

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on December 6, 2016 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  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Wilton Levine, Retiree  
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Employees Civil Service Board member  
Chris Roy and Jim Quackenbos – 232-HELP

*Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Joseph Vallee to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Gene Sellers to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on November 15, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to ratify bills paid in the month of November 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to accept the resignations from Byron Vollmer and Andrew Fruge from the Abbeville Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the probational appointment of Dione Perry and Darrius Landry to the position of Firefighter pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.*

*Mayor Piazza presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Wilton Levine. Mr. Levine retired from the City with over 20 years of service. Mayor Piazza stated we have a lot of departments in the City and they are all important. Every employee has a vital role in the existence of our City and in maintaining our services. Mr. Levine worked in our Street Department for his entire time of service. That is not an easy job. You work in the hot summer and in the cold rain all winter long. When there is a hurricane you are working. For a flood you are bagging sandbags all weekend long for people to come and get them. Mr. Levine never complained. Clay Menard*

*stated that every new worker we had was put with Mr. Levine to be trained. We will definitely miss his leadership.*

*Councilman Broussard introduced Mr. Chris Roy with 232-HELP. Chris represents a life-saving organization in Acadiana. They have helped thousands of people. They have a suicide line 24 hours a day. They are coming to Abbeville to help our citizens. They have a wonderful situation where they work with a national dental company. Mr. Jim Quackenbos is on their board and he is from Abbeville. Mr. Roy stated they also provide disaster services and received over 10,000 calls from Acadiana after the flooding in August. We are partnering with Colgate on December 16, 2016. They have a large van that is a dental mobile lab. They will spend the day at Eaton Park Elementary providing dental screenings for children ages 3 to 7. The children will take home a report card with them about their dental health. The parents will see the state of their children's dental health and they will be able to take that a Medicaid approved dentist. We feel like we can really beef up the resources here and the services provided to the area. In spring we will ramp up our services. We are not here asking for money. We are only asking for good faith and your support to get the awareness out there about 232-HELP. He also distributed a card detailing their services that are available. Mayor Piazza stated that the phone rings every week from needy citizens looking for certain services. Now we can give this number to them.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract for grass cutting and removal of debris from the property located at 705 Hawthorne Street to Aross Brown in the amount of \$175.99. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the recommendations of the hearing officer from hearings held on November 30, 2016 for: 700 N. John Hardy/no permit for demolition and piling debris at road/given 5 days, 705 St. Peter/tall grass and debris/issued compliance certificate, 513 Hawthorne/tall grass and junk property/issued compliance certificate, 1609 W. Port St/dilapidated mobile home/given 10 days, 509 N. East St/tall grass and heavy brush/given 10 days, 806 Old Kaplan Hwy/abandoned vehicle/issued compliance certificate, 1618 Graceland/burnt structure/given 5 days, 523 Eaton Dr/abandoned vehicle and junk property/originally given 10 days but amended to add 20 days for a 30 day timeframe for compliance. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the purchase of a new lawn mower from Abbeville Snapper Sales and Service in the amount of \$6,859.99 for the Street Maintenance Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the purchase of a new pump for the Barn Lift Station from Griner Drilling for \$27,845.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the Mayor to execute the engineering services agreement with Sellers and Associates relative to the Construct Asphalt Taxi-Lane project funded under the FY 2017 Airport Improvement Program. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the purchase of transformers for stock from Solomon Corporation in the amount of \$12,790.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the payment of the invoice from Sellers and Associates in the amount of \$28,607.25 for water and sewer as built computerized maps. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the payment of estimate #2 in the amount of \$187,374.35 to Southern Constructors, LLC for the FY 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Mr. Joe Hardy and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve change order #2 for an increase in the contract price of \$2,058.50 and an increase in the time by 60 days to 1/31/2017 for the contract with Southern Constructors, LLC for the FY 2014-2015 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *Glenn Lege Construction has started patching road cuts in the City. It had been 2 years since we did this. They will stay until it is finished. These are all asphalt patches.*

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *Submitted final plans for the Sidewalk Project to DOTD.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Had an exciting phone call this morning from a local citizen that has been living here for about 15 years. He has served on our Planning Commission. His name is Eric Adcock. He plays in the band Roddy Romero and the Hub City All Stars. The band has been nominated for a Grammy for the album "Gulf Stream". Eric, as the song writer, has also been nominated, individually, for a Grammy for the song "Gulf Stream". This is a song about the City of Abbeville. It is one of those things that put your municipality on the map. It was picked from 21,000 songs to be nominated. Eric lives three blocks from here. Mayor Piazza wanted to congratulate them.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *This Saturday it is an all-day affair. We will the Farmers Market, a garage sale and at 6:00 PM we will have the Christmas Parade. Santa Claus will be in the Square.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Thanked everyone for a successful Christmas Stroll.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Thanked Ms. Sandra Marant for the beautiful Christmas card.*
- *Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.*

Councilman Joe Hardy

- *Wanted to remind everyone about December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day. We lost a lot of people at that time. Tomorrow is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Clay to make sure all departments make every effort to purchase locally when possible.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor