

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on March 10, 2017, at 1:15 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
Denise Mire, Interim Parks & Recreation Director
Anita Levy & Pastor Steve Delino, Parks & Recreation Board members
Jacob Landry, QSA
Raymond Frederick

Mayor Piazza asked Pastor Steve Delino to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor stated this is a special meeting of the City Council and we only have one item which is to authorize the Mayor to execute the revised contract with QSA to outsource the management of the City's Youth Recreation Program.

Mr. Funderburk had prepared a packet for the City Council to review. The first document is the proposal to QSA. This is the document from the February meeting when we originally agreed to turn a proposal into a contract. This is the one that was approved at the meeting. The second document is the proposal that was turned into the notarial act that could be signed and become a valid contract. The third document is an email from Mr. Picard that has attached to it the document that he lke sent to them with their requested changes in red ink. He met with the Mayor after receiving the email and they went through their requested changes and found that there were a couple of things in there that nobody had thought of. That was that Luquette Field is used for the girls softball so it needs to be treated the same way as Seller's Field and Theriot Field. The girls softball comes first before QSA. Back in February, the contract provided for QSA to have an office in the building at Delcambre Field, that has been changed to Badon Field. The building at Delcambre is being used for storage of sports equipment and is not appropriate for their needs. After review of the contract as they requested the revisions, he made a couple of changes along those two lines and cleaned up a typo or two. Now we have the present contract with all of the changes from both sides incorporated into it. This is the contract for consideration today. The last document in the file is a copy of the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

Councilman Touchet asked if all of the changes had been communicated to QSA. Mr. Funderburk stated it had been.

Denise Mire stated that Vorhoff is used by Harvestime for girls softball.

Councilman Plaisance stated his big issue is to accommodate those kids who are not able to pay to play. We are giving them \$75,000 so there should be a provision in the contract about that. This whole contract is about organized sports in order to have another area to practice. He wants to make sure that all kids have an opportunity to play. He thought there was an application that QSA utilizes to determine if a child is eligible for fee exemption. Mr. Funderburk stated it is one of their internal documents. It is not part of the contract but it is related to the contract. Mr. Jake Landry stated the form is modeled after the Lafayette Rec program. Councilman Plaisance stated the form needs to be part of the contract. Mr. Funderburk stated the language in the goals and objectives captures this. We can attach the form as an addendum. Councilman Hardy stated he is not for paying them \$75,000. It is too much money. Councilman Plaisance stated he will vote yes, although hesitant, because we can add the fee exemption form as an addendum.

A person in the audience asked field usage for practice of middle school teams and travel teams of Abbeville kids. Will they be pushed aside from using the fields? Mr. Jake Landry stated they will charge a fee for them to practice on the field. Mayor Piazza stated all schools will have priority with their programs. Councilman Broussard stated they have communicated with coaches and he thinks everyone will work together and it will work out.

**Plaisance/Touchet
Resolution R17-05**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the revised agreement with Quality Sports Authority, Inc. The contract includes all the revisions discussed and the addition of the fee exemption form as addendum #1.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

<i>YEAS:</i>	<i>4(Plaisance, Broussard, Landry, Touchet)</i>
<i>NAYS:</i>	<i>1(Hardy)</i>
<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>ABSTAIN:</i>	<i>0</i>

Therefore the motion carried.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor