



The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on April 2, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced the appointment of Claire Guidry as Planning and Zoning Commissioner.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the March 5, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor. Mayor Curtis advised that February Financials would be presented to the Board at the upcoming meeting. Town Marshal Ricky Bonnet presented his monthly Law Enforcement Report. The Marshal reported, among other incidents, 1 accident, 10 stops, and 6 citations.

CHAIRMAN UPDATES: Mr. Templet mentioned the parish's intention to pass a resolution to turn over the old Sewage District #6 racetrack sewer plant to the town. It was noted it was a long-abandoned plant on approximately 2 acres of land. Mr. Saussy asked questions regarding financials, repeated his desire that the administration hire additional law enforcement personnel, and made inquiry regarding the hiring of communication consultant James Hartman. Ms. Contois updated attendees on developments related to the Master Plan and subdivision regulations. Mr. Boudreaux recommended the town hire an accountant to handle its financials as opposed to hiring in-house staff and voiced his displeasure with cemetery rules compliance suggesting the possibility of onsite signage. Mr. Patterson and others reported on the Level Burvant Street bid award advising that it came in on budget.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of amending the Code of Ordinances, Part 4, Chapter 6, related to Public Amusements. Ms. Contois suggested additional research and a comparative evaluation prior to amending the code. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of defining the criteria to determine what it means to state that a public street right of way is "no longer necessary for public use and will not be necessary for public use in the foreseeable future." Mr. Boudreaux went on record with his position that the town should not sell its street rights of way. Ms. Contois expressed support for consideration of newly developed plans when making any decisions regarding the revocation, sale or exchange of town street rights of way.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mayor Curtis invited Mr. Boudreaux to offer information on his ordinance to amend the 2024 Budget (Instrument 2023-005, Section IV, Lines 21 to 24. Mr. Boudreaux noted that he adapted his resolution into an ordinance and read it aloud. Mr. Deano suggested that he and Mr. Boudreaux work on amendments together. Mr. Saussy made a motion to introduce the instrument seconded by Ms. Contois.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor