



The following minutes were taken at the regular meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at 6pm on June 18, 2024, at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Curtis called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mayor Curtis introduced Kyle & Associates Representative Chris Hnatyshyn, who briefed the board on the rehabilitation of Level & Burvant streets. The Mayor went on to invite attendees to the kick-off ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Hurricane preparedness activities were mentioned and the Mayor encouraged the Aldermen to get involved through volunteering.

The Town Marshall reviewed prior incidents, introduced, and welcomed newly hired Deputy Marshal, Michael Wells, and invited Mr. Wells to say a few words. Subsequent to introduction of Mr. Wells, Mayor Curtis announced his appointment of Dr. Alissa Whitney as Historic Commissioner. Closing the "Announcements" section, the Mayor reported that bid opening for the replacement of the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant would be July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Members Boudreaux, Contois, Saussy, Patterson and Templet were present. Mr. Patterson moved to accept the May 21, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Boudreaux. All were in favor. April Financials were presented to the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no "Old Business" on the agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Patterson presented information to the Board relative to his efforts to implement regulatory guidelines for the operation of golf carts in town limits. A sample draft instrument was provided for review and consideration prior to introduction. Agenda Item #2 elicited considerable discussion in light of the prior year's financial impropriety. Board Members emphasized that under the circumstances they could not attest to financial compliance, and that they are not a body charged with investigatory powers. The Board agreed that language reflecting these points should be included in the resolution. Alderman Templet made the motion to amend the resolution seconded by Mr. Saussy. All were in favor. Mr. Saussy made a motion to adopt the amended resolution to ACCEPT THE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 seconded by Mr. Patterson. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Item #3 included a presentation of the St. Tammany Assessor's Office Grand Recap Report for 2024 for a discussion of the establishment of millage rates in Abita Springs. Item #4 considered A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF ALISSA WHITNEY AS HISTORIC COMMISSIONER. Mr. Saussy offered the motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. Agenda Item #5 yielded a motion from Mr. Saussy to adopt A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MUNICIPAL WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION REPORT, seconded by Ms. Contois. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet, Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0. The report included information related to the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility, its compliance failures, and plans for improvement. Item #6 included a discussion of a RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), AS ESTABLISHED BY CFDA 20.219. Ms. Contois offered a motion to adopt the resolution seconded by Mr. Saussy. The vote was: Yeas: 5, Aldermen Boudreaux, Contois, Patterson, Saussy, and Templet. Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

**OPEN/ADJOURNMENT:** Stewart Eastman suggested the idea of installing solar panels on the town's cemetery property.

Mr. Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Saussy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.**

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Janet Dufrene, Town Clerk

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Honorable Daniel J. Curtis, Mayor