



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on January 23, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced that the Master Plan Meetings were scheduled to commence on the 25th and conclude on the 26th.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the December 19th and December 21st 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Templet. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to amend the agenda to include consideration of amendment and adoption of the Short-term Rental Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote to amend the agenda was unanimous. Mr. Saussy made a motion to amend the Instrument to replace the language on line 71, following the letter " n." with the following, "In all zones, all units in a single structure are eligible for a short-term rental permit." The motion was seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy & Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Mr. Saussy then made a motion to adopt, as amended, Instrument 2023-006, related to Section 9-231 of the Code of Ordinances to Provide for and Regulate the Use of Short-Term Rentals and to Provide for Related Matters, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy & Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Mayor Curtis read a Proclamation recognizing the faithful service of Alderwoman Lynne Congemi and expressing condolences at her passing. Mayor Curtis then presented a Proclamation calling for an election to fill the vacancy resulting from the loss of Alderwoman Lynne Congemi and the appointment of Regan Contois to fill the vacancy. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Templet. The vote was: Yeas: 4, Aldermen Boudreaux, Patterson, Saussy & Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. 2.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion of A Resolution to Authorize Certain Actions by the Mayor, Regarding the Town Marshal/Chief of Police. The presented resolution would give the Mayor the authority to remove the Marshal without necessitating a return to the Board for their approval. Mr. Saussy and Mr. Boudreaux expressed opposition to the resolution. Mayor Curtis explained that the current course of action was taken in lieu of an outright request to remove the Marshal from his position. The Mayor further stated that upon the suggestion of Mr. Templet, he agreed to speak to the Marshal and allow for a sixty-day probationary period. Mr. Patterson and Mr. Templet voiced their trust and support of the Mayor, as the Chief Administrator of the Town, acknowledging that he is in the best position to judge the Marshal's performance. Discussion expressing both support and opposition to the resolution persisted. Mr. Patterson made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Templet. The vote was: Yeas: 2, Aldermen Patterson and Templet, Nays: 2, Aldermen Boudreaux and Saussy. The vote resulted in a tie. Mayor Curtis cast the deciding vote, voting in favor of the resolution. The motion passed and the resolution was adopted. 3.) Mr. Saussy and Board Members expressed their continued support of Mr. Patterson as the Mayor Pro Tem.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor