



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on March 19, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis introduced Town Engineer, John Catalanotto and Attorney Andrew Wilson to attendees. Mr. Catalanotto and Mr. Wilson presented information and slides demonstrating pending issues associated with the Abita Meadows Development. Both men made it clear that the Town is unable to allow the connection of the proposed development to the Town's Sanitary Sewer. After the presentation, Mayor Curtis moved on to answer questions related to varying topics, which were presented by citizens prior to the meeting. The primary focus was the recent theft and the resultant safeguards put in place to protect the Town.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the February 20, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of the repeal of the PUD ordinance. The Aldermen expressed support for repealing or amending the ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Patterson read his presented Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs Related to the Need and the Timing of Hiring an Independent Forensic Auditor. Mr. Patterson advocated for patience in determining the need for an independent forensic audit, offering information from the Legislative Auditor's Office. Mr. Patterson went on to explain that the audit being conducted by the state agency will provide a great deal of detailed information which very well might satisfy the Town's needs, and further added that the Legislative Auditor is conducting the investigation at no charge to the Town. Mr. Templet made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was Yeas: 4, Aldermen Contois, Patterson, Saussy and Templet, Nays: 1, Alderman Boudreaux, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. 2.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to table the Resolution to have a Forensic Audit conducted of the Town of Abita Springs Finances, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy and Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0 3.) Mr. Boudreaux presented his Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs to Amend the 2024 Budget (Instrument 2023-005, Section IV, Lines 21 to 24.) Clarification of the resolution was sought by Attorney Adam Davis. Mr. Boudreaux explained that the intent was to require the Mayor to notify the Board of any transfers in excess of 5% within function or department, noting that the current threshold was currently established at 10%. Mr. Davis pointed out problematic issues with the resolution in its current format. Mr. Boudreaux was amenable to the reworking of the structure of the resolution within the framework of its intent.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Eastman voiced his objection to aspects of the Master Plan. Ms. Wiggin invited citizens to participate in parish discussions regarding the Library Board. Ms. Slifer announced the Keep Abita Beautiful Cleanup Event scheduled for March 23.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor