalf of the Sierra Club communicating their opposition to the development of Fontainebleau State Park. Lee Barrios mentioned the need for the administration to post reminders that discharging fireworks in Town Limits is prohibited.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21st DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor