



The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Curtis at 6:00 PM on January 29, 2025, at Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis began by inviting Ms. Contois to the podium to be sworn in as Alderman. The Town Attorney, Edward Deano, administered the oath of office. Following this, the Mayor introduced Town Engineer, John Catalanotto, of Fairway Consulting and Engineering. Mr. Catalanotto provided a presentation on the town's sewer system, outlining necessary improvements to accommodate sewer flow from the town and the development at the Abita Meadows. A detailed version of the presentation is available on the town website.

The Mayor also reminded everyone of the upcoming Push Mow Parade on February 23, 2025, and mentioned the new agreement with Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Mayer. He then noted the installation of new signage at the Abita Nature Center and throughout the town.

Next, Sandra Slifer, of Keep Abita Beautiful, presented an overview of the updated Hazard Mitigation process being led by the Parish. Mr. Saussy remarked that the painting he and Mr. Carr purchased at auction to support the Brighthouse Learning Center needs a permanent home, and he proposed Town Hall as a fitting location. He, along with Mayor Curtis and local resident Earl Carr, also shared insights into the valuable work being done by the Brighthouse Learning Center. Mr. Boudreaux expressed gratitude to the Maintenance Department for their excellent work during last week's snowstorm. Finally, Mayor Curtis acknowledged the town's water well requirements and the need for an additional well.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Mr. Boudreaux, Ms. Contois, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Saussy  
**Absent:** Mr. Templet

Mr. Patterson motioned to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting, and Mr. Saussy seconded. The motion passed without objection. Mr. Saussy then motioned to amend the minutes from the December 17, 2024, meeting to include the following reasons for not passing the budget:

1. Pending the hiring of a CPA firm.
2. Awaiting training from the Legislative Auditor's Office (LLA).
3. Incomplete year-end financial data.
4. Concerns about exceeding the budget in certain categories.



Ms. Contois seconded the motion to amend the minutes. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Saussy then made a motion to adopt the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The town has retained Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan & Mayer to provide monthly financial reviews, assist with the budget, and present financial reports at Town Council meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Saussy introduced a motion to consider a resolution, authored by Ms. Contois, requesting training assistance from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office. The training will focus on compliance with the following:

- The Louisiana Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-1315,)
- Open Meetings Laws (R.S. 42:11 – R.S. 42:28,) and
- The Lawrason Act (R.S. 33:321-463.)

Mr. Boudreaux seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The training is scheduled for March 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and the public is encouraged to attend.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:** During the open discussion, residents raised concerns about drainage issues on Level Street. Additionally, there was a request for the Town Marshal to provide a monthly report at Council meetings.

Mr. Saussy moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Patterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 29TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.**

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor