



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on September 17, 2019, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2019-011 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000) OF LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2019, OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Town Bond Attorney Alan Offner addressed attendees explaining that the bond would be funded with the Town's 7.86 General Alimony tax. Residents expressed both support and opposition to incurring debt to fund the proposed capital improvements. Mr. Patterson moved to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Mayor introduced local candidates John Keller, Terri Lewis Stevens, Larry Frieman, and Nick Tranchina.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the August 20, 2019 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. Ms. Contois moved to accept the July Financial Report seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Mayor Curtis 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. Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend the Instrument 2019-007 to place a six-month moratorium on subdivision of lots in Brook Forest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. Mr. Saussy offered a motion to adopt the instrument as amended, seconded by Mr. Patterson. After hearing public comment, the vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened 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. Suggested amendments specified 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, the permit must be approved by the Zoning Commission, and that the Town of Abita Springs General Penalty would apply to violations. Added friendly amendments included reducing the number of permits to ten (10), an effective date of November 15, 2019, and authorization by the Board to enact an application procedure and setting of priorities through resolution. Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend Instrument 2019-008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0. Mr. Patterson offered a motion to adopt the instrument as amended, seconded by Ms. Randolph. After hearing public comment, the vote was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, and Randolph, Nays:0, Abstain:1 Alderman Saussy, Absent:0. 3.) Mayor Curtis asked for a motion to adopt INSTRUMENT 2019-011 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$800,000) OF LIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2019,

OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SAID BONDS; DESIGNATING THE DATE, DENOMINATION AND PLACE OF PAYMENT THEREOF IN PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST; PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAID BONDS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt the Instrument, seconded by Mr. Saussy. After public comment the vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Abstain:0, Absent:0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce INSTRUMENT 2019-012 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 9-223 YARDS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, RELATED TO LIMITATIONS ON ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, (c) (2) b. and d. Mr. Saussy seconded the introduction.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor