



The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on October 3, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Town Engineer, John Catalanotto presented information related to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant Replacement and Arrow Wood Interconnection Project. Mr. Catalanotto reviewed the Project Benefits, Cost, Schedule, and Scope of the project in his presentation.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no "Old Business" noted on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Board discussed several points from the Planning and Zoning recommendation regarding amendment of the Town's Short Term Rental Ordinance. Board members were not supportive of the recommendation to limit permits to only one within every 300', the complaint disqualification without a judicial hearing, and the automatic renewal when there was a change in ownership. There was support for increasing the total number of permits and the addition of the Midtown Cultural District and the Residential - Commercial Overlay to the list of zones in which short-term rentals would be allowed.

**OPEN:**

Stewart Eastman expressed support for Louisiana Amendment #4 which would prohibit a nonprofit organization from receiving a property tax exemption if they own residential property that is in such a state of disrepair that it is dangerous to the public's health or safety, as determined by the governing authority of the municipality or parish where the property is located. Town Clerk, Janet Dufrene announced upcoming events.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor