



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Curtis at 6:00 PM on February 4, 2025, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Curtis began by reminding all attendees of two upcoming events: 1.) The Mayor reminded everyone that the Town's Push Mow Parade was scheduled for Saturday the 23rd. 2.) Mayor Curtis announced that the Louisiana Legislative Auditor would be conducting an Open Training Meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The public is invited to attend and engage with the topics discussed. Following the announcements, Mayor Curtis requested Marshal Bonnet to provide an update on law enforcement activity. Marshal Bonnet detailed the law enforcement activities, including traffic stops, citations, and warnings issued over the period from November 1, 2024, to February 4, 2025.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Saussy, and Templet were present. Alderman Patterson was absent.

CHAIRMAN UPDATES:

Mr. Boudreaux provided an update on the status of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), which is currently in progress. He also praised the utility and public works departments for their efficient response to customer service work orders. He expressed appreciation for the regular updates from Town Administration personnel.

Ms. Contois outlined ongoing efforts regarding the backflow preventer program, the utility rate studies, and the development of policies and regulations for law enforcement personnel. She also highlighted the need to update ordinances related to individual sewage treatment units to ensure they are current and effective.

Mr. Saussy shared that the town expects to receive updated financial information from the new Certified Public Accounting firm by the next meeting. He encouraged residents to carefully review the financial reports, as well as the Meadows Development Agreement, and to "think for yourself" when evaluating these materials. Additionally, Mr. Saussy recommended that the Board prioritize reviewing potential expenditures, distinguishing between needs versus wants.

Mr. Templet discussed the importance of clarifying ordinances related to the Master Plan. He noted that the Planning & Zoning department is currently updating zoning maps. He emphasized the need for clear definitions regarding permitted uses and the incorporation of general development standards for the commercial district as outlined in the Master Plan. This would help improve the interpretation and implementation of the plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board addressed the permitting process, specifically the need to assess the maintenance, needs and aesthetics of transformers and utility boxes installed in the Town's rights-of-way. It was noted

that St. Tammany Parish is currently reviewing their guidelines on this matter, and it was proposed that Abita Springs align its guidelines with the parish's process.

Additionally, the Board discussed the importance of contacting utility companies before undertaking any work that might disturb pressurized or electrified lines, such as digging or relocating infrastructure.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business to discuss.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

During the open portion of the meeting, resident Stuart reminded everyone of the upcoming election process and the need for Election Commissioners to assist with the election.

There being no further business, Ms. Contois moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2025.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor