



The following minutes were taken at the meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on February 7, 2023, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mayor Curtis announced that the Town has been awarded \$252,000.00 to develop a Transportation Safety Action Plan. The grant will be administered through the Safe Streets 4 All Transportation Plan Program. 2.) The Mayor reported that the Town was also awarded a grant to construct town center walking paths. The Federal Highway Administration, Nature Trails Grant Program will provide funding for walking paths for sections of Laurel, Live Oak, and Grover Streets. Other announcements included information related to navigating the town's website and information regarding scheduled monthly debris pick-up.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Boudreaux, Congemi, Saussy and Templet were present. Alderman Patterson was absent. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the January 3, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Congemi. All were in favor. The December 2022 Financial Report was presented to the Board. Jay Hawkins summarized points from the report including, but not limited to, sales tax receipts and FEMA reimbursements.

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE: Mr. Boudreaux reported on the results of his recent inspection of drainage problems after the prior week's heavy rainfall event. He advocated for larger culverts noting that leaves and branches are clogging the flow of water.

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE: Ms. Congemi invited Sandra Slifer to present information relative to Keep Abita Beautiful's planting project near the traffic circle. Ms. Slifer requested that the public provide input to name the project and space.

GOVERNMENTAL UPDATE: Mayor Curtis announced that the crosswalk markings in the traffic circle were reapplied by DOTD.

FINANCE UPDATE: Mr. Saussy reported that he met with the administration to discuss the 2023 budget.

PLANNING UPDATE: Mr. Templet provided an update on proposed improvements to commercial zoning standards.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Mr. Saussy read aloud and made a motion to introduce Instrument 2023-001 AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE GENERATOR EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN TO PROCEED WITH THE PROCESS FOR THE SALE OF SUCH PROPERTIES, seconded by Mr. Templet.

OPEN: Comments included issues related to recycling, abandoned vehicles, and traffic violations.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor