



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on April 18, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis extended an invitation to the public to attend the first annual "Mother's Day Jazz Brunch" to be held at Town Hall on May 14th. Other announcements included information relative to enhanced security provided by the Town's video cameras. Lastly, he added that the Town has begun a preapplication process for a conservation grant through the "Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program" established within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. The purpose of the grant is to provide funding for outdoor conservation projects. The Mayor noted that the Town is interested in purchasing parcels of property which would connect to the Park.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Boudreaux, Congemi, Patterson, and Saussy were present. Mr. Templet was absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the March 21, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the February 2023 financial report, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1.) Mayor Curtis read aloud, the RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2023 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 seconded by Mr. Patterson. After hearing public comment, a roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Boudreaux, Congemi, Patterson, and Saussy, Nays:0, Absent:1, Alderman Templet, Abstain:0. All in attendance were in favor. 2.) The Aldermen discussed the Historic Commission's recommendation to amend the Design Review Guidelines relative to fencing in the district; They expressed support for the change allowing for more latitude in design options.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Curtis opened discussion of Instrument 2023-002 An Ordinance to Extend the Moratorium on the Issuance of Any Permits Relative to Certain Uses Allowed in the Commercial District and Any Such Permits in Connection with Commercial and Multifamily Uses. The Aldermen expressed support for the Instrument but suggested extending the moratorium from 6 months to 9 months.

**OPEN:** Comments included thanks to Marshal Bonnet for increased speed limit enforcement and to Keep Abita Beautiful for beautification projects. Residents expressed concern relative to an application presented to the Department of Environmental Quality for a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit. Other comments involved support for school librarians.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL 2023.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor