



These minutes are from the meetings of the Public Committees on September 1, 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper called the meeting to order; Alderman Berrigan led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Lemons requested that a discussion of a request for annexation of the Petit property be added to the Economic Development Committee agenda. Alderman Murphy made a motion to add the discussion seconded by Alderman Curtis.

GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE: Alderman Berrigan moved to open the Governmental Committee meeting and to accept the August 2015 Public Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

- Mayor Lemons reported that Judge Kelley in the 19th Judicial District Court vacated the Department of Natural Resources permit allowing Helis Oil to drill on 1088.
- Alderman Berrigan opened discussion of the proposed Instrument 2015-004, AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE A PORTION OF CARNATION ST. NO LONGER NECESSARY FOR PUBLIC USE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF ABITA SPRINGS, ST TAMMANY PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. David Melton, representing Abita Lumber Co. addressed the Board expressing the desire to purchase the Carnation St. property. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper directed the Clerk to provide copies of the appraisals to Mr. Melton. Alderman Berrigan moved to favorably recommend the instrument, 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 August 2015 Infrastructure Committee minutes, seconded by Alderman Berrigan. 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 accept the August 2015 Finance Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper.

- Alderman Blitch Welliver opened a discussion of a plan for financial oversight of the Wholesome Wave grant. The Alderman reported that she reviewed a spreadsheet and a binder prepared by the Town Financial Clerk adding that the information contained therein was very detailed. Town Attorney Edward Deano, by invitation of Alderman Blitch Welliver, suggested that the Board might choose to prepare a resolution requesting that the Clerk of the Council provide a monthly report of grant financial information as they saw fit to include. Mayor Pro Tem Kilpatrick-Harper asked how other suggestions regarding the Farmer's Market might be addressed. Alderman Curtis offered that these suggestions be presented to the Economic Development Committee. Alderman Blitch Welliver requested that local resident, Jay Hawkins arrange to meet with her to discuss the type of information beneficial to proper oversight of finances and went on to say that the results would then be reported to the Board after which the resolution would be drafted.
- Alderman Blitch Welliver directed attention to the July Financial Report included in the handout. She explained that there were a few issues that she and the Financial Clerk were working to resolve. The report would be presented for approval at the upcoming Town Council Meeting.

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 August 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

- Mayor Lemons opened a discussion of the Town of Abita Springs PUD Ordinance, yielding to Town Counselor Edward Deano. Mr. Deano explained that he put together the presented document based on discussions held by members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. He invited Board members to offer suggestions and began a summary of some of the proposed changes. Included among some of the suggested changes were requirements for a maximum of 2.2 residential units per acre, a 2 to 1 ratio for fulfillment of green space obligations when involving land which cannot be developed, and a thirty-acre minimum for eligibility. Additional considerations involved performance terms and cleaning up of technical matters. Alderman Curtis made a motion to favorably recommend the proposed PUD changes to the Town Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

- Mayor Lemons directed attention to communication from April Williamson and Chablis Tate, owners of a property near Hwy 59 and Harrison Ave referred to as the Petit property. The owners have requested that the property be annexed into the Town of Abita Springs and that the zoning be changed to commercial. Alderman Curtis made a motion to favorably recommend the introduction at the next Town Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Murphy.

- Local residents raised questions regarding the collection of sales tax from vendors at the Farmer's Market and the completion of the street overlay on Laurel St.

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

Alderman Blitch Welliver moved to close the meeting of the Public Committees, seconded by Alderman Curtis

MEETING ADJOURNED
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

Kathy Armand, Town Clerk

Greg Lemons, Mayor