

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on February 5, 2019 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
Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant
Jonathan Touchet, Police Lieutenant
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Corey LeBlanc, Architect

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a Committee meeting. The committee is the Airport Committee chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. He turned the floor over to Councilman Touchet.

Councilman Touchet stated that he wanted to give an update to the Council about the meeting he had with Mike Mouton and other tenants at the airport. He met with them for about three hours on January 18, 2019. He wanted to see what their thoughts were about the airport. They are very appreciative of the welcoming and the relationship with the City. They did ask that we develop an Airport Facebook page and that we also include them on the City's website. He contacted Joshua LeBlanc who takes care of our website and he is working on that. They want to be able to market several different things that are happening at the airport. They want to be able to post pictures and other things. Also, they are interested in trying to expand in the open area toward the armory. He has asked Sellers and Associates to supply a plat of the property. The airport tenants will post the plat with their different associations to see if anyone is interested in it. They have been given the plat. They did say that our hangars at the airport need to be renovated. They are looking at insulating those and just overall remodeling. The next item of concern dealt with the terminal. They would really like us to put the awning that was there because it will be a big building that will not have any covering. They would like the parking lot right outside of Omega to be resurfaced. They would like an auxiliary single-phase cart to power up the airplanes and leave the planes on. They would also like us to secure more land to try to get an additional 1,000 feet on the runway so we could get bigger planes landing. If we could do that then they would want us to pursue getting Enterprise to move in that direction so it would be easy access and closer to the airport. All of these different things were what they talked about. He did share our six-year plan with everyone there. They have it and know about it. T. J. did a great job getting that to us and we emailed it to every tenant. That way they know exactly what the plan is. He will meet with them every other month and he will include Councilman Plaisance in that meeting too. Those are very good people there and they are doing good things for our airport. They would like to see the airport taken to the next level. He doesn't know if all of these things will happen but he would like to pursue the ones that can happen. He asked Corey to give an update on the terminal. Corey stated that we had a good progressive month in January. The structure is up and we have all the framing up. We are waiting for the insulated panels to be delivered. Once that is up, we can begin the interior finishes and partitions. We met with T. J. this week to discuss the hangar. The money is available right now for that. We will do a budget analysis on the hangar. Councilman Plaisance stated that many jets land at the airport especially during duck hunting season. The biggest one that lands there is a Gulf Stream 4. It would be very nice to see the runway lengthened. Councilwoman White stated she met with Mike Mouton to make sure they are letting the people who come in on those planes know about our hotels and our restaurants. Mike stated he is doing that and she talked to him about putting a brochure at the airport because they do not have one. One thing that was not on Councilman Touchet's report that Mike did talk about was grading the limestone driveway to the heliport. Mayor Piazza stated anytime the

people at the airport want to meet with the FAA people, Danielle is right there in Baton Rouge. She will come into for a meeting to discuss the projects. Our six-year plan has been presented to FAA. It is almost 4 million dollars of improvements to the airport. Just about all of that is funded by the FAA. The airport is a tremendous asset for our community.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor