



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on December 21, 2021, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Curtis opened discussion and asked for public comment relative to Instrument 2021-007, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022. After discussion of an appropriation for the Town's Master Plan Ms. Contois moved to close the hearing seconded by Mr. Murphy.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis reported that the theme of the Push Mow Parade had been selected. The selected theme, "A Pandemic, A Hurricane, What's Next for Abita?" was announced along with the parade date and rain date, 2-19-2022 and 2-20-2022 respectively. The Mayor then went on to present awards and expressed appreciation to the Keep Abita Beautiful Organization, the Citizen of the Year, Sandra Slifer, and the Volunteer of the Year, Jenny Carleton.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Contois, Murphy, and Randolph were present. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Saussy were absent. Ms. Randolph moved to accept the November 17, 2021, meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor. Ms. Randolph made a motion to accept the October 2021 financial report; the motion was seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Contois moved to adopt Instrument 2021-007, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 and Ending December 31, 2022, seconded by Ms. Randolph. After calling for public comment the roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, and Randolph, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Aldermen Patterson and Saussy, Abstain: 0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) After hearing from property owner Jasmine McClain and with favorable recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Governmental Committee, Mr. Murphy made a motion to introduce Instrument 2021-008, AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE A TWO-ACRE PARCEL OF PROPERTY IN THE 71000 BLOCK OF DUNDEE ST. FROM HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FROM RESIDENTIAL. The motion was seconded by Ms. Contois. 2.) Ms. Randolph made a motion to introduce Instrument 2021-009, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ZONING OF ANY LANDS AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR SUCH MORATORIUM AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The introduction was seconded by Ms. Contois. 3.) Ms. Contois offered a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORATORIUM ON THE RESUBDIVISION OF LAND CONSISTING OF MORE THAN TEN LOTS IN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, AND FURTHER TO REQUEST THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION MOVE TO ACT AND EXECUTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AFORESAID MORATORIUM AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Randolph made a motion to second. The vote was: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Contois, Murphy and Randolph, Nays: 0, Absent: 2, Aldermen Patterson and Saussy, Abstain: 0.



OPEN: Local resident Stewart Eastman, requested the renewal of efforts to reduce speeding in town; further he asked the Town to explore the possibility of reducing speed limits from 25mph to 20mph.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21st DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor