

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on January 16, 2018 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, Jr., 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
Joshua Guillory, Candidate for Congress
Peter LeBlanc, database for Veterans
Jim Ruiz

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Joshua Guillory to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to ratify bills paid in the month of December 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 5, 2017, the regular City Council meetings held on December 5, 2017 and December 19, 2017 and the special City Council meeting held on December 27, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments on any agenda item. There were none.

Mr. Joshua Guillory discussed his candidacy for Congress in 2018 for the 3rd district. He is running because we need a voice. Our district deserves to be represented by someone that lives in the district. He lives in Youngsville and is a small business owner. He is a lawyer. He is an Army veteran. He served in Iraq in 2005. There are inadequacies and inefficiencies in Washington. He is tired of their inability to come up with solutions. If a good idea is a good idea, it shouldn't matter whose idea it is. We need to balance the budget. We need to budget to a surplus. He asked for their vote on November 6, 2018. He is in favor of term limits.

Mr. Peter LeBlanc appeared to request funding for the Military database. It is intended for Louisiana military across the state. He will also approach the Police Jury. The project is worthwhile and a good way to honor our veterans. He is requesting \$100.00 per month.

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the payment of \$100.00 per month to Mr. Peter LeBlanc for funding for the Military database. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Ruiz discussed a suggested assessment of Police response to the murder of Dylan Plowden. If we assess our response to this tragedy we can ascertain the effectiveness of the chosen strategy. This way we can learn to see what works and what does not. Data is needed in order to assist with the assessment. He provided a list of those data items required for the assessment from the City, the Police Department and the community. He also asked if the strategy addressed the prospect of future violent attacks. Sufficient time would need to be given to gather the data. He suggested the Mayor and City Council form a committee of citizens and public servants to review the data gathered. Councilman Touchet asked that the three candidates for Chief of Police attend the next City Council meeting. Leadership will be the key. He wants two questions answered by the candidates. How will you be strategically, fiscally responsible for the \$3,000,000 plus you get every year. What is your strategic plan for curbing crime over the next four years. Mayor Piazza thanked Mr. Ruiz for his time and interest in this matter.

**Plaisance/Broussard
Resolution 18-01**

A resolution adopting the 2018 holiday schedule.

The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to appoint Andrew Dozier to the Abbeville Planning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to purchase a used super rake for field maintenance for the Parks and Recreation Department from Ladd's in the amount of \$7,934.80. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the quote from Capital Electric & Supply in the amount of \$8,850.00 for a pump for Sellers Lift Station. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the final pay estimate to R. J. Broussard General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,128.00 for the water service line to the County Agent Building. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract for the demolition of the Hebert Fire Station (Sub 2) to the low bidder, Acadiana Shell & Limestone in the amount of \$19,150.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract for the repair of the bridge on John Hardy Drive to the low bidder, L & R Construction Co., Inc. of Kaplan at a cost of \$71,962.25. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/Broussard
Resolution R18-02**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury pertaining to the repair of the bridge on John Hardy Drive.

The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the final plat for Lauren Parc Development, contingent upon them putting up the fence as required. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated we wanted to make sure Lauren Parc fulfilled all their verbal agreements to us. Specifically, there were some drainage issues and the concern about them building a fence. Clay has been in contact with them and the person they have hired to build the fence. The Council should approve the plat contingent upon them putting up the fence. Richard Primeaux stated he would handle this.

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *Will begin advertising for bids for the new fire station on 3/21/18 and we will open bids on 4/17/18.*
- *Councilman Touchet asked him to look at road and ditch on 711 Putnam.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Asked everyone to be careful tonight since the roads are beginning to ice and to pray for our employees who have to work in those conditions.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *The public is being very disrespectful when our crews are picking up litter. They are littering in front of our workers after they have picked up on the litter. Please keep your litter to yourself and dispose of it properly. This is disheartening to our City Workers.*
- *Asked Kathy to contact each Chief of Police candidate to be at the next City Council meeting.*
- *Thanked the citizens in District B for allowing him to serve them for the next four years. He will continue to strive to be fiscally responsible and the meet their needs. His goal will be to curb crime.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. The day was very successful. It was a great day.*
- *Please get out there for the election. He is looking forward to working with everyone for the next four years.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Compliments to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day committee. It was a beautiful and successful day. He also thanked Chief Hardy and his officers.*
- *Thanked the citizens of District C for returning him to office. He is available 24 hours a day and he hopes to hear from them for their concerns or compliments.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Really enjoyed the events for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. He especially liked the children's program and the parade.*
- *Thanked the citizens of Abbeville for re-electing him without opposition. He really enjoys serving. He is always there for the public, 24 hours a day. He is very privileged to continue to work with the Mayor and the Council.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor