

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on May 1, 2018 at 5:00 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., Joe Hardy and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: Councilman Wayne Landry

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Steve Moosa, CPA

The first committee on the agenda to meet was the Finance Committee. It was for a quarterly update on the status of the budget and expenses.

Mr. Steve Moosa presented the information. His presentation was regarding the first three months of 2018. The first sheet discussed cash balances and compared them to 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2016. The cash balances are very much in-line with the last four years. The next page was a revenue analysis. Total sales tax revenue is down 2.5% but we had anticipated, in the budget, a 5% decrease. So, you are actually ahead of what was budgeted. Water and sewer revenue are both up by about \$45,000.00. We can attribute this to the very cold weather we had in January and February. People dripped their faucets to protect them from freezing. This increased the usage. We also have a 9% increase in kilowatts sold. The revenue was up nearly \$95,000.00. The next page was a payroll analysis. Payroll is the major expense to the City. Payroll is right in line for the first three months. The final page is an expenditure analysis. We are \$33,000.00 ahead of budget now in the general fund. We are ahead of budget in the utility fund by \$74,000.00. There is nothing in the first quarter that stands out as unusual. Things are actually ahead of budget. It is very positive. Councilman Touchet asked Mr. Moosa if there is anything they need to keep an eye on. Mr. Moosa stated to keep a trend on the revenue sources. If it looks like revenue dips significantly, then we have to cut expenses.

The second committee was the Ordinance Committee. It was to discuss an amendment to Chapter 4, Animal and Fowls, section 4.1 definitions. Mr. Funderburk stated loose chickens tend to be a recurring problem. No one claims the chickens so we will fine tune the definition dealing with ownership. Anyone who harbors livestock is presumed to be the owner of it. Once we have that in place, then we will have someone to talk to about the chickens.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their regular meeting on May 15, 2018 to adopt an ordinance to amend Chapter 4, Animals and Fowls, section 4.1, definitions. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor