

# Town of Abita Springs, La.

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The following minutes were taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on November 15, 2016 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs, Louisiana. Mayor Lemons called the meeting to order.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Mayor Lemons opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2016-005 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. The Mayor explained that the budget is an overview of income and expenses for 2017 and highlighted the funds. Local residents were invited to comment. Local resident Jay Hawkins expressed his opinion that revenue has been overestimated and his objection to employee raises. After all had an opportunity to comment Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver. All were in favor.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Lemons recognized Debbie Maclean as November's Employee of the Month and thanked her for her efforts in preparing the comprehensive information needed to move forward with the sewer inspection program.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Council members Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver were present. Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper moved to accept the October 18, 2016 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. All present were in favor. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to accept the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper. All were in favor.

## **STPSO:**

Lt. Williams gave his monthly report. The Lieutenant advised that property theft from unlocked vehicles continues to be a problem in the community.

## **TOWN MARSHAL:**

The Marshal reported on three incidents. All incidents were resolved with no additional action required.

## **FIRE DISTRICT 8:**

Chief Glenn reported that calls have increased considerably over last month at 73 versus 48. The Chief confirmed that the Parish is under a burn ban.

## **TOWN ENGINEER:**

Mayor Lemons advised that the Trace Lighting Project is in the hands of the LADOTD and that he hopes to have more information in January. Also mentioned was information regarding preliminary approval of the Sidewalk to Recreational Trails Grant. The Mayor concluded by noting that the State plans to build a new DOTD office on Hwy 36 north in 2017.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to adopt INSTRUMENT 2016-005 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The vote was: Yeas: 4 Alderman Berrigan, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver, Nays: 1, Alderman Curtis, Absent: 0 Abstain: 0.

Mayor Lemons asked the Board to defer consideration of instrument 2015-007 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ZONING AND ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, LOUISIANA AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. Alderman Murphy moved to defer the instrument to the December Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Curtis. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blich Welliver, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 Abstain: 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Alderman Berrigan introduced INSTRUMENT 2016-006 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO PART 3 HEALTH AND SANITATION, CHAPTER 5 SEWER TREATMENT REQUIRED MORE PARTICULARLY SECTIONS 3-501 THROUGH SECTION 3-515 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Curtis moved to defer A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEWLY FORMED ABITA SPRINGS ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND ITS EFFORTS TO MOVE THE TOWN TOWARD BECOMING A RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper. The vote was: Yeas: 5 Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blich Welliver, Nays: 0, Absent: 0 Abstain: 0.

**OPEN/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Local resident Stewart Eastman suggested that the administration consider the installation of solar array shade coverings at the Park.

Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper announced upcoming events including the Abita Springs Trailhead Museum Smithsonian Exhibit "Hometown Teams" opening on November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Opry, the Cajun Dance, the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Trailhead, the Widow's Banquet, and the Abita Springs Women's Society Meeting.

Alderman Berrigan moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Blich Welliver.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Honorable Greg Lemons, Mayor