



The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on December 5, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis recognized Fontainebleau student, Ben Henry, for his accomplishments within the community and acknowledged his volunteer work within the Town of Abita Springs.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Aldermen Congemi was absent. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the November 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of a Resolution of the Board of Alderman of the Town of Abita Springs to Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Act of Sale. After a motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Templet, seconded by Mr. Patterson, and an extensive public comment period hearing both support and opposition to the resolution, the vote was: Yeas: 2, Aldermen Patterson and Templet, Nays: 1, Alderman Boudreaux, Abstain: 1, Alderman Saussy, Absent 1, Alderman Congemi. 2.) Mayor Pro Tem Patterson officially announced the names of the Abita Springs Conservancy Area and Nature Center Advisory Panel Members 3.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to introduce Instrument 2023-006, An Ordinance by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs to Amend the Town's Code of Ordinances, Sec. 9-231 Related to the Regulating of Short-Term Rentals, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. 4.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to introduce Instrument 2023-007, An Ordinance to Amend the Town's Code of Ordinances, Sec. 9-218.2. C-2 Highway Commercial District Regarding the Approval and Regulatory Process Related to Uses Not Specifically Listed or Enumerated as Allowable, seconded by Mr. Templet. 5.) The Aldermen expressed support for extending the existing moratorium on permitting new development in certain commercial zoning districts while providing a path to obtain approval through the granting of a variance. 6.) Mr. Saussy moved to approve the 2024 meeting schedule, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) The Board participated in a discussion of Instrument 2023-005, An Ordinance to Establish the Town of Abita Springs Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Ending December 31, 2024. Suggestions were made regarding law enforcement and sewer improvements.

OPEN: Stewart Eastman expressed his objection to the beer tax.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor