



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on August 15, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis presented acknowledged local business owner Brent Belsom, owner of the Abita Springs Café, for his generosity, support and contribution to the Town of Abita Springs and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation. Mr. Belsom thanked the Mayor, his family, his staff and the community for their support. The Mayor next introduced candidate for State Representative, Peter Egan, to attendees. Mr. Egan addressed residents expressing what he might offer as their representative. The 2022-2023 Citizen of the Year, Darleen Johnson presented Jenny Carleton the Citizen of the Year Award for 2023-2024 and Barbara Borries with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Janet Dufrene announced upcoming events.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Ms. Congemi was absent. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the July 25, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. The June 2023 financial report was presented to the Board. Mr. Hawkins noted that sales tax revenue declined in August.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) The Board agreed upon September 7, 2023, as the tentative date for the budget meeting. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of the licensing of golf carts on Town roadways. Residents addressed the pros and cons of allowing the practice and questioned the Town's ability to enforce golf cart regulations. It was noted that crossing of any state-owned road, by a golf cart, is prohibited by Louisiana Revised Statute, unless there is a golf course on each side. 3.) The Board was presented with documents from the Town of Abita Springs Code of Ordinances, Part 4, Chapter 6, related to Public Amusements. The chapter was adopted in 1975 and the Board agreed it was time for a review and potential amendment of the regulations.

OPEN: Local resident Stewart Eastman spoke on several topics; he expressed his support for the purchase of a new replacement Smokey the Bear sign, he noted that he would be presenting information regarding beer stein collecting at the upcoming Friends of the Park Meeting, and he reiterated his support of buying and installing a statue of St. Tamanend in Abita Springs. Gail Ledet also addressed attendees mentioning that the League of Women Voters would be encouraging local High School students to register to vote.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15TH DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor