These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on June 5, 2018. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order.

**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 1.) Mayor Lemons presented an update of the sewer project. The discovery phase and cleaning is complete and the expense is under budget. Information has been presented to engineering and Mr. Monnot will present findings in the upcoming weeks. 2.) The Mayor advised the Board that St. Tammany Parish plans to overlay Allen Rd. from Hwy 435 to Lowe Davis Rd. Meeting packets include a cooperative endeavor agreement between the Town and the Parish. The Mayor explained that the agreement is under legal review and that upon approval he would request authorization to execute the document. The Board expressed their support. The conversation expanded to discussion of school related traffic and possible solutions.

Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper asked the Mayor to serve on the Finance Committee in Alderman Blitch Welliver's absence. The Mayor agreed.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. 1.) Mayor Lemons began a discussion of development of a Master Plan for the Town. The Mayor explained that Louisiana State Law requires a plan along with training for Planning and Zoning Commissioners. Mayor Lemons provided a proposal from Villavasso and Associates, along with a resume and qualifications. The cost for services was estimated to be approximately $43,000.00. The timeline includes training in 2018, with 50% budgeted for development of the plan in 2019 and the remainder in 2020. Alderman Berrigan noted that two years is a long time to wait to address problems revealed by recent events. He suggested that a moratorium on development might be warranted. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper agreed, but clarified that she does not want to remove land from commerce. Alderman Berrigan added that people are drawn to Abita because of its historic character and would support a 100% Historic Zoning. He said that the build-out of the Meadows is equal to 10 years of growth. Alderman Murphy continued the discussion offering his support of revision of zoning regulations. Alderman Curtis addressed oversight of the Planning and Zoning Commission stating that as the only elected Board the public should be allowed to appeal Planning and Zoning decisions to the Board of Aldermen. Public comment supported this view and a suggestion was made to amend the code to require plan review by a professional planner. Chairman of the Abita Committee for Energy Sustainability LeAnn Magee spoke regarding the need for revision of the code to include requirements for energy efficient design and materials in new construction of residential dwellings. Alderman Berrigan closed the discussion offering to consult with Town Attorney Edward Deano regarding the evening's suggestions. 2.) Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2018-004 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. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the annexation of Lot 5 on Clear Creek Rd. A portion of the lot is currently located within the town limits. Mayor Lemons invited petitioners Christopher and Tasha Arnett to address the Board. The Arnetts expressed their desire to fully participate as members of the community. Alderman Berrigan made a motion to move the instrument forward, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. 3.) A RESOLUTION SELECTING THE ST TAMMANY FARMER AS THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL JOURNAL was moved forward by Alderman Berrigan and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the Governmental Committee meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the May 2018 minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. Mayor Lemons mentioned that Town Engineer Andre Monnot will provide an update on the sewer rehabilitation project at the next Town Council Meeting. Alderman Murphy moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mayor Lemons, in Alderman Blitch Welliver's absence moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and accept the May 2018 minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. 1.) Mayor Lemons asked Town Clerk Kathy Armand to review A RESOLUTION LEVYING THE FOLLOWING MILLAGES ON THE 2018 TAX ROLL ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION BY THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS: GENERAL ALIMONY AT 7.86 MILS, PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS & STREET LIGHTS AT 3.00 MILS, AND STREET BONDS AT 5.00 MILS. Ms. Armand explained that the resolution provides for the levying of millages at the same rate as last year and asked for the Committee's recommendation. Mayor Lemons made a motion to favorably recommend the resolution, seconded by Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper. 2.) Mayor Lemons presented a data sheet explaining how property taxes are used by the Town Administration. 3.) Mayor Lemons noted that a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Development and Transportation is in legal review. The Mayor requested authorization to execute the agreement. Mayor Lemons favorably recommended A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS AND THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper 4.) Mayor Lemons reviewed INSTRUMENT 2018-004 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #483 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS VIII. AND IX. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS which adds income and expenditures for line extensions to the DOTD facility on LA Hwy 36. The Mayor noted that the instrument was introduced at the prior Town Council Meeting and made a motion to move it forward favorably. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. 5.) Mayor Lemons opened discussion of INSTRUMENT 2018-004 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #483 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018, ADJUSTMENT TO SECTIONS VIII. AND IX. AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, which adds income and expenditures related to construction of the town center electronic sign. The Mayor noted that this amendment was drafted at the behest of Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. The Mayor Pro Tem expressed her agreement and made a motion to move the instrument forward, seconded by Mayor Lemons.

Mayor Lemons 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 May 2018 minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. With no new business, Alderman Curtis moved to close the meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Alderman Murphy made a motion closing the meeting, seconded by Alderman Curtis.

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 5th DAY OF JUNE 2018.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk Greg Lemons, Mayor