



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on May 21, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Curtis opened discussion of Instrument 2024-004, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE ZONING OF ANY LANDS AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR SUCH MORATORIUM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.** Local resident, Stewart Eastman suggested the ordinance effective date be extended from six months to a year. Board Members expressed their support for adoption of the instrument as written. Mr. Saussy moved to close the hearing, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis introduced U.S. Small Business Administration Public Information Officer, George Kostyrko to attendees. Mr. Kostyrko provided public assistance information relative to requirements and processing of applications for disaster recovery loans. The mayor then introduced new hire, Danette Jenkins. He reported that Ms. Jenkins' is uniquely qualified to assist the Town's Public Works Department with a Class 4 Wastewater Operator Certification. Ms. Jenkins explained that she would also assist the Town administratively and is willing to help in any way she can. Following Ms. Jenkins, the Mayor called on Town Attorney, Edward Deano to address procedural issues. Mr. Deano noted, among other points, that ordinances, statutes, and attorney general opinions, presented as meeting documents, should be reviewed by his office. He also encouraged the Board and the Administration to be unified in the face of difficult challenges and added that they should refrain from engaging in independent conversations with plaintiffs. Mr. Deano reminded listeners that plaintiff's interests are seldom aligned with the best interests of the Town.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Saussy, and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson was absent from the meeting. Mr. Saussy moved to accept the April 16, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Contois. All were in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Saussy offered a motion to adopt Instrument 2024-004 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE ZONING OF ANY LANDS AS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT; TO ESTABLISH A TIME PERIOD FOR SUCH MORATORIUM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS.** The motion was seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was YEAS: 4, Aldermen Contois, Saussy, Templet, and Boudreaux, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1, Alderman Patterson, ABSTAIN: 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF [Danette Jenkins as] A DIRECTOR AND [Kristin Tortorich as] AN ALTERNATE DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, STATE OF LOUISIANA, ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION AUTHORITY AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 10 B OF TITLE 33 OF THE LOUISIANA REVISED STATUTES OF 1950, AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. The vote was YEAS: 4, Aldermen Contois, Saussy, Templet, and Boudreaux, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1 Alderman Patterson, ABSTAIN: 0. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Templet, **A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS SELECTING THE ST. TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL.** Resolution to continue to use the St. Tammany Farmer as the official journal for the town. The vote was YEAS: 4, Aldermen Contois, Saussy, Templet, and Boudreaux, NAYS: 0, ABSENT: 1, Alderman Patterson, ABSTAIN: 0.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:** Resident Lee Barrios reported that Coastal Waste has failed to promptly pick up green waste at her residence and has not responded to repeated inquiries regarding their failure to do so. Resident Byron Armand suggested that the Town perform an inventory of functional and non-functioning streetlights. Resident Stewart Eastman repeated prior requests to replace the Smoky the Bear sign.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 21ST DAY OF MAY 2024.**

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor