



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on March 19, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-003 AN 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. Ms. Contois reviewed points from the earlier Public Committee discussion wherein a proposal was made to modify the instrument to address a reduction in corner lot side-yard setbacks only in lots abutting unopened sections of Warren St. Mr. Patterson moved to close the hearing seconded by Mr. Saussy.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis mentioned the upcoming Busker Festival and thanked all the volunteers working hard to prepare for the event.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Patterson, and Saussy were present. Mr. Murphy arrived at the beginning of the OLD BUSINESS section; Ms. Randolph was absent. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the February 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the January 2019 Financial Report seconded by Mr. Saussy.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-003 AN 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. Mr. Patterson suggested that the instrument be amended to strike the special 30' corner lot side-yard setback reducing the setback to 20'. Residents and Ms. Contois objected to the newly proposed amendment and revisited the earlier Public Committee Meeting discussion wherein the amendment involved only properties abutting unopened portions of Warren St. After a public expression of opposition to the change, Mr. Patterson withdrew his motion. Mr. Patterson then made a new motion to amend Instrument 2019-003 as follows: removing the following words "where the side street is a dedicated, undeveloped street with less than sixty feet right of way" and in lieu thereof inserting the words "abutting that dedicated part of Warren St., not opened as of the effective date of this ordinance". The motion was seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Ms. Randolph. Mr. Saussy moved to adopt Instrument 2019-003 as amended, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Council Member Randolph.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention report, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Council Member Randolph. 2.) Mr. Murphy moved to favorably recommend a RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT CONSIDER REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT TO TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR ON LOUISIANA HIGHWAY 435 / MAIN ST., seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0,

Absent:1, Council Member Randolph. 3.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of three resolutions DECLARING CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt a resolution to surplus and allow for the sale of a town 1995 Chevrolet truck, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Council Member Randolph. Ms. Contois moved to adopt a resolution to allow for the sale of office furnishings and obsolete equipment, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Council Member Randolph. Ms. Contois moved to adopt a resolution to allow for the sale of salvaged tin roofing material, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas:4, Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:1, Council Member Randolph.

During the "Open" section community members expressed concern regarding short-term rental activity in Brookforest. Town Attorney Edward Deano suggested that the status of the issue be discussed with the Board at a later meeting.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor