

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on April 4, 2017 at 5:30 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, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brady Broussard, Wayne Landry, Joe Hardy and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Tony Hardy, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Civil Service Board Member
Ronald Darby, Vermilion Parish Police Jury President
Marion Davidson & Cindy Newton, American Legion Auxiliary
Debbie Garrot, Movies under the Oaks
Pastor Davenport, Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church

Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ronald Darby to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Police Chief Tony Hardy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to deviate from the agenda to add three items: An intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for the moving of dirt to the retention pond, to discuss a special event permit for Councilman Landry and others to have a march depicting Jesus carrying a cross on Martin Luther King Drive to McKinley Scott Park on Good Friday and to approve the emergency sewer line repair on Loraine Street. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the minutes from the regular City held on March 7, 2017 and March 21, 2017, the special City Council meeting held March 10, 2017 and the Committee meeting held on March 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the probational appointment of Aubrey Broussard to the position of Police Officer with the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Marion Davidson and Mrs. Cindy Newton, with the American Legion Auxiliary, presented an award to the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of our Veterans and Veteran programs. It is a Special Star Award. Mayor Piazza stated they are honored to receive this award and it is a privilege to be able to participate in all of the American Legion Events.

Mrs. Debbie Garrot stated the next Movies Under the Oaks is April 21, 2017. It will open at 6:30 PM and the movie will start at 7:30 PM. They will be showing Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. There will be an admission fee of \$1.00. The fee will be used towards the next mural. The Kiwanis Club has made a donation of \$100.00 so we will use \$50.00 to allow the first 50 children to enter for free. She brought flyers to every elementary school in the parish, private schools and some middle schools. Councilman Plaisance stated the Louisiana Cattle Festival will also make a \$100.00 donation to be used for the children.

Broussard/Plaisance
Ordinance 17-02

A resolution to make the permitting process the same for mobile home parks and campgrounds.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	5(Plaisance, Broussard, Landry, Hardy, Touchet)
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

Therefore the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the special event permit and waive the permit fee for the Cancer Awareness 5 Mile Walk in Memory of Gladys Joseph to be held in Comeaux Park on May 20, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

Landry/Broussard
Resolution R17-09

A resolution granting the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents, appoint an administrative consultant and engineer and to commit costs for the FY 2018-2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the estimate for payment in the amount of \$7,945.00 to J. C. Construction for the sewer smoke testing project. The motion carried unanimously.

Clay Menard discussed the results of the smoke testing. We have been having infiltration problems in the Mount Carmel Heights area. The entire area that goes into the lift station at the corner of Gauraud and West St. Paul street by the Vermilion Catholic Football field. J. C. Construction came in and did the smoke testing. We did it based on the sewer lines. Alley A is the alley which is north of West St. Mary Street from Gauraud to Park. Alley B is from Gauraud to Dave Holley's Insurance. Alley C runs between the homes of West St. Paul and West St. Mary where the drainage ditch runs and we have power lines there. Alley E is from Gauraud back to Park Avenue. Alley F is behind the homes on West St. Paul along the drainage ditch that runs from Coulee Kinney to Ozite Street. The City has the main line leaks and the lateral line leaks. That is our sewer main and our service going from the main into the right of way where private property starts. On all the alleys, the City had nine main line leaks. The City will get those leaks repaired. The remaining leaks are all on private property. Alley A has none, Alley B has 17 leaks on private property. In total of all alleys, there are 43 leaks on private property. Councilman

Plaisance stated that he thought we did this a few years ago. Clay Menard stated the City did. Councilman Plaisance stated that the property owners did not do the repairs last time. Clay Menard stated that is correct. That was six or seven years ago. The City did their repairs at that time and these are new leaks on our side. Only about 10% of the home owners repaired their lines last time. Councilman Plaisance asked if we have any recourse. Mr. Funderburk stated the property owners are under an obligation not to create a nuisance. Mayor Piazza stated we could put a time limit on it and some of the property owners will do it on their own. He asked if we could give the property owner the option of hiring someone themselves or have the City do the repair at a cost. Mr. Funderburk stated he would have to research this because he doesn't want us to fall into a Constitutional Section 7 trap by using public equipment on private property. He was thinking more about the due process system that we have built into our ordinances when property is not being properly maintained. Clay stated he will get the LA One Call completed in order for the City to begin fixing the main line and lateral line leaks.

-06 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the estimate for partial payment #3 in the amount \$69,218.10 to Southern Constructors for the 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gene Sellers stated the contractor for the 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project completed all the service lines to the low to moderate income homes today. He also repaired all the punch list items on the main line. This allows him to make the connections so we can now use the system. As of tonight, sewerage is flowing into the new system from those houses that connected. In accordance with LCDBG, we must do change orders to provide the contractor with time extensions and also to compute all the quantities that were used in the project. The change order is for an additional 31 days for inclement weather. He asked for 15 additional days because we included the 13 additional riser services in this project. He is also requesting 17 additional days to make the road passable after rainfalls. This is from the beginning of his time that he had to use. Today is the day we can recommend that the project is substantially completed because you are using the system. It is recommended that the time extension be granted. This extension is through today. The contractor finished his work today. Typically when we do a resolution of acceptance, we have all the quantities computed. He could not get that done tonight. Within the next week we should have all the paperwork complete. We also have to establish a punch list item cost. We also added one street crossing on Assay Road that wasn't in the original contract. This will be a bore and not as messy as cutting the street. He also has to put the culverts in. We delayed him putting the culverts in because we just dug 10 foot trenches where the culverts go. That has to settle. If we put the culverts in now, then they will be out of line by the time it settles. We recommend that he wait two to three weeks prior to doing that. As soon as we get this notice filed he has 45 days to complete the project. Within the next 50 days he should complete the project. That will be about the time the parish contractor will be in that area to reconstruct the road.

07 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve contract change order #3 for the 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Broussard/Landry
Resolution R17-10

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of acceptance from Southern Constructors, LLC pertaining to the completion of the contract for the FY 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Plaisance stated the Police Jury has offered us some dirt from Erath. We were not able to transport the dirt. He would like us to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Police Jury. If they are able to transport it, we will utilize the dirt at the property we purchased next to the retention pond. Mayor Piazza asked President Ronald Darby if they were going to use the dirt for the new County Agent building. Mr. Darby said they were not. They were going to put this dirt at the landfill. Mayor Piazza asked about the status of the County Agent building. Mr. Gene Sellers stated they are currently advertising to have the asbestos removed from the building. After the asbestos is removed, the building will be demolished. The plans for the new construction are complete. As soon as the demolition is done, they will receive bids to build at the same location. The dirt needed will be special dirt. That will be part of the contract.

Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Gene Sellers and Mr. Ronald Darby to provide a cost estimate to overlay John Hardy Drive from the railroad track to the bridge. Mr. Darby stated he requested a cost estimate from Lafayette Street.

**Plaisance/Broussard
Resolution R17-11**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to request the Police Jury to transport dirt from Erath to the new property the City purchased next to the retention pond.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Landry stated they have an event planned for Good Friday. It is a march from South Louisiana at MLK to McKinley Scott Park. This is in conjunction with Lighthouse for Jesus and Lighthouse Missionary Baptist Church. Reverend Davenport stated the walk will be Jesus carrying the cross starting at Louisiana Street, then down MLK to McKinley Scott Park. Once we get to the Park, we will have a short saying. He asked if a police escort will be needed. Chief Hardy stated it would be a lot safer with an escort. Pastor Davenport stated it will take about 35 to 40 minutes. We will have about 40 to 50 people marching. It begins at 10:00 AM and the walk begins at 10:30 AM.

-08 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to allow a march to portray Jesus with the cross on April 14, 2017 starting on the 200 block of MLK leading to McKinley Scott Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gene Sellers stated they had a back-up in the sewer system on Loraine Street that was discovered by the sewer department at the end of last week. We evaluated it and it is backing up in the system and then following the service line through the storm drain and then discharging into the drop out. The best way to find the problem is to do the TV camera of the line. The TV camera shows that the line is clogged up. It is an 8 foot deep line and the service riser has crushed the main sewer line. It is causing the blockage. He distributed pictures of the blockage. It needs to be repaired. It is about 10 to 20 feet in the middle of the road. He spoke with the contractor that is doing the project on Coulee Kinney. He is willing to tackle the job. The problem is that we have 30 days to correct it as per the Board of Health. This contractor has all his equipment there so he can fix it quickly. Mayor Piazza added that we will have to

block the street because the sewer lines goes down the middle of the street. Mr. Gene Sellers stated our City crews cannot dig that deep and we do know where the break is. The line was put in in 1956.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the emergency sewer line repair on Loraine Street as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Sounds on the Square is this Thursday night.*

Police Chief Tony Hardy

- *The Police Department team for Relay for Life collected \$26,000. Parish wide they picked up \$70,000.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Reminded everyone that the Cleanest City Contest is coming up. This Saturday is cleanup day. We need to talk to everyone about developing some pride in our community. Mayor Piazza asked Clay to have Don pick up litter and mow on Monday since the contest is Tuesday.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Kenny and the Heartbreakers will be playing Thursday at Sounds on the Square.*
- *QSA will be having their opening ceremonies on April 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM. The Council and the Mayor are invited because we are now partners with them.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Clay to talk to Denise about checking the playground equipment for any repairs that may be needed.*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Piazza declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor