



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 6:00PM
ABITA SPRINGS TOWN HALL
22161 Level St., Abita Springs, LA 70420**

Posted: June 5, 2023 4:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Curtis
INVOCATION: Alderwoman Congemi
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Patterson

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1.) Eagle Scout Acknowledgement

ROLL CALL:

Call for Agenda Modifications
Accept May 2, 2023, Town Council Meeting Minutes
Presentation of April 2023 Financial Report

CHAIRMEN UPDATES

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.) NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Call for Executive Session: Lonesome Development, LLC v Town of Abita Springs" Twenty Second Judicial Court for the Parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, NO: 2019-14436 Division "E" - Status Conference.
- 2.) Consideration Introduction of Instrument 2023-004, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #524 & #532 Providing for an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Year Beginning January 01, 2022, and Ending December 31, 2022, and to Provide for Related Matters.
- 3.) Consider A Resolution to Declare Office Furnishings and Generator Equipment no Longer Needed for Public Use, and to Authorize the Town to Proceed with the Process for the Sale of Such Properties.
- 4.) Consideration of A Resolution by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs Selecting the St Tammany Farmer as the Town's Official Journal

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT US AT (985) 892-0711.
PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL AT THE SAME NUMBER FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS AGENDA.

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INSTRUMENT 2023-004

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**THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS MOVED FOR INTRODUCTION BY ALDERMAN _____,
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN _____, MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN _____,
AND SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN _____.**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #524 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE #532 ESTABLISHING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V., VI., VII., AND VIII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs that Budget Ordinance No. 524, as amended by Ordinance No. 532, for fiscal year 2022 is hereby amended in that budget adjustment regarding the Sections as set forth hereinafter be amended for the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section V. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 1, line 26, delete the dollar amount "\$1,348,600.00 and in lieu thereof insert "\$1,485,000."

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section IX. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 1, line 47, delete the dollar amount "\$20,800.00" and in lieu thereof insert "\$32,000.00."

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section XI. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 2 line 57, delete the dollar amount "\$74,500.00" and in lieu thereof insert "\$120,000.00."

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section XII. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 2 line 65, delete the dollar amount "\$192,300.00" and in lieu thereof insert "\$213,000.00."

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that in Section XIII. that the figures be changed to read as follows:

- On page 2 line 68, delete the dollar amount "\$24,900.00" and in lieu thereof insert "\$23,000.00."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that in all other respects Ordinance #524, as amended by Ordinance #532, remains in full force and effect.

The Ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- AYES:
- NAYS:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTENTIONS:

And this Ordinance was declared adopted this _____, day of _____ 2023.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



MAYOR
DANIEL J. CURTIS

Ordinance #524

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING
JANUARY 1, 2022, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, State of Louisiana, in general session convened that:

Section I. The attached estimate of revenues for the year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating budget of revenues for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section II. The attached estimates of the expenditures for the year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, serve as a budget of expenditures for the Town of Abita Springs during the same period.

Section III. The adoption of this operating budget of expenditures be and this hereby to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

Section IV. The Mayor may authorize transfers between line items of expenditures within the function or department, provided that such transfers shall not exceed 10% of the total department budget. Other budget adjustments shall only be authorized by the Mayor and the Council as a whole.

Section V.	2022
General Fund Revenue	1,227,600.00
Grant Income	398,800.00
Emergency Reimbursement	<u>520,000.00</u>
Total General Fund Income	2,146,400.00

Section VI.	
General Fund Expenditures	1,639,100.00
Grant Expenditures	<u>507,300.00</u>
Total General Fund Expenditures	2,146,400.00

Section VII.	
Utility Fund Revenue	1,984,000.00
DEQ Loan Proceeds	<u>1,213,000.00</u>
Utility Fund Income	3,197,000.00

Section VIII.	
Utility Fund Expenditures	1,601,000.00
DEQ Rehabilitation Loan Expenditures	1,213,000.00
Utility Fund Debt Service Expenditures	<u>383,000.00</u>
Total Utility Fund Expenditures	3,197,000.00

Section IX.	
Cemetery Revenue	20,800.00
Fund Balance	<u>24,200.00</u>
Total Cemetery Income	45,000.00

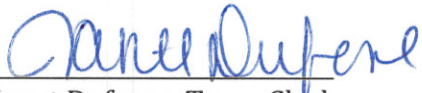
Section X.	
Cemetery Expenditures	<u>45,000.00</u>
Total Cemetery Expenditures	45,000.00

