



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on April 16, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis advised attendees that the Geographical Information System Mapping project is nearing completion. The Mayor went on to say that the ACO and the VFW have chosen to relocate bingo activities. The Mayor wished them well in their endeavor. Mayor Curtis next announced that En Plein Air will be held on the weekend of the 26th and invited everyone to attend. He concluded the "Announcements" section with an update on short-term rental regulation, reporting that the Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to present an outline of recommendations to the Board after the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the March 19, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the February 2019 Financial Report seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

REPORTS: Lieutenant Alan Williams, Marshal Michael Slemmer, and Fire Chief Brandon Stein presented statistical reports for the period. The Fire Chief reported that the District is working with the Town to reach an agreement to maintain the Town's Automated Electronic Defibrillators. Town Engineer Andre Monnot reported on the Town's Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project providing status on progress toward obtaining necessary Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Health and Hospital approvals. Jay Hawkins provided a snapshot of the March 2019 Financial Report. Ms. Contois noted the substantial reduction in expenses. Mr. Hawkins responded, saying that these reductions were due to controls and close scrutiny by the Mayor and staff of all purchases and expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no "OLD BUSINESS" to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Curtis changed the order of "New Business" considering item 3.) A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF HISTORIC COMMISSIONER, first. The Mayor introduced Andrew Vaughn as his choice to serve as Historic Commissioner to fulfill Lynne Congemi's unexpired term. Mr. Vaughn spoke providing information including his background in education and his interest in historical renovation. Mr. Patterson made a motion to confirm the appointment of Mr. Vaughn, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. The next item for consideration was INSTRUMENT 2019-004 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS RELATED TO THE RESUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY INTO MORE THAN TEN LOTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, BY ANY ABITA SPRINGS TOWN OFFICIAL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Contois moved to introduce Instrument 2019-004, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The final agenda item in "NEW BUSINESS" A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF ALL

PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT TRANSFERS THE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF LOCAL SALES & USE TAXES TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE was moved for adoption by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy Nays:0 Absent:0 Abstain:0. During the "OPEN" section a community member noted that crosswalk hashing has become faded and difficult to see.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16th DAY OF APRIL.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor