



These minutes are from the Town of Abita Springs Public Committee Meetings on September 3, 2019.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Ms. Contois moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the August 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Jay Hawkins presented the July financial report. 2.) Ms. Contois opened discussion of authorizing the incurring of debt and the issuance of General Obligation Bonds. Town Clerk Janet Dufrene outlined proposed projects including repairs to the Town Hall and water and sewer plant improvements. 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 August 2019 minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 1.) Mr. Saussy opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-007, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO REPEAL SECTION 9-215.1 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO THE BROOK FOREST ZONING DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The Board acknowledged that the Brook Forest area possesses unique characteristics which would make a rural zoning classification suitable. Brook Forest residents requested that the three acre minimum lot size be retained. Mr. Saussy made a motion to amend the instrument to add a six month moratorium on subdivision in Brook Forest, seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Saussy favorably recommended the instrument as amended, seconded by Mr. Murphy. 2.) The next agenda item was a discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-008, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-205 BY ADDING THERETO THE DEFINITION OF OWNER AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO ADD SECTION 9-231 TO PROVIDE FOR AND REGULATE THE USE OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The aldermen suggested several amendments. Addressed were details related to required ownership documentation, that only one permit per person would be issued and that person does not need to remain on premises, a small sign will be allowed, a total of only 15 permits will be issued, the permit must be approved by the Zoning Commission, and that the Town of Abita Springs General Penalty would apply to violations. Ms. Randolph was asked to serve on behalf of Mr. Saussy who had to leave early. Mr. Murphy moved to amend the instrument as discussed, seconded by Ms. Randolph. Mr. Murphy moved to favorably recommend the instrument as amended seconded by Ms. Randolph. Ms. Randolph moved to close the Governmental Committee Meeting, seconded by Mr. Murphy.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Mr. Patterson moved to open the Infrastructure Committee meeting and to accept the August 2019 minutes, seconded by acting committee member Ms. Randolph. Mr. Patterson moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Ms. Randolph moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the August 2019 minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. Ms. Randolph moved to close the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor