



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at the Abita Springs Town Hall. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis reported that, weather permitting, the Trailhead Deck Project is expected to be completed by Friday, June 6, 2025. In response to a question from Alderman Saussy about the Level/Burvant Street project, the Mayor explained that the Administration is continuing to work with the project engineer to finalize the contractor's punch list.

ROLL CALL: A roll call confirmed that all members of the Board of Aldermen were present. Alderman Boudreaux made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Contois and passed unanimously.

Michelle Cunningham, CPA with DHHM presented the February 2025 Financial Statements. Ms. Cunningham reviewed line items that exceeded or fell short of the expected 16% budget benchmark, with additional clarification provided by Ms. Dufrene. Alderman Saussy inquired about a payment related to the LDEQ loan. Ms. Dufrene clarified that the item in question was not an expenditure, but rather a transfer between accounts. She further explained that, with the completion of the Rate Study, this transfer is no longer necessary to meet the LDEQ debt service requirements. It was noted that Ms. Cunningham would present the March 2025 financial statements at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Alderman Boudreaux reminded residents to conserve water while the storage tank repairs are underway and confirmed that the tank is expected to return to service next week. He also reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant project remains on schedule and provided an explanation of last week's power outage. Alderman Patterson reported that the Town is exploring opportunities to fund a new playground at the park using grant programs and will provide updates as information becomes available. Alderman Contois reminded residents of upcoming Planning and Zoning meetings and encouraged participation in online surveys regarding zoning updates. Alderman Saussy reiterated his earlier concerns related to the Town's actual to budget performance and expressed interest in the upcoming financial statements. Ms. Dufrene stated that proposed budget amendments may be ready for Council review in July. Alderman Templet reported on the Individual Onsite Sewer Disposal System project and directed residents to the Town website to review the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report now available for the water system. He also provided an update on recent citations and law enforcement issues. Marshal Bonnet presented a summary of law enforcement activities covering the period from March 12 to May 18, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS: The Mayor initiated discussion and review of the Town of Abita's Safe Streets for All Action Plan to determine Council support for the proposed projects and to approve submission of a grant application to the Federal Highway Administration for potential funding. Following a thorough discussion, the Council supported further development of Projects 3, 8, and 9 and directed the Administration to consult with the Town's grant manager and planner to gather their assessments on the viability of these projects, including their alignment with funding criteria and likelihood of approval.



OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

During the public comment period, Mr. Eastman noted that it was National Bicycle Day and encouraged the Council to prioritize bicycle safety and accessibility. Ms. Wiggins requested information on the Town's recycling initiatives. The Mayor agreed to contact Coastal Environmental Services and invite them to a future meeting to discuss recycling efforts in the community.

At the conclusion of the public remarks, Alderman Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Alderman Saussy. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of June 2025.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor