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The following minutes were taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on February 16, 2016 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs. Mayor Lemons called the meeting to order.

Alderman Murphy gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Berrigan.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Lemons recognized Debbie Maclean as Employee of the Month. The Mayor mentioned that Ms. Maclean as Utility Manager has been instrumental in the execution of several projects including improved meter reading and the utility rate review. Ms. Maclean was also commended for her outstanding customer service skills. Mayor Lemons then expressed appreciation for Eagle Scout, Adam Wise and his contribution to the Town. Mr. Wise improved the Abita Springs Park – Playground area with tree plantings and landscape bed maintenance. The Mayor wrapped up his announcements with acknowledgement of an idea presented by Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper. The Alderman observed that the seating of the public so near the street to view the pre-Opry activities and the video presentation creates a hazardous condition. She suggested and the Mayor agreed that the street in front of Town Hall will be closed on Opry nights.

ROLL CALL:

Aldermen Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver were present. Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper moved to accept the January 19, 2016 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver. All were in favor.

STPSO:

Lt. Williams gave a brief report of calls. The Lieutenant informed residents that two stolen bicycles were recovered and returned to their owners.

FIRE DISTRICT 8:

Chief Glenn addressed the Council reporting calls for the month of January. Total calls were fifty-seven reflecting an increase of ten over the same period last year.

TOWN MARSHAL:

Marshal Candilora presented his monthly report of code violations along with his account of details related to a vicious dog complaint. The Marshal described events leading up to the putting down of the dog which charged toward the Animal Control Officer and himself. Marshal Candilora credited Lt Williams with saving them from bodily injury and expressed his heartfelt gratitude.

TOWN ENGINEER:

Mayor Lemons reported that the street overlay project report is complete. The final cost of the project amounted to \$473,199.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no "OLD BUSINESS" to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Lemons read the resolution informing the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality that the Board acknowledges that no actions are currently recommended in the Municipal Water Pollution Prevention Report. Alderman Murphy moved to adopt A RESOLUTION INFORMING THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY OF ACTIONS TAKEN AS OUTLINED IN THE MWPP AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Alderman Curtis. Vote was: Yeas: 5, Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver Nays: 0, Absent: 0, Abstain: 0.

OPEN-ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ray Pasqua addressed the Board expressing frustration with planning and zoning changes that have taken place since his purchase of undeveloped property in Abita Springs. Mr. Pasqua stated that he has experienced difficulty with the many applicable developmental rules and regulations. He went on to say that it is his opinion that these rules have contributed to his inability to find anyone interested in purchasing his undeveloped land.

Stuart Eastman asked the council for an update on two questions that he raised at earlier meetings regarding wastewater collection smoke testing and fortune telling. Mayor Lemons responded that smoke testing revealed problems with main and service wastewater lines. The Mayor answered that the Public Works Department consistently undertakes projects to repair damaged service lines and that the Town is pursuing funding avenues for additional repairs to the main lines.

Sandra Root expressed how much fun that she and her husband, David Root, had at the Push Mow Parade. She said that it was a wonderful event for all. The Mayor thanked members of the Abita Trailhead Museum for organizing a successful day which seems to get better and better every year.

Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper mentioned upcoming Town events including the Cajun Dance, the Earth Festival, the All Town Garage Sale, the Men's Club Meeting, the Opry and the Easter Egg Hunt.

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Alderman Curtis moved to adjourn the Town Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver.

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Honorable Greg Lemons, Mayor