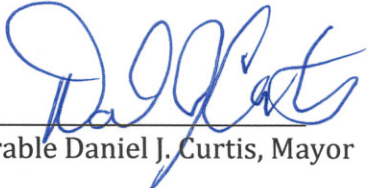
56	Section XI.	
57	Parks & Recreation Fund Revenue	74,500.00
58	2 mil Ad Valorem Revenue	49,800.00
59	Fund Balance Capital Outlay	<u>68,000.00</u>
60	Total Parks & Recreation Income	192,300.00
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62	Section XII.	
63	Park & Recreation Capital Outlay	68,000.00
64	Parks & Recreation Expenditures	<u>124,300.00</u>
65	Total Parks & Recreation Expenditures	192,300.00
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67	Section XIII.	
68	Lighting Fund 1 mil Ad Valorem Revenue	24,900.00
69	Transfer for General Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>
70	Total Lighting Income	34,900.00
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72	Section XIV.	
73	Lighting Fund Expenditures	<u>34,900.00</u>
74	Total Lighting Fund Expenditures	34,900.00
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76	Section XV.	
77	Shared Sales Tax Revenue	<u>340,400.00</u>
78	Total Shared Sales Tax Income	340,400.00
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80	Section XVI.	
81	Shared Sales Tax Expenditures	<u>340,400.00</u>
82	Total Shared Sales Tax Expenditures	340,400.00
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84	Section XVII.	
85	General Obligation Bond	250,000.00
86	Public Works Revenue	<u>446,500.00</u>
87	Total Public Works Income	696,500.00
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89	Section XVIII.	
90	Debt Service	9,000.00
91	Street Repairs	250,000.00
92	Public Works Expenditures	<u>437,500.00</u>
93	Total Public Works Expenditures	696,500.00

94 **THIS ORDINANCE having been introduce by Alderman Patterson, seconded by Alderwoman**
95 **Contois, on this 16th day of November, 2021,**
96 **THIS ORDINANCE having been adopted on motion of Alderman Contois, seconded by Alderman**
97 **Randolph. Passed and adopted at Abita Springs, Louisiana on the 21st day of December 2021.**

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99 The vote was:

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101 AYES: 3 Aldermen Contois, Murphy, and Randolph
102 NAYS:0
103 ABSTENTIONS:0
104 ABSENT:2 Aldermen Patterson and Saussy

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108 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



ORDINANCE #532

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3 **THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE WAS MOVED FOR INTRODUCTION BY ALDERMAN PATTERSON,**
4 **SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SAUSSY, MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN SAUSSY,**
5 **AND SECONDED FOR ADOPTION BY ALDERMAN RANDOLPH.**
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7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE #524 ESTABLISHING AN OPERATING
8 BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2022 AND ENDING
9 DECEMBER 31, 2022, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS V., VI., VII., AND VIII. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED
10 MATTERS.
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12 **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs that Budget
13 Ordinance No. 524 for fiscal year 2022 is hereby amended in that budget adjustment
14 regarding the Sections as set forth hereinafter be amended for the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.
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16 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section V. that the figures be changed to read as
17 follows:

- 18 • On page 1, line 26, delete the dollar amount "\$1,227,600.00 and in lieu thereof insert
19 "\$1,348,600.00."

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21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section V. that the figures be changed to read as
22 follows:

- 23 • On page 1, line 28, delete the dollar amount "\$520,000.00 and in lieu thereof insert
24 "\$622,000.00."

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26 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section V. that the figures be changed to read as
27 follows:

- 28 • On page 1, line 29, delete the dollar amount "\$2,146,400.00 and in lieu thereof insert
29 "\$2,369,400.00."

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31 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VI. that the figures be changed to read as
32 follows:

- 33 • On page 1, line 32, delete the dollar amount "\$1,639,100.00" and in lieu thereof
34 insert "\$1,856,100.00."

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36 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VI. that the figures be changed to read as
37 follows:

- 38 • On page 1, line 33, delete the dollar amount "\$507,300.00" and in lieu thereof insert
39 "\$513,300.00."

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41 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VI. that the figures be changed to read as
42 follows:

- 43 • On page 1, line 34, delete the dollar amount "\$2,146,400.00" and in lieu thereof
44 insert "\$2,369,400.00."

