

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on June 19, 2018 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Francis Plaisance, Mayor Pro-Tem, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brady Broussard, Jr., Wayne Landry and Joe Hardy

Members Absent: Mayor Mark Piazza
Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber & the American Legion
Roslyn R. White, District A Councilwoman-Elect
Terry Y. Broussard, District D Councilwoman-Elect
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Civil Service Board
Megan Plowden and her family members

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

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to accept the resignations of Ryan Boutte and Shane Meaux from the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Plaisance welcomed Councilwoman Roslyn White and Councilwoman Terry Broussard.

He asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none.

Ms. Dean LeBlanc addressed the Council regarding the monument on West Port Street. It is a commemoration of the old CC Camps that were here once. She wanted the monument and uncovered and possibly moved. Councilman Plaisance stated DOTD is responsible for that location since it is a State highway. We have contacted them but he does not know what their intentions are. He asked Mr. Gerald Gaspard who may have put up that monument. Mr. Gaspard stated he did not know. Councilman Plaisance stated we have no jurisdiction there. However, in the kindness of their heart, the people who have moved there have removed the items they had that were covering it. He and Mr. Funderburk went out there and met with them. He told them it was a piece of history and he explained to them what he knew about it. They were not aware of the significance of it and moved their stuff covering it very quickly.

-02 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to table item number 2, presentation of keys to the City to Myrtle Douglas, Ronald Darby, Elbert Dawson and Anita Levy by Councilman Landry. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Landry wanted to thank these people for all they have done. They have done great things for our City. We tabled this because it needs to be done when the Mayor is here. We will reschedule it later.

Councilman Wayne Landry presented a proclamation to Megan Plowden and her family. The proclamation proclaims July 30, 2018 as Dylan Plowden Day in the City of Abbeville. This date is Dylan's birthday.

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the quote from Southwest Versalift in the amount of \$13,468.20 to repair the ten-year old bucket truck. The motion carried unanimously.

**Broussard/Landry
Resolution R18-16**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Abbeville and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to overlay the 200th block of South Miles and South Lamar.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Primeaux stated the concrete pour for the slab for the Hebert Fire Substation will occur on June 29, 2018 beginning at 4:00 A.M.

-04 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the tract division for the KFC property located at 101 Summers Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Joe Hardy to approve the repair to the stair screen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at a cost of \$8,175.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the purchase of transformers for stock from Solomon at a cost of \$5,370.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *We have been working on the Downtown Sidewalk Project for several years now. DOTD, at the last hour, is calling for a public hearing on that project. It is scheduled to be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at City Hall between 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. It will be advertised and the proper personnel will be notified.*

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Thanked Councilman Hardy and Councilman Landry for their years of service to the City of Abbeville. It has been a pleasure to work with them during his term here.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *It has been a pleasure working with Councilman Hardy and Councilman Landry over the last few years. We got to know each other pretty good and we always worked well together to do the best we can for the City of Abbeville. It has been an honor and pleasure to work with both of you. I will continue to see you around town.*

Councilman Joe Hardy,

- *Wanted to thank God and the people that put him in office. He had a lot of ups and downs but he survived. He wanted to thank the people that put him there. He always tried to do his best.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *He was on the Council for 10 years. Those were some of the best years of his life. God raises people up and God sets people down. Believe it or not his time was up with the Council. As much as he wanted to be here, God will not allow it. We fell short at the polls but gained in the Kingdom. He has a church he has to pastor and God saw fit that he has to spend more time with the people of God. He has a higher calling than his Council duties which he respects to the uttermost. As a matter of fact, nothing happens in his life unless God allows it. For God not to allow me to continue being a public figure, only means that he has more for me to do in a spiritual realm. In his life, whatever God allows is alright with him. He is not hanging his head down and he is not ashamed and unhappy. He feels free and relieved. He is happier without all the weight and pressure hanging over him now. He can enjoy his newly found freedom and spend more time with his new grandchildren. He can spend private time with his family. He has worked very hard in District D. He has accomplished a lot, helped a lot, and went above and beyond the call of duty, sometimes too far. He will miss the people of the City of Abbeville, District D and City Hall. These are some good people here. They work hard to make the people of Abbeville comfortable. I have made some good friends here. They are like family. District D have made their choice. He didn't lose we just came short at the polls. District D lost an experienced Councilman. Best wishes to the new Councilperson. These are some big shoes to fill. Please be there day and night for your district. Please keep your word even when the floods come and the hurricanes come. Check the street lights at night to see if they are burnt out. Show your people that you love them. Follow the law because you have now lost your freedom and your privacy while he has gained his. Politics is what we do, it is not who we are. A lot of people get that misconstrued and they think it is about them. It is about the people. He moves onto another chapter in his life accepting the challenge. Take care of your City and your district. This is people's lives hanging in the balance. They will need you. Keep an open door policy and work hard. Love everybody. His major accomplishments were the smoke-free zone, the retention pond which relieved flooding on Franks Alley, overlaid over 100 streets and the pathways to success taking youth to summer camp every summer. He feels good about what he did. He will work hard with Ms. Terry. She can call him anytime. His door is always open. He recognized his Aunt Earline here tonight. Thank you to the Mayor and all the Council members. We have traveled many places together and ate many meals together. We had fun, laughed and cried. We took care of each other and watched each other's back. It is a thin line when you a Councilman when dealing with ethics violations. There are lines you can't cross and people want you to cross those lines. They want you to go above and beyond. They want you to break the law and to do things that are virtually impossible. People don't understand that your hands are tied. You can only do so much or you will get arrested and go to jail. I am not going to jail for anyone. Beware and don't let people*

push you over the edge. God bless you. He will continue to pray for everyone and will come by and visit. He has a bright future ahead of him. He thanked Mr. Gene Sellers for everything. Thank you for lifting me up when I was down. I could talk to you anytime. He will never forget him.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *God works in mysterious ways. He has a road map for each and every one of us even though we don't know where that road goes. He wants to thank Councilman Hardy and Councilman Landry. He does believe in the promise that God has made to each of us that he will take care of these gentlemen and reward them for their public service and their Christian way. He wishes them the best in their retirement. He asks our Lord and Holy Spirit to please be with Ms. Roslyn White and Ms. Terry Broussard as they embark on this new journey at this table. He believes great things will come from them. They will do the best for their districts and we will be here to help them in that. He hopes the public does join the City for that historical swearing in at Magdalen Square on June 29th at noon. It is a special thing for our City where we will have two Councilwomen serving together. He wants to thank Chief Tony Hardy for his service and he hopes God blesses him with a great retirement.*
- *He asked Mr. Ray to come to this meeting. We just finished a very successful Daylily Festival. Mrs. Denise Mire is not with us this evening. Mr. Ray made sure over and over that Magdalen Square was free leaves, trash and mildew. When our visitors to our City make comments about the work that you have done and the work that Denise did, he wanted you to be here to know how much we appreciate the job you do to make our City look better. The people that put on the Daylily Festival commented that this was the best they could remember. It was a big success that has a lot to do with the preparation Mr. Ray did to get that Square in shape. We appreciate that and please keep up the good work.*
- *Hope our Mayor has safe travel back from the national conference in New Orleans and Councilman Touchet has safe travel back from his family vacation.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *He appreciated working with Councilman Hardy and Councilman Landry. He and Joe grew up together. He has to recognize Joe for 40 years of public service. It has been such a pleasure working with you Councilman Landry and Councilman Hardy. We wish both of you the best as you move forward. He also thanked Chief Hardy for his service.*
- *Wanted to remind everyone about the swearing in ceremony for the Mayor, City Council and Police Chief. It will occur on Friday, June 29, 2018 at noon at Magdalen Square. We are making history since we have two wonderful ladies coming in. Please come join us and pray for good weather. Our Square is so beautiful.*
- *At noon on July 6, 2018, at the Red Barn, we will be having a meal for all those involved in the Cleanest City Contest work. All the Council and the Mayor are also invited.*
- *Wanted to recognize the electrical crew. At 2413 Camella Street, there is a transformer on the post. A dove had a nest on the transformer and she had little babies. The transformer went out. Our electrical crew went out. They took the nest off the top of the transformer and carefully set it on the ground while the momma dove was watching them. They changed the transformer and then carefully put the nest back up. The dove went ahead and finished raising her babies there. That is the kind of people we have working for us. We have workers throughout the City like that that work for us.*

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Plaisance declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Francis Plaisance
Mayor Pro-Tem