



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on November 1, 2016. Alderman Berrigan led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order. The Mayor Pro Tem called for any agenda modifications. Alderman Curtis asked to add a discussion of a reported problem at the Thibodeaux residence and Alderman Blitch Welliver requested the addition of a discussion of budgetary issues to the Finance Meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the October 2016 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. With no items on the agenda, Alderman Berrigan moved to close the committee meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the October 2016 minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. Alderman Murphy opened the discussion of Part 3 of the Code Ordinances related to municipal and private sewer systems, their functionality, and proposed inspections. The Mayor explained that the Town is required by law to ensure that untreated waste is not flowing into local waterways. Mayor Lemons went on to say that currently over two hundred homes are not hooked up to the municipal sewer. The proposed change to the code would require biennial inspections of these private systems at the property owner's expense with that amount set by resolution. Private sewer systems will be allowed ninety days to repair any problems discovered by the inspection. Alderman Murphy next moved to open the committee as a whole to consider a resolution in support of a grant application to the Louisiana Government Assistance Program. Alderman Berrigan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Alderman Berrigan then made a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FUNDING FOR NEEDED SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 Abstain: 0. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the committee as a whole, seconded by Alderman Murphy. All were in favor. Alderman Murphy opened discussion of a resolution supporting the newly formed Abita Springs Energy and Sustainability Committee and its efforts to move toward becoming a clean renewable energy community. Local resident LeAnn Magee passed out literature and directed the Aldermen's attention to specific references in the material, which might be used as a guide in attaining clean energy goals in the Town. After Committee Chair Murphy asked for input from the Board, Aldermen Berrigan favorably recommended moving the resolution to the Town Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The last topic discussed by the committee was introduced by Alderman Curtis who advised that a local resident reported a problem at his residence involving damage to the culvert and drive overlay allegedly caused by a local developer. Mayor Lemons advised that he is aware of the issue and he has met with the parties to arbitrate a solution. The Mayor added that an agreement has been reached but at this time has not been fully executed. Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the October 2016 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick Harper. Alderman Blitch Welliver invited Mayor Lemons to speak regarding funding for the Sewer System Rehabilitation. The Mayor explained that several options for funding have been explored; among them are combinations of grants and loans from the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the State of Louisiana Department of Administration (Capital Outlay), the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Clean Water State Revolving Fund., Utility Bonds (backed by utility revenue), General Bonds (backed by ad valorem), and Certificates of Indebtedness through private lenders. Alderman Blitch Welliver next opened discussion of the Town's classification of employees and independent contractors. The Alderman expressed her concern that an incorrect determination of worker status could be problematic and requested that the Administration carefully review these relationships. Mayor Lemons and Counselor Deano advised that the matter has been considered and would be revisited. Alderman Blitch Welliver then opened a discussion of revision and publication of the Town's Historic Guidelines. The Mayor advised that with other

pressing expenses, (such as the cost of needed sewer repairs) the estimated \$15,000.00 expense is just not possible at this time. Mayor Lemons went on to say that the State does not consider the Town a Certified Historic District because the Town's Historic Guidelines are not authorized through ordinance. Therefore, the Town was not awarded available 2016 grant money. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick Harper.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Alderman Curtis moved to open the Economic Development Committee Meeting and to accept the October 2016 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Alderman Curtis thanked Kathy Armand and the Halloween volunteers for putting on a successful and enjoyable Halloween event. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper asked if the Town has plans for Christmas Holiday decorations. Alderman Curtis suggested a front porch tour event sponsored by local residents with proceeds going to the purchase of holiday decorations. The suggestion was well received. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Berrigan moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Greg Lemons, Mayor