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46 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VII. that the figures be changed to read as
47 follows:

- 48 • On page 1, line 37, delete the dollar amount "\$1,984,000.00" and in lieu thereof
49 insert "\$2,795,500.00."

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51 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VII. that the figures be changed to read as
52 follows:

- 53 • On page 1, line 38, delete the dollar amount "\$1,213,000.00" and in lieu thereof
54 insert "\$1,813,000.00."

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56 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VII. that the figures be changed to read as
57 follows:



- 58 • On page 1, line 39, delete the dollar amount "\$3,197,000.00" and in lieu thereof
59 insert "\$4,608,500.00."

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61 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VIII. that the figures be changed to read as
62 follows:

- 63 • On page 1, line 41, delete the dollar amount "\$1,601,000.00" and in lieu thereof
64 insert "\$2,412,500.00."

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66 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VIII. that the figures be changed to read as
67 follows:

- 68 • On page 1, line 42, delete the dollar amount "\$1,213,000.00" and in lieu thereof
69 insert "\$1,813,000.00."

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71 **IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED**, that in Section VIII. that the figures be changed to read as
72 follows:

- 73 • On page 1, line 44, delete the dollar amount "\$3,197,000.00" and in lieu thereof
74 insert "\$4,608,500.00."

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77 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, that in all other respects Ordinance #524 remains
78 in full force and effect.

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80 The Ordinance being submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

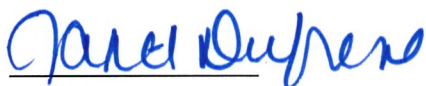
81 AYES: 4, Aldermen Contois, Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy

82 NAYS: 0

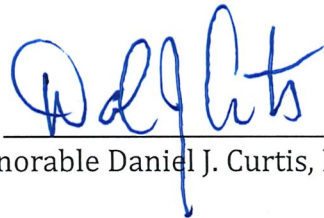
83 ABSENT: 1, Alderman Patterson

84 ABSTENTIONS: 0

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88 And this Ordinance was declared adopted this 20th, day of September 2022.

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92 Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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94 Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor



A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO DECLARE CERTAIN MOVABLE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSAL OF SUCH PROPERTY AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Town owns assorted office furnishings including desks and chairs, and two generators, which are no longer useful to the Town; and,

WHEREAS, such items do not continue to serve any public function; and,

WHEREAS, the value of the property item is less than \$5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs understands that the minimum value of the property is \$200.00; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Abita Springs desires to dispose of said property.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs that the described property be and is hereby declared surplus property.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs that the mayor or his designee is authorized to sell the surplus property in accordance with Louisiana State Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the described batch of property not sell at such minimum price it may be thereafter scrapped or discarded.

Adopted on motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____, on this _____ day _____ of 2023.

YEAS:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk



**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS
SELECTING THE ST TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs shall select a newspaper as the Town's Official Journal at their first meeting in June of each year; and

WHEREAS, qualifying newspapers shall have been published in an office physically located in the parish in which the body is located for a period of five years preceding the selection; and

WHEREAS, The St. Tammany Farmer is the sole newspaper with its primary office physically located in St. Tammany Parish for the five years preceding the date of this resolution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs, selection is made of The St. Tammany Farmer as the Town's Official Journal for the term commencing June 6, 2023 until the regular meeting of the Board of Alderman in June 2024.

The resolution having been adopted on motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____; the vote was as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

And the resolution was declared adopted on this ____ day of ____ 2023.

ATTEST

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER

June 5, 2023

Ms. Leanne Schaefer
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
Town of Abita Springs
P.O. Box 461
Abita Springs, LA 70420

Dear Ms. Schaefer:

We are happy to serve as the Official Journal for the Town of Abita Springs for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

The *St. Tammany Farmer* meets all requirements to serve as an official journal, as specified under Louisiana R.S. 43:142, Qualifications of Newspaper.

The rate to be charged shall be \$4.62 per column inch. Affidavits are \$25 per affidavit and come with a system printed tearsheet.

Also included at no additional cost is the posting of the Town of Abita Springs notices online. The postings can be accessed through our website or directly at <https://louisianapublicnotice.com/>

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the bid request.

Sincerely,



Joy Newman
Classified Director
The Advocate
Baton Rouge – New Orleans – Acadiana
jnewman@theadvocate.com