



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on December 6, 2016. Alderman Curtis led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the November 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 November 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 summarized the need for adopting the ordinance and directed the Board's attention to recently added amendments. The Mayor then introduced Jesse Means from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Susan Robbins from the Louisiana Rural Water Association. Mr. Means explained the impact of illicit discharges of untreated sewage on the watershed. He added that fecal coliform in our waterways causes a wide variety of illnesses, soil and vegetative degradation, the loss of fish and wildlife. Ms. Robbins reported that untreated sewage can also enter our drinking water supply. Mayor Lemons assured a local resident that as long as inspection of his on-site sewerage system reveals that the system has been properly maintained and is in working order, its continued use will be allowed. The Mayor then discussed the administrative process. He suggested that the Board establish the inspection fee at \$85.00. Alderman Murphy made a motion to move the ordinance instituting on-site sewerage system inspections and to provide for related matters forward to the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. 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 November 2016 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick Harper. Alderman Blitch Welliver invited Mayor Lemons to speak regarding funding for the Sewer System Rehabilitation Project. The Mayor explained that several options for funding are on the table; the primary and most viable option is a loan secured by the United States Department of Agriculture. He reminded attendees of funding avenues including grants and loans from 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, and the Louisiana Government Assistance Program. The Mayor emphasized the need for the project. Alderman Murphy closed the discussion after answering questions from the public. 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 November 2016 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Alderman Curtis opened discussion of a proposed development on Ann O'Brien Rd. The Board's attention was directed to their printed packets. The packets included plans for the Abita Guest House along with an application submitted by William Preble to LED (Louisiana Economic Development) for the Restoration Tax Abatement Program. The Program allows for the freezing of the valuation of the property for the purposes of assessing ad valorem tax at the pre-improvement value. The next agenda item involved the Petit annexation. Town Attorney Edward Deano advised that he has been in contact with parish officials and the petitioner's attorney. Mr. Deano will provide any additional information or documents needed to move forward with the annexation. Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2016.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Greg Lemons, Mayor