

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on June 21, 2016 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, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brady Broussard, Jr., Wayne Landry, Joe Hardy and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Tony Hardy, Police Chief

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a committee meeting for the Ordinance Committee. He turned the floor over the Councilman Wayne Landry.

Councilman Landry stated we have three items for consideration by the Ordinance Committee. The first item is to consider an ordinance to amend Section 5-10 pertaining to the separation of commercial and residential areas. He asked Mr. Funderburk to explain the amendment.

Mr. Funderburk stated he has provided the current provision to the Council. He has not made any revisions at this time because there are a couple of issues Richard Primeaux has from an engineering perspective. He has provided photographs of samples of his concerns pertaining to line of sight provisions when dealing with fences. Mr. Primeaux stated anytime you are dealing with a fence that is over six feet, it kicks in the permitting process. This is good because they have to follow IBC codes dealing with construction. The one thing that is not listed is the type of material that can be used. The current code is on the vague side. We have to be very specific when dealing with the type of material that can be used for a fence. The next issue is that a high fence can sometimes create a line of sight problem. We need to have criteria dealing with line of sight of traffic. A six foot fence needs to transition down to a three foot fence not to interfere with the line of sight. This will only happen to you 1% to 2% of the time. We are only talking about the last 15 feet and at intersecting intersections. Councilman Plaisance stated we need to modify the ordinance that an 8 foot fence is needed between commercial and residential areas without an option to provide a variance. Mr. Funderburk stated some of the new construction is elevated so if we look at an 8 foot fence then we need to put a starting point. It needs to be 8 feet from the elevation.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2016 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 5-10 pertaining to separation of commercial and residential areas by fences. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Landry stated the next two items pertained to right of access of the City's water and electric meters. Mr. Funderburk stated we have recently had a rash of problems with meter readers having access to our meters. This ordinance makes it clear that we have the right to enter property to conduct reading of meters.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2016 to adopt an ordinance pertaining to right to enter and grant accessibility to water and electrical meters. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVE:

Mark Piazza
Mayor