

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on March 20, 2018 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: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Tom Carroll, Engineer
Anne Falgout, Vermilion Economic Development District
Anita Levy and Pastor Steve Delino, Parks and Recreation Board
Pastor Osborne Taylor

Mayor Piazza asked Pastor Osborne Taylor to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ike Funderburk to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Anne Falgout stated the Police Jury is having the building located at 407 Charity Street appraised to offer for sale. That is where their office is currently located. Her board asked her to approach the Council to request to relocate their office in the old tourist commission building on the by-pass. This would be a great professional atmosphere as it is centrally located in Abbeville. Everyone would have access to our resources. We submitted a proposal modeled after the agreement the Tourist Commission has. They would occupy the space free of rent. They would maintain the interior of the facility, the office supplies and the utilities. They would like the City to maintain the outside of the facility and the landscaping.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to table any action on the proposal to move the Vermilion Parish Development Alliance into the old Tourist Commission building in order for the City to look at different options and other requests. The motion carried unanimously.

***Touchet/Broussard
Ordinance 18-01***

An ordinance amending the sign ordinance relative to programmable electronic signs.

The motion was to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Plaisance, Broussard, Landry, Hardy, Touchet)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to reappoint Mr. Allen Ramke to the Abbeville Municipal Employees Civil Service Board since his term will expire on May 30, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

The following bids were received for the new air conditioning/heating system at City Court:

<i>F & R Air Conditioning, Inc.</i>	<i>\$11,800.00</i>
<i>Desormeaux's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.</i>	<i>\$11,570.00</i>
<i>Air Source One Cooling & Heating, Inc.</i>	<i>\$13,722.17</i>
<i>Caffery Colling & Heating</i>	<i>\$12,441.00</i>
<i>Advanced A/C & Electric, LLC</i>	<i>\$16,200.00</i>

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract to change the air conditioning/heating system at City Court to the low bidder, Desormeaux's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. in the amount of \$11,570.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to authorize advertisement for bids for the new Hebert Fire Substation #2. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to grant a variance to waive permitting fees for the new Hebert Fire Substation #2. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to amend the special event permit to change the date from March 17, 2018 to April 28, 2018 for PUSH to hold a bike ride to raise money for repairs to Herod Gym. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve pay estimate #1 in the amount of \$24,818.54 for the Airport Road/Rodeo Road Drainage Improvement Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *Discussed the bridge on John Hardy Drive. The equipment of the asphalt crew broke down about two weeks ago. He was informed the equipment has been repaired and the overlay is scheduled to begin Monday. Once that occurs we have to submit the new rating to the State for their approval and they have to inspect the bridge. Once they approve it, we will be able to reopen the bridge. They are in contact with DOTD bridge personnel and we have asked them to expedite the inspection. However, we are at their mercy.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Offered best wishes to each of the candidates. He commended each candidate for running clean races. We appreciate your interest in running. Please encourage everyone to go out and vote.*

Councilman Joe Hardy

- *Asked Clay Menard to contact the Police Jury to tell them to send the grab truck on the West side of the river. The trash is piling up since they haven't been there in a while.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Wished everyone best of luck in the election.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *General Bob LeBlanc will be recognized by Congress. We are very proud that he is a veteran from our City that will be recognized.*
- *Sounds on the Square is this Thursday beginning at 5:30 PM.*
- *Candidates please pick up your signs after the election is over.*
- *We will have the Leaders Against Litter breakfast this Friday at City Hall.*
- *We will be having basketball with the Vermilion Parish Basketball Academy. Registration will begin in April. Games will be from May through July in Abbeville. This is for our children.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor