



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on September 3, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced that Ken Landwehr has been selected as the Volunteer of the Year, and thanked Mr. Landwehr for his contributions to the Town. The Mayor added that the chosen Citizen of the Year would be announced at an upcoming meeting. Announcements included a positive update regarding the Town of Abita Springs' ongoing efforts to enhance its wastewater treatment infrastructure. The Mayor was pleased to report that the Louisiana Water Sector Program has approved an increase in funding amounting to **\$685,240**. This approval represents a **13.7% increase** over previous allocations.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the August 6th, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor.

CHAIRMEN UPDATES: Mr. Boudreaux summarized Public Works activities. Mr. Patterson updated attendees on the status of the installation of the new Tyler Tech financial management software program. If utilized effectively the new software will enhance the efficiency of government operations. Other points covered by Mr. Patterson involved golf cart crossings and the upcoming utility rate study. Ms. Contois talked about Parish efforts related to the Comprehensive Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan, the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and On-Site Sewerage Inspections. The point of introducing these topics was to highlight possible opportunities for the Town and to discuss how Abita Springs and the Parish might work together for the benefit of the Town. Mr. Saussy announced his retirement from his full-time employment position. He noted that this change in his employment status would allow him to dedicate more time to assisting the Town with financial accounting and planning. Mr. Templet shared information about Planning matters including the Land Use Map, the Abita Springs Safe Streets: Safety Task Force meetings, and revisions to the Town's Subdivision Regulations.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of a potential equitable exchange between landowners Thomas Penton, Gregory Penton, Evette Penton-Randolph and the Town of Abita Springs involving South and Haynes Street right of ways, for a strip of property to be utilized as a drainage path from LA State Highway 59 to the point where South Street meets Poitevent Street, along the length of the southernmost part of the property which borders Southwind Estates. The Board was advised that the property exchange appears to be beneficial to both parties and that with their support of an investment in an appraisal, the Town could move forward with the process. It was further explained that any exchange or sale would first be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and then the Board. Mr. Boudreaux stated his preference that the Town purchase the property rather than exchange it. The Board agreed that first steps should be initiated.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business discussed.

OPEN/ADJOURNMENT: Sandra Slifer announced Keep Abita Beautiful's schedule of events including litter cleanup days.

Mr. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 3RD DAY SEPTEMBER 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor