



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

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1.) Mayor Curtis announced that the interconnection of the Town's Wastewater System to the Arrowwood Treatment Facility is nearing completion. 2.) The Mayor next advised attendees that the community has an opportunity to show its support to an Abita Elementary student who is suffering complex medical issues. He mentioned the jambalaya dinner fundraiser underway adjacent to the Town Hall. 3.) and 4.) Other announcements included earlier garbage collection time information and the plans for selection of members for the Safe Streets for All Task Committee.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the June 18, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

CHAIRMEN UPDATES: Alderman Boudreaux noted his observations relative to progress in ditching and culvert installation activities. Comments also included information about plans to replace a section of water line currently servicing approximately 18 homes. Alderman Patterson noted the need for the Town to take advantage of potential grant opportunities for the expansion of the splash pad, park improvements, and drainage projects. Alderman Contois invited residents to future meetings to hear from parish representatives to learn information regarding mosquito abatement, hazard mitigation and water quality issues. Alderman Saussy asserted that he had been in contact with the Legislative Auditor along with the firm conducting the Town's annual audit. Additional information presented by Town Clerk, Janet Dufrene related to the scheduling of budget meetings to take place subsequent to the September 19th presentation of the audit. Alderman Templet reported that several new businesses were scheduled to open in the upcoming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Mayor Curtis read in full "A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2024 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS; GENERAL ALIMONY AT 6.87 MILS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 2.62 MILS, SEWER AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREET BONDS AT 5.00 MILS." Alderman Saussy moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Boudreaux seconded the motion. After entertaining public comment, a roll call vote yielded the following results: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson Saussy, and Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of proposed amendments to Instrument 2024-005, "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE TOWN AND PROHIBITING THE USE OF GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN STREETS AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH." The discussion included the following topics: registration, insurance, enforcement of the ordinance, that drivers must possess a valid driver's license, the prohibition on driving after 12 PM, gas versus electric powered vehicles, prohibition on UTV's, the specification that the vehicle is "incapable" of traveling faster than 25 mph, subdivision rules against the use of golf

carts within private subdivisions, approved streets, crossing of state roads, and permitting. It was noted that registration of the golf cart is a state requirement. A resident suggested that registration might be accomplished through inspection by local law enforcement personnel. It was also recommended that there be a requirement that applicants sign an acknowledgement of receipt of the Town's golf cart operation rules and regulations.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT: Stewart Eastman requested that the Town consider the installation of water meters with the ability to identify high water usage periods for customers.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor