

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on July 11, 2017 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: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Employees Civil Service Board

Mayor Piazza stated we are here today for an Ordinance Committee meeting chaired by Councilman Wayne Landry. He turned the floor over to Councilman Landry.

Councilman Landry stated the item is to discuss a proposed amendment to Chapter 6 – Electrical Utility, to repeal Section 6-4.1; to amend and renumber 6-4.1.1; and amend and supplement Section 6-8 – Power cost adjustment. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Funderburk to outline the ordinance timing.

Mr. Funderburk stated if the ordinance is adopted at the next City Council meeting on July 18, 2017 then it will be advertised in the newspaper and it will be effective in 30 days.

Mayor Piazza stated then it would be effective 30 days and this important because our first billing cycle in the month of August is around the 19th of the month. This ordinance would reflect on that first bill in August. The ordinance is a slight increase to the amount of contribution to the Utility Reserve Account. This is thanks to the electrical contract which took effect June 1st. This ordinance allows the City to keep a portion of that savings and it will also allow us to pass a large percentage of the savings to the customers.

Ike explained the part of the ordinance dealing with 6-4.1 and 6-4.1.1. Each rate structure in the utility rates begin with an alphabetical letter. We have E and E-1. The only customer who qualified for the rates in E-1 was Walmart. Walmart has added a computer program that regulates their usage. Their utility bill has dropped significantly so they no longer qualify for that rate. We will repeal 6-4.1 and that means we have to renumber 6-4.1.1 to take its place. It will be now become schedule E. This is just a cosmetic change. There are no changes in the internal operation of that rate. The rate stays the same.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to recommend to the City Council to adopt the ordinance amending Chapter 6- Electrical Utility, to repeal Section 6-4.1; to amend and renumber 6-4.1.1; and to amend and supplement Section 6-8 – Power Cost Adjustment at their next meeting scheduled for July 18, 2017. 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