



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on February 1, 2022.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the January 2022 minutes. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the December Financial Report. Mr. Hawkins explained that the General Fund expenses were overbudget. This was largely attributable to Hurricane Ida recovery efforts and increased attorney's fees. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Mr. Saussy moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the January 2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Local resident, Mary Davis requested that an ordinance to regulate when garbage receptacles can be left at the road and where they can be placed. Ms. Randolph initiated a discussion explaining that her research revealed that the public did not support the regulation of garbage cans and she did not support the legislation. There was consensus, in opposition, among the aldermen. Ms. Davis addressed the Board after which the Board requested that the administration attempt to arbitrate. No action was taken 2.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2022-002, AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF ST. JOHN 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. Members of the Board found the requested revocation problematic, in that they could not say that the dedicated undeveloped road may not be needed in the future and that a hardship had not been sufficiently demonstrated. Several members of the council suggested that a review of the revocation ordinance be made, possibly in coordination with master planning efforts, to determine whether amendment might be warranted. The petitioner, Roger Kelley, addressed the Board. Mr. Kelley explained that the property has been trespassed upon and has been used as a dumping ground. The Committee made no recommendation on the Instrument. 3.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of the Planning and Zoning recommendation to adopt the proposed draft of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Planning and Zoning Consultant, Mark Fancey summarized points from the Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Saussy made a motion to move the ordinance forward favorably, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Saussy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the January 2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Mr. Patterson announced that efforts are underway to gather members of the road overlay project committee. He also advised attendees of plans to improve Town pedestrian crosswalks. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the meeting and to accept the January 2022 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Ms. Randolph stated that she is working on creation of a business directory and invited anyone interested



in participating to reach out to her. Mayor Curtis announced upcoming events including the Push Mow Parade, the Whole Town Garage Sale, and Busker Festival. The Mayor next enumerated the additional signs added to Town streets including new Stop, One-Way, and No Left Turn signs. Ms. Contois moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

A local resident asked that the Town consider improving communication relative to informing residents of emergencies, such as the recent Precautionary Boil Water Advisory.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to close the meetings, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY 2022.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor