

# Town of Abita Springs, La.

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**GREG LEMONS**

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(MAYOR PRO-TEM)  
  
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**JOE CANDILORA**

The following minutes were taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen on October 20, 2015 at the Town Hall in Abita Springs. Mayor Lemons called the meeting to order.

Alderman Blitch Welliver gave the invocation; the pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Curtis.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Lemons opened the hearing to discuss INSTRUMENT 2015-005 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ZONE A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF CARNATION ST. TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. There was no public comment. Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the hearing.

Mayor Lemons opened the hearing to discuss INSTRUMENT 2015-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-801 THROUGH 9-809 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO LAND USE REGULATIONS IN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS. Local residents commented on several aspects of the proposed amendment. Points covered include a concern over confusing language and the lack of clearly defined parameters for certain phrases, which lend themselves to a great degree of subjectivity. One speaker stated he would like to see the document include a requirement to obtain a certificate of capacity from the St. Tammany Parish School Board. Also mentioned were potential emergency vehicle accessibility problems, and increased density allowances. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the hearing, seconded by Alderman Murphy. All were in favor.

## **MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Lemons announced that Sandra and David Root have been chosen as the Town of Abita Springs' Citizens of the Year. The Mayor read from the presented Proclamation listing the many volunteer contributions made by Mr. and Mrs. Root to the Town. Mr. and Mrs. Root addressed attendees expressing their appreciation.

Mayor Lemons recognized Financial Clerk, Niki Mendow, as Employee of the Month noting that Ms. Mendow has contributed a great deal to the Town of Abita Springs. He went on to mention some of Ms. Mendow's contributions including her creation of useful and professional financial reports adding that she is a valuable asset to the Town. Ms. Mendow thanked the Mayor saying it is a pleasure to serve the community.

## **ROLL CALL:**

Aldermen Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick-Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver were present. Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to accept the September 15, 2015 Town Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. Alderman Kilpatrick-Harper moved to accept the August 2015 Financial Report, seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver. All were in favor.

## **STPSO:**

Lt. Williams gave a brief report of calls. The Lieutenant reminded everyone of the upcoming Town Halloween Block Party stating that the Sheriff's Office has oversight in place to monitor the event.

**FIRE DISTRICT 8:**

Chief Gorrondona stated that calls for September were low, with a reported 50 incidents. The Chief announced that Station 83 is complete and has been placed in service.

**TOWN MARSHAL:**

Marshal Candilora presented his monthly report of code violations. Included were two complaints, one related to a noise violation and the other to a loose dog.

**TOWN ENGINEER:**

Mayor Lemons provided an update for engineer Jean Thibodeaux of Town projects. Road paving will be complete early next week. A pricing estimate for the re-striping of the area for Town Hall parking on Level Street and Live Oak Street has been requested from the paving contractor. The Abita Trail Head Park wetland area drainage control structure has been designed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Alderman Curtis moved to adopt INSTRUMENT 2015-005 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL MAP OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS TO ZONE A PORTION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF CARNATION ST. TO COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The vote was Yeas 5, Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0.

Alderman Kilpatrick Harper moved to defer until the November Town Council Meeting INSTRUMENT 2015-006 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-801 THROUGH 9-809 OF THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO LAND USE REGULATIONS IN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, seconded by Alderman Curtis. The vote was Yeas 5, Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0.

Alderman Curtis moved to defer until a Planning and Zoning recommendation is received INSTRUMENT 2015-007 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 32.88 ACRES AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF HWY. 59 AND HARRISON AVE, seconded by Alderman Murphy. The vote was Yeas 5, Alderman Berrigan, Curtis, Kilpatrick Harper, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver, Nays 0, Absent 0, Abstain 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was discussed.

**OPEN-ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A local resident made inquiries related to repairs involving the Town Center electronic sign and a streetlight on Main St. The Mayor reported the repair of the sign is in process and is being handled by the original installation company.

Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper mentioned upcoming events including the Opry, the Cajun Dance, the Men's Club, the Ladies Progressive Club, and the Town Halloween Block Party.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2015.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Honorable Greg Lemons, Mayor