



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on March 13, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Murphy acting in his capacity as Chairman, reordered agenda items to address Infrastructure Committee topics first.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis mentioned that Jetsetter Magazine named Abita Springs as one of "America's Coolest Southern Towns."

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the February 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Town Engineer Andre Monnot presented information related to the Sewer Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Monnot stated that the Gravity Collection Rehab Project is design complete and is nearing advertisement for bids and construction. The goal of this portion of the overall program is to eliminate overflow by reducing inflow and infiltration. Mr. Monnot went on to review the basics of the operation of the town's sanitary sewer system. Ms. Contois requested information regarding the boundaries of the basins. Mr. Monnot agreed to provide the data. Ms. Mendow asked if a resident communication plan is part of the program. Mr. Monnot confirmed that resident notification is a contractor responsibility. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saussy.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the February 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Jay Hawkins presented financial documents to the Board and explained that the reporting reflects actual numbers and forecasts. Mr. Hawkins noted that he hoped to present Utility and General Fund summaries and projections at the Public Committee Meetings. He stated that the February 2019 financial reports will be presented at the April 2nd Public Committee Meeting with consideration and acceptance scheduled for the subsequent Town Council Meeting. 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 February 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Mr. Saussy introduced LeAnn Magee and John Maxwell to conduct a presentation of weatherization, energy rating and preparing for energy sustainability in residential construction. Mr. Maxwell closed his presentation by outlining the benefits of building energy efficient homes in Abita Springs. These include increasing disposable income for the homeowner, eligibility for favorable mortgage opportunities, and a higher overall quality of housing stock. 2.) Mr. Murphy moved to favorably recommend a RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT (LADOTD) CONSIDER REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO TWENTY-FIVE (25) MILES PER HOUR ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 435 / MAIN ST., seconded by Mr. Saussy. 3.) Mr. Patterson opened discussion of the Town of Abita Springs Code of Ordinances Section 7-406, related to the sale, purchase, discharge and storage of fireworks. After hearing from the public and acknowledging the difficulty associated with enforcement of the prohibition on the discharge of fireworks, the Board took no action. However, it was suggested that the Town step up efforts to communicate to the public that discharging fireworks in town limits is not allowed. 4.) Mayor Curtis explained that the town is in possession of property including office furnishings, obsolete equipment, salvage tin, and a fire damaged truck which no longer serves any useful purpose. The Mayor went on to report that in order to sell the property the Board has been presented with resolutions as required by state statute. Mr. Murphy made a motion to favorably move the three RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. 5.) Ms. Contois expressed reluctance to move forward with legislation reducing side-yard setbacks on corner lots on all dedicated unopened streets with less than a 60' right of way. She explained that her concern is that without being considered as part of a larger comprehensive master plan, the legislation as written, might result in negative long-term unintended consequences. Ms. Contois went on to suggest that the language of the ordinance be amended to specify that the corner lot, side-yard setback be reduced from 30' to 20' for those lots

abutting Warren St. where Warren St. is a dedicated unopened street. Mr. Saussy made a motion to amend the ordinance as Ms. Contois suggested and to move INSTRUMENT 2019-003 forward favorably. The motion to move the ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 9-223 (a), (3), b., YARDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, RELATED TO CORNER LOT YARD SETBACKS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS forward to the Town Council Meeting was seconded by Mr. Murphy. 6.) Mayor Curtis communicated the need to move with discussion of the regulation of short-term rentals in the Town of Abita Springs. After public input Mr. Saussy and Mr. Patterson suggested that the Planning and Zoning Commission continue to pursue working out the details and make a recommendation to the Board. Mr. Saussy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson acting on behalf of Ms. Randolph, who was absent, moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the February 2019 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. With no new business to discuss, Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 13th DAY OF MARCH 2019.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor