



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on May 17, 2022, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Local resident, Jessica Schilling, presented information regarding the BE FAST Stroke Awareness campaign.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Ms. Contois and Mr. Murphy were absent. Ms. Randolph moved to accept the April 19, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy made a motion to accept the March 2022 financial report, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to defer the appeal of the decision of the Historic Commission, regarding the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to Dorsey Development, for the design of the Dollar General sign, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was as follows: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent: 2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 2.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to table Instrument 2022-004, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REORDAIN SECTION 9-306 RELATIVE TO HISTORIC DISTRICT JURISDICTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was as follows: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent: 2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 3.) Ms. Randolph moved to introduce Instrument 2022-005, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PERMITS WHATSOEVER IN THE FURTHERANCE OF OR RELATIVE TO CERTAIN USES ALLOWED IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN AND FURTHER IN CONNECTION WITH ISSUANCE OF ANY SUCH PERMITS IN CONNECTION WITH COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY USES IN CERTAIN DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Mr. Patterson. 4.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce Instrument 2022-006, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #518 AS AMENDED THROUGH ORDINANCE #520, PROVIDING FOR AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V. AND XII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Ms. Randolph. 5.) Mayor Curtis read aloud, the RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2022 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS: GENERAL ALIMONY AT 7.420 MILS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 2.830 MILS, SEWER & WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREET BONDS AT 5.00 MILS. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Patterson. After hearing public comment, a roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 6.) Mr. Saussy moved to adopt A RESOLUTION SELECTING THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote yielded the following results: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 7.) Mr. Patterson moved to adopt A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN INCREASE IN GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES, seconded by Ms. Randolph. The vote yielded the following results: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 8.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AS OUTLINED IN THE MWPP AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. The motion was seconded by Ms. Randolph, with a vote yielding the following results: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0. 9.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING, TO THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND, seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was as follows: Yeas:3, Aldermen Patterson, Randolph, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:2, Aldermen Contois and Murphy, Abstain:0.

OPEN: Community members brought concerns before the Council related to the proposed Dollar General, the upcoming election, and the comprehensive land use plan.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 17th DAY OF MAY 2022.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor