

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on April 5, 2016 at 5:15 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, Jr., Wayne Landry, and Joe Hardy

Members Absent: Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Tony Hardy, Police Chief
Ronald Darby and Mark Poche, Police Jurors

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a committee meeting. There is one item on the agenda for the Ordinance Committee. He turned the floor over to Councilman Landry.

Councilman Landry stated the item is to consider an ordinance to amend Sections 18-10 and 18-11; 18-14; 15-23 and to repeal and re-enact section 15-28. All ordinances pertain to water and sewerage. He turned the floor over to Ike Funderburk.

Mr. Funderburk stated the way the statutes were written, it didn't show the date that of the rate that is listed in the ordinance. There was some confusion about when the three percent increase would automatically kick in and how much you could calculate it to. There was a lack of finality to it. What we did is that we have taken those ordinances and we have made sure that we have brought them up to date with regard to the rates that we are currently charging. We are showing in the ordinance that, that is effective as of January 1, 2016. The ordinance has the automatic 3% per annum increase that takes effect on January 1st of the next year. By having the dollar amount fixed as of January 1, 2016 we will forever be able to make the computation to show what the rates are for both water and sewerage. Mayor Piazza stated this ordinance has been in effect for many years. It is the way we have been doing business for five or six years. The language in the ordinance didn't specifically say the way we have been doing business. Actually we had a meeting with Herod Village Apartments last week. Police Juror Ronald Darby was present at the meeting. He is the one that pointed out that our rate number in our ordinance actually didn't say what is being charged. It looks funny because what the ordinance says and what we are charging are two different numbers. The number is correct because we do have that automatic 3% increase in there but it looks funny to the constituents when they see that. He thanked Ronald for pointing that out. This ordinance will clear up the language of how we do business. It does not increase the rates. It is what we are charging currently. We need the language to comply with what they are being charged. It is just a clarification. It will be a lot clearer for people to understand it.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their next City Council meeting on April 19, 2016 to adopt an ordinance to amend Sections 18-10 and 18-11; 18-14; 15-23 and to repeal and re-enact Section 15-28 all pertaining to water and sewerage. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor