



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on April 19, 2022, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC HEARING: 1.) Mayor Curtis opened discussion relative to Instrument 2022-003, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD CHAPTER 9, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, TO SECTION 9, TO IMPLEMENT THE TOWN'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER WITHIN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINATED STORMWATER RUNOFF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. After allowing for public comment, Mr. Saussy made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All council members, in attendance, were in favor.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis invited Sandra Slifer to address attendees regarding Keep Abita Beautiful projects. Ms. Slifer invited everyone to participate in the "Love the Boot" activities including the Bike Fest, Earth Day, and Arbor Day events scheduled for April 23rd. Mayor Curtis discussed efforts to preserve green spaces along the river. He noted the Town has added twelve plus acres to its park system for preservation. During his announcements, the Mayor allowed for public comment, relative to several topics, including the master plan.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Murphy, Randolph, and Saussy were present. Ms. Contois and Mr. Patterson were absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the February 15, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Randolph. All were in favor. Ms. Randolph made a motion to accept the January and February 2022 financial reports, seconded by Mr. Murphy. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS: 1.) Ms. Randolph made a motion to amend Instrument 2022-003, relative to Stormwater Management, Section 9-913. Violations and penalties. The amendment adds details as to how the administration would address violations and how to assess penalties. Mr. Saussy seconded the motion. The vote was: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Murphy, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2, Aldermen Contois and Patterson. 2.) Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt, as amended, Instrument 2022-003 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, TO ADD SECTION 9, TO IMPLEMENT THE TOWN'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SURFACE WATER AND GROUNDWATER WITHIN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF CONTAMINATED STORMWATER RUNOFF AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Ms. Randolph seconded the motion. The results of the roll call vote were as follows: Yeas: 3, Aldermen Murphy, Randolph and Saussy, Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 2, Aldermen Contois and Patterson.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business on the agenda.

OPEN: Community members repeated concerns voiced at earlier meetings regarding the proposed Dollar General project. The consensus of the public was that the project would detrimentally impact public health, safety, and welfare by increasing traffic on an already congested thoroughfare, and worsening flooding and drainage problems.

Mr. Murphy moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Ms. Randolph.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL 2022.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor