

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for personnel interviews on July 17, 2018 at 4:45 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Steve Moosa, CPA  
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion & Chamber of Commerce

*Mayor Piazza stated all were present to interview the personnel. Chief Spearman had one individual to interview.*

*Chief Spearman stated the gentleman he wanted the Council to interview for employment tonight was Caleb Mayard. He has a little experience since he worked for the Sheriff's office for a brief time. He has passed everything except he has not been certified with his handgun. He will need to attend the academy. He was working corrections previously. He also has to take the civil service exam because we haven't been able to call for any testing because the civil service board has not had a meeting in a while. They have cancelled the last meetings.*

*Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. asked Caleb if his family members supported his decision to apply for the job of Police Officer. Caleb answered yes. He asked Caleb if he feels good about this position. Caleb answered yes.*

*Councilman Plaisance asked Caleb if he is aware of the salary and is the salary ok with him. Caleb answered yes sir, absolutely.*

*Councilwoman White asked Caleb to elaborate on why he left the Sheriff's Department. Caleb stated it was ongoing false accusations. He put up with a bunch of it but he finally said that every time he comes in, there are some type of false accusation and they are not true. He does his job professionally and to his fullest extent. That is why he resigned. He wanted to find something better. The Abbeville Police Department is a place where I can better myself and make a career.*

*Councilman Plaisance asked if the accusations were job related. Caleb answered that they were based on policy.*

*Chief Spearman stated he was aware of this so he had Lieutenant Hebert administer the voice stress test to elaborate on that. The voice stress test is the modern day lie detector test. Caleb passed the voice stress test.*

*Councilman Touchet stated you only worked for the Sheriff for 4 months. Do you understand that if you are hired here that you will have an obligation to remain here 3 years or whatever we have paid for you, you will have to repay us if you break that contract? Caleb answered that he understood that. He asked who Caleb was working for now. Caleb answered Accurate Measurement Controls. It is an oilfield related company. Councilman Touchet asked Caleb what activities he was involved in at North Vermilion High School. Caleb answered he was involved in 4-H, football, golf, baseball and shot 4-H skeet.*

*Councilman Plaisance asked Chief Spearman if Caleb had received a favorable recommendation from the Sheriff Department. Chief Spearman stated they told him that what occurred was a policy violation. It was not a criminal act. He just needs a little maturity and he will be fine.*

*Councilwoman White asked Caleb how he would respond if a woman calls the police department, is irate and panicking because her neighbor's dog is out without a leash. Caleb stated he would respond, with as much knowledge as he knows, by calling back up and heading to that scene. He would control the situation once he arrives to the best of his ability. He would make sure to try and calm the lady down. He would take her seriously. Councilman Plaisance asked if he would tell the lady to leash the dog or call the dog catcher. Caleb answered it would depend on the situation. He would probably call the dog catcher depending on the situation. If it was a small dog, he would be able to control it and put it on a leash. If it was a dog he could not control, then he definitely would call the dog catcher.*

Mayor Piazza concluded the interview.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor