



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Curtis at 6:00 PM on February 18, 2025, at Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana.

#### **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The meeting began with the mayor's announcements. He introduced Kelly LaRocca from the St. Tammany Parish Library, who provided an overview of library usage statistics and discussed the upcoming millage vote, explaining how it would impact libraries, including the one in Abita Springs, and others across St. Tammany Parish. The mayor also reminded attendees about the upcoming Push Mow Parade and announced that the CPA for the Town would present the 2024 financials at the Town Council meeting scheduled for March 11, 2025. Additionally, Mayor Curtis updated the board on the status of the Museum deck and shared information regarding the repair of three gas regulator stations.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

A roll call was conducted, and Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were all present. Mr. Patterson then motioned to accept the minutes from the January 29, 2025, Town Council meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The motion passed with all members in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

In new business, Mr. Patterson announced the reassignment of committee chairs. Ms. Contois was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Community Planning & Development Committee, and Mr. Templet would now serve as the Chairperson of the Human & Community Services Committee. Both Ms. Contois and Mr. Templet accepted their new roles, which were better aligned with their areas of expertise and interests.

Next, the board considered a resolution to approve the mayor's selection of the CPA firm of Griffin & Furman to conduct the Town's annual audit of accounts, as required by LA R.S. 24:5.13. Mr. Saussy motioned to approve the resolution, and Mr. Boudreaux seconded. The resolution was passed. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, & Templet, Nays: 0, Abstain:0, Absent: 0.

The board then moved to introduce two new ordinances. The first, Instrument 2025-001, proposed amendments to the zoning regulations concerning the Commercial District, the C-2 Highway Commercial District, and the definitions section, in order to update standards and clarify existing regulations based on the Abita Springs Master Plan. Mr. Patterson made a motion to introduce the ordinance, and Mr. Saussy seconded.

The second ordinance, Instrument 2025-002, proposed changes to the Official Zoning Map to separate the Commercial-Historic and Residential-Historic Zoning Designations into distinct base districts and a Historic Overlay District. Additionally, it suggested amendments to the Zoning Regulations to clarify the Historic District as an overlay and remove certain regulations already

defined in base zoning districts. Ms. Contois made a motion to introduce the ordinance, and Mr. Patterson seconded.

The board then discussed the Safe Streets for All Action Plan, which is scheduled for final review and adoption by the Planning and Zoning Committee on February 27, 2025.

An opening discussion was held regarding the results of the Utility Rate Study, though no formal action was taken at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:**

With no old business to address, the meeting moved to open discussion. The board discussed the differences between financial statements and cash flow statements, as well as the upcoming budget information that would be presented at future meetings.

Mr. Patterson motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Saussy seconded. The motion passed with all members in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.**

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor