

The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on May 18, 2018 at 10:30 A.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Francis Plaisance, Mayor Pro-Tem, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Mayor Pro-Tem, Brady Broussard, Jr., Wayne Landry and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: Mayor Mark Piazza
Councilman Joe Hardy

Also Present: Ben Rivera and Colton Daigle, Insurance Agents

Councilman Plaisance dispensed with the prayer and the pledge. He asked if there were any comments from the public for any agenda item prior to action. There were none. He turned the floor over to the Insurance Committee Chairman, Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

Councilman Broussard stated we are here today because it is absolutely necessary to renew our Workers Compensation insurance because it is expiring tomorrow. The City has shopped this and we shopped it to get better value for our citizens. The shopping turned up more information than just better premiums. We will have a more comprehensive service on workers compensation. Today we will have a solution to our needs. This is not just workers compensation. Under state law, if we were to try and use workers compensation for our auxiliary policemen, that would be denied because state statute clearly says they are not employees by law. That is why we have a comprehensive solution to that for a very good cost. We can add an accident policy for the auxiliary officers that has death benefits to dismember benefits. It also has medical and other payments. This is a solution to our needs to take care of those people who put that uniform on for us but are not employees of our City. This Council feels we need to do something for them. He turned over the floor to Ben Rivera.

Mr. Rivera