

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on June 13, 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, 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  
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Civil Service Board Member  
Lloyd Campisi, Health Insurance Agent  
Wayne Touchet, Police Juror

*Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Joe Hardy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of May 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meetings held on May 2, 2017 and May 16, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if anyone had any comments about any agenda item prior to action. There were no comments.*

**Touchet/Wayne  
Resolution R17-14**

*A resolution adopting the millage rates for 2017 as follows:*

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>5.32 mills</i>
<i>Public Improvement Fund</i>	<i><u>1.33 mills</u></i>
<i>TOTAL MILLAGE</i>	<i>6.65 mills</i>

*The resolution was adopted unanimously.*

*Mr. Lloyd Campisi presented the renewal from UMR for health insurance. The renewal is set for July 1, 2017. There is no increase in costs. This rate is guaranteed for the next two years. There are no changes in benefits either. Councilman Broussard stated our employees and retirees will receive enhanced benefits with the renewal. 3-D mammograms will be included in our plan. Also,*

*employees and retirees will have a telephone number to talk to a health professional 24 hours a day before going to the emergency room or clinic. All this comes with the expertise of Lloyd Campisi and Lisa Ortego. The Insurance Committee endorses this renewal. Councilman Touchet stated having Lloyd here and available to answer our insurance questions is a great benefit.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the renewal for health insurance on July 1, 2017 as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/Landry  
Resolution R17-15**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a real estate lease with Sassy Suds Carwash, LLC.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize advertisement for bids for 28 air packs for the Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the contract for emergency debris removal related to a natural disaster. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the contract with Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, LLC for professional engineering services in connection with extraordinary emergency recovery events. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated that Clay and Stewart have been working to get price quotes from different contractors for power restoration after a natural disaster. None of them will guarantee availability so it is hard to get them to put it in a contractual basis. They will only quote you current and existing prices so that you have something to compare it with in the time of the natural disaster so you know that they are not price gouging you when the time comes. No one will give you a contract guaranteeing service in the electrical industry. We do have to go through the motions because the state requires us to complete procurement efforts so that is what we are attempting to do. Stewart is still waiting on a few prices. Harvey Dubois had an accident on the job about a week ago and underwent surgery. We are waiting on a quote from him too. The Mayor needs approval from the Council to continue to negotiate in the event of a natural disaster with the emergency power restoration contractors as well as Control Devices.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the Mayor to continue to negotiate with the electrical restoration providers and Control Devices to obtain a contract for emergency power restoration in the event of a natural disaster. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the plans and specifications for Southland Mobile Home Park – Phase II (road, drainage and sewer). The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve a Class A/Class R liquor license for Midway on the Square located at 124 Concord pending completion and approval of all necessary final inspections. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve a special event permit and waive the permit fee for Abbeville General Hospital to hold a suicide prevention/awareness event at Magdalen Square on September 9, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *The contractor on Coulee Kinney road is finished but still needs to complete dress-up. The traveling lanes are much better since some of the holes have been patched. Everyone who is low to moderate income have been connected to the system. Three other residents who are not low to moderate income are awaiting their plumbers to connect them to the system. The culverts have been installed. The Police Jury reconstruction and overlay of the road should begin in about 30 days.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *The street lights for the James Noel Development are in. We will begin installing those first in the subdivision where the residents are.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *There is a Farmers' Market this Saturday in Magdalen Square.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Offered the family of Raleigh Cox his prayers and condolences. Raleigh passed away recently. Mayor Piazza stated Raleigh's expertise will be missed. He was instrumental in negotiating our power cost contracts. He worked with the City of Abbeville for over 30 years.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor