



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on April 16, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1.) Mayor Curtis announced that the En Plein Air and Busker Festival events held during the preceding weeks were a big success. The Mayor added that a painting of Busker Festival activities was auctioned during the event, for the benefit of Brighthouse Learning Academy's art program. Brighthouse Director, Michelle Tinker, gratefully accepted the donation and introduced attendees to the recipients of the art program scholarship awards. Ms. Tinker then reported that she was looking forward to the Academy's move into its new Abita Springs facility on Clear Creek Drive in June. 2.) The Mayor then reported that the competitive bidder, Griffin & Furman, Certified Public Accountants, was engaged to perform the Town's annual audit. 3.) Sandra Slifer, President of Keep Abita Beautiful invited meeting attendees to participate in the Love the Boot litter clean-up event on April 24th at 9am.

ROLL CALL: Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the March 19, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Patterson. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy raised several questions related to the January and February Financial Reports. Ms. Contois noted that an oral presentation highlighting important points in the financial reports would be helpful.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no "Old Business" discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Curtis opened discussion of a resolution in support of renewal of participation by the Abita Guest House LLC in the Louisiana Restoration Tax Abatement Program. The program provides for a freeze in the ad valorem tax liability for those who invest in the preservation and rehabilitation of historic properties in the Historic District. The aldermen expressed support for the program. The resolution was adopted, and the vote was YEAS: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

OPEN/ADJOURMENT: Stewart Eastman voiced his opposition to formula businesses.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor