



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on March 1, 2016. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order; Alderman Murphy led the pledge of allegiance.

**GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE:** Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee Meeting and to accept the February 2016 Governmental Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. With no business to discuss, Alderman Berrigan moved to close the Governmental Committee Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Murphy moved to open the Infrastructure Committee Meeting and to accept the February 2016 Infrastructure Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. Local resident, Jay Hawkins, addressed the Committee advising that the intersection at Main St. and Hwy 59 presents a hazard for those trying to cross from the North side of Main. He reported that often the view is obstructed by those parking too near to the corner, in front of the church. Mayor Greg Lemons responded that the highway is a state property and added that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is the proper authority for any alterations or improvements. The Mayor offered to speak to DOTD and to follow up with the Committee.

Alderman Murphy moved to close the Infrastructure Committee Meeting, seconded by Alderman Berrigan.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to open the Finance Committee Meeting and to accept the February 2016 Finance Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper. Finance Clerk, Niki Mendow, began her overview of the 2016 financial reporting schedule and procedures. Ms Mendow explained that some of her responsibilities as Finance Clerk include gathering, classifying, organizing, and entering information into the system. Ms Mendow added that she is also tasked with reporting and presented a financial reporting schedule.

Alderman Blitch Welliver opened discussion of a proposed resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Ditch Witch Financial Services to lease/purchase a directional drilling/boring machine and trailer for the Town. The contract amount is \$119,092.95 divided into sixty payments. The Mayor explained the machine allows the Public Works Department to dig and lay utility lines without breaking up the asphalt streets. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper suggested the resolution include the price and length of term. The resolution was favorably recommended with the suggested added language to the Town Council by Alderman Blitch Welliver, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the Finance Committee 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 February 2016 Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy. Brief discussions regarding the status of the Abita Business Association, trash on Abita Springs roadways and "Keep Abita Beautiful" and continued communication with DOTD about the Harrison Ave roundabout followed.

Alderman Curtis moved to close the Economic Development Committee Meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees,  
seconded by Alderman Blitch Welliver.

MEETING ADJOURNED  
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2016.

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Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

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Greg Lemons, Mayor