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The following are minutes from the June 7, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen at the Town Hall in Abita Springs. Mayor Lemons called the meeting to order. Alderman Curtis led the pledge of allegiance.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Lemons presented Cedric Little with a certificate recognizing him as Employee of the Month.

The Mayor stated that the Historic Commission has requested enforcement of violations of the Historic Guidelines. Mayor Lemons reported that Town Attorney Edward Deano has been asked to look into the administration's authority as it relates to enforcement and the process by which the Guidelines were adopted.

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Berrigan, Kilpatrick-Harper, Curtis, Murphy, and Blitch Welliver were present.

OLD BUSINESS: No "OLD BUSINESS" was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Lemons advised the Aldermen of his recommendation to roll forward the millage. The Mayor explained that the voter approved Town millage for Bonds, General Alimony, Parks/Playgrounds and Street Lights is 15.86 mils. The Mayor informed the Council that the reassessment estimate allows for a roll back of the millage while maintaining the same revenue; however, he pointed out that currently, Parks, Playgrounds, and Street Lights are underfunded and those expenses are offset through the General Fund. Reportedly, there are approximately 1675 property assessments in Abita Springs. The Mayor clarified that the roll forward means that assessments remaining the same in this reassessment year will not experience increased taxes compared to last year. However, those properties with an increase in the fair market value assessment would see a small increase in the Abita Springs portion of their property tax. Mayor Lemons then made the following announcement.

A Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Abita Springs of the Parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, on July 19, 2016, to adopt a resolution to levy upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue; that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied; and that the proper administrative officials of the Parish be empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2016, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

A Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday July 19, 2016

Time 6:00pm

Place: Abita Springs Town Hall

22161 Level St.

Abita Springs, LA 70420

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 7th DAY OF JUNE 2016

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Honorable Greg Lemons, Mayor