

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on December 18, 2018 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, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Steve Moosa, Accountant

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for our Committee meetings. We have only one committee tonight. It is the Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilwoman Broussard. He turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard.

Councilwoman Broussard stated the first item is to discuss an ordinance amending Section 5-83 (c) to require Council approval for a 45-day extension to be granted on a demolition permit. She asked Mr. Ike Funderburk to explain the proposed ordinance.

Mr. Funderburk stated this amendment addresses 2 issues that were discussed in previous meetings when we discussed making some changes to the process that we have for granting an extension to demolition permits. The first one is reducing the extension period from 90 days to 45 days. That is after the inspector determines that over 50% of the work has been completed and the remaining work can be completed within that 45-day period. After that, the extension request must be brought to the City Council for approval. Mayor Piazza stated that it used to be automatic if someone wanted an extension on a demolition permit. He noticed that on a lot of the structures that are currently being demolished, that weeks and weeks go by and there is no activity. We should not automatically grant the extension if they are not making the effort to do anything. These people have already been through due process which is about a six-month process and are requesting more time.

-01 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to recommend to the City Council at their meeting scheduled for January 15, 2019 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 5-83 (c) to require Council approval for a 45-day extension to be granted on a demolition permit. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Broussard stated the second item is to discuss an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to add Division 3 – Part-time Police, Section 2-51 – 2-56. Mr. Funderburk stated this ordinance came about after meetings with the Mayor and the Police Chief. Chief will utilize the officers currently serving as auxiliary officers and make them part-time police officers. They will only be paid when they work. The qualifications for being a part-time police officer are the same qualification for being a full-time police officer. Plus, they have to be post-certified. They will have to comply with all the requirements we have for hiring a regular police officer. They have to apply in writing and the Chief will make a recommendation to the Mayor and he will appoint with the approval of the City Council. The number of part-time police officers will be limited to 20% of the Chief's census as provided with the current budget of the department. That would be 8 people. Mayor Piazza stated the number of officers is 39 so 20% of that would be 8. Chief Spearman stated we will not provide them with benefits and they only get paid when they work. Ike stated they have a maximum of 24 hours that they can work in a calendar week. They will be paid at the regular salary of an entry level police officer. They will not receive any municipal benefits and no State supplemental pay. The discipline will be handled by the Police Chief and he will notify the Mayor and Council of the action. This is a reasonable approach to handling part-time employees. This may be done away with sometime in the future once they are at full staff. Councilman Plaisance asked Chief Spearman if the officer will receive something in writing

so that they understand that they are not receiving benefits. Chief Spearman stated they will be notified of the information about the part-time position.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to recommend to the City Council at their meeting scheduled for January 15, 2019 to adopt an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to add Division 3 – Part-Time Police, Section 2-51 through 2-56. 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