



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Abita Springs Town Hall. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Mayor advised that the repairs to the Water Tower on the Hwy 36 well have been completed. Town Events Coordinator Angie Hahn congratulated local resident Chester on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and thanked him for his military service.

**ROLL CALL:** A roll call confirmed that Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, and Saussy were present, with Alderman Templet absent. Alderman Patterson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Contois and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Michelle Cunningham of DHHM presented the March 2025 Financial Statements, including Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Actual to Budget reports for each fund. She highlighted line items that deviated from the expected 25% benchmark of the annual budget. Council members inquired about specific revenue and expenditure items, which were addressed and further clarified by Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Dufrene.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Blake Scott of Griffin & Furman, Certified Public Accountants, presented the draft of the 2024 Audit and Financial Report. Several concerns raised by the findings prompted Council Members to request additional clarification and detailed explanations. The auditor, along with staff, presented further details and outlined the corrective actions already implemented. Next, Alderman Contois made a motion to ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATES. A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2025 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS: GENERAL ALIMONY AT 6.87 MILS, PARK AND PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 2.62 MILS, SEWER & WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND STREET BONDS AT 5.0 MILS. The motion was seconded by Alderman Saussy. The millage resolution was read aloud, and a call for public comment was made. After no further comments, a roll call vote was conducted, with the results as follows: Yeas – 4, Aldermen Boudreaux, Patterson, Contois, and Saussy, Nays – 0, Absent – 1, Alderman Templet, Abstain – 0. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:** During the public comment period, Stewart Eastman expressed support for the Town absorbing credit card processing fees, emphasizing the convenience it offers residents and the cost savings in processing other payment methods. Ms. Nancy Bernard expressed her appreciation to Town Park Ranger Jenny Carleton, on her efforts in maintaining the cleanliness of the Town's park and playground.

At the conclusion of the public remarks, Alderman Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Alderman Saussy. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June 2025.

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor