

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on May 1, 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., Joe Hardy and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: Councilman Wayne Landry

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Tom Carroll, Engineer
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber & the American Legion
Roslyn R. White, District A Councilwoman-Elect
Terry Y. Broussard, District D Councilwoman-Elect
Bill Spearman, Police Chief-Elect

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on April 3, 2018 and the regular City Council meetings held on April 3, 2018 and April 17, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

**Plaisance/Broussard
Resolution R18-12**

A resolution to adopt the millage rates for the tax year 2018 as follows:

<i>General Fund</i>	<i>5.32 mills</i>
<i>Public Improvement Fund</i>	<i><u>1.33 mills</u></i>
<i>Total Millage</i>	<i>6.65 mills</i>

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Richard Primeaux discussed the Hebert Fire Substation No. 2. We received two bidders. The low bidder was Minvielle Lumber at \$478,550.00. This is \$133,000.00 over the budget. Councilman Plaisance stated we need the fire station. Mayor Piazza stated we do have the money to fund the difference in sales tax. That is what taxpayer dollars are for. Councilman Hardy asked Mr. Primeaux how big the building is. Mr. Primeaux stated the fire room is 1,250 square feet and the truck bay is 900 square feet. The total is 2,100 square feet of living space and this does not include the front porch. The completion date will be 11/15/18. Chief Jude Mire explained the entire project will cost \$541,000.00 including design. Our Maintenance and Operation Fund

has \$322,000.00 in it right now. According to Kathy Faulk, she feels comfortable keeping a balance of \$100,000.00 in that account. So, we can utilize \$222,000.00. The Mayor already put \$110,000.00 in the sales tax budget and we should receive between \$70,000.00 to \$80,000.00 for the 2% fire rebate. Once you add this up we are still \$133,000.00 short. Councilman Broussard thanked the Mayor for his hard work on this project. This fire station is badly needed on the West side because of the flood. This will be great to have across the river. Councilman Plaisance thanked the Fire Chief for his part in this and he has spoken to many constituents in that area and they will be happy to see their fire station rebuilt.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Joe Hardy to award the contract to build the Hebert Fire Substation No. 2 to the apparent low bidder, Minvielle Lumber, at a cost of \$478,550.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Plaisance distributed the drawing of the final design of the sign for the Lafitte Drive-In Park. It is all LED and it resembles the old sign that was there before. It has 100 interchangeable letters. The cost is \$12,750.00. This cost does include installation.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Joe Hardy to approve the purchase of the sign for Lafitte Drive-In Park from Rayne Plastic Signs, Inc. at a cost of \$12,750.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve partial payment estimate number 4 (final) to Elliott Construction in the amount \$21,288.97 for the Tee Dud Road Sewer Extension Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to surplus a seized 2012 lime green Dodge Challenger awarded to the Abbeville Police Department and to authorize advertisement for bids with a minimum bid of \$15,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the recommendation of the hearing officer for hearings held on April 26, 2018 for the following properties: 810 & 810-A Solomon/dilapidated house and mobile home/given 5 days, 801 E. St. Victor/grass, abandoned pool, secure structure/given 7 days, 414 Duroq St./dilapidated mobile home/given 25 days, 1618 Oscar/dilapidated burnt house/given 25 days, 1602 Timber Trail/dilapidated burnt mobile home/given 14 days, 1429 S. La./junk, abandoned vehicles/given 15 days, 111 N. Guegnon/junk, permit for structure/given 14 days, 122-B S. John Hardy Dr./tall grass, tires on property/certificate of completion issued, 1722 Maude Ave./camper tied into City water and sewer/given 20 days, 1105 Charity/permit required to repair roof and to remove blue tarp/given 10 days. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Broussard complimented Donna Baudoin, Sarah Alpough and Ike Funderburk for their work with these properties.

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *Patching of roadcuts will begin 5/7/18.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Today is his wedding anniversary and his wife is waiting for him to take her eat out tonight so he won't say much.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *The residents on Jean Lafitte Boulevard are complaining that there are some kids swimming in the pond at night. How are they getting into the pond? Councilman Plaisance stated we are waiting for Mr. Gene Sellers to plan the fence to close in the back side. There is no fence on the back side. Councilman Broussard stated the City received signs today for that area. The signs will warn of the danger and no swimming. That will go up around the perimeter so the City is protected. The signs will go up tomorrow. Clay Menard stated the South and Southwest sides are open. There is also an opening on the north side because we had to leave a path for the drainage board to be able to pass.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *It was a very exciting time downtown Saturday. The Fire Department was doing some evacuation exercises at the Courthouse.*
- *We completed the bore under the concrete surrounding City Hall to run our electrical lines underground. This is part of the plan to beautify this parking lot.*
- *The members of the ARC of Vermilion helped out the City by painting this parking lot. It was a beautiful day.*
- *Wished the Mayor and his wife a Happy Anniversary.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Wished the Mayor and his wife a Happy Anniversary.*
- *He asked Richard Primeaux to give an update of the asphalt failure of the bridge on John Hardy Drive. Mr. Primeaux stated the contractor went out to investigate and there appears to be some problems with the base. It is a warranty item and they will have to fix the base and the asphalt. We will have to close the bridge for one to two days. It will not cost the City anything.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor