



The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on February 6, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Alderwoman Contois was administered the Oath of Office by Town Attorney, Edward Deano. State Representative Peter Egan introduced his new Legislative Aid, Jane d'Hemecourt.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of Instrument 2024-001 "*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, and to Establish a Time Period for Such Moratorium.*" It was noted that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended reducing the duration of the moratorium from twelve to six months.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Templet moved to accept the January 9, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy made a motion to move "New Business" before "Old Business" on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Saussy presented "*A Resolution of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Abita Springs, to Limit Certain Actions by the Mayor of the Town of Abita Springs to Include the Removal of the Current Chief of Police.*" Mr. Boudreaux made a motion to amend the resolution, with the amendment dissolving the Board's previous resolution, that gave the Mayor the authority to remove the Chief from his position without confirmation from the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was Yeas: 3, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, and Saussy, Nays: 1, Alderman Patterson, Absent: 0, Abstain: 1, Alderman Templet. Mr. Saussy then made a motion to adopt the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote was Yeas: 3, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, and Saussy, Nays: 1, Alderman Patterson, Absent: 0, Abstain: 1, Alderman Templet.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Patterson made a motion to amend Instrument 2024-001 "*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,*" to reduce the length of the moratorium from twelve to six months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt, as amended, Instrument 2024-001, seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. 2.) Mr. Patterson moved to adopt Instrument 2024-002, "*An Ordinance of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, to Extend the Moratorium on the Issuance of any Permits Whatsoever in the Furtherance of or Uses Allowed in the Commercial District of the Town and Further Any Such Permits in Connection with Commercial and Multifamily Uses in Certain Described Property in the Town of Abita Springs and to Provide for Related Matters,*" seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

OPEN: Many residents expressed disappointment and anger related to the misappropriation and theft of taxpayer money by two former employees. The responsibility related to the fact that the Town did not uncover the crime sooner was fully accepted by the Mayor and he pledged to correct insufficiencies in controls and to do everything in his power to recover the stolen tax dollars.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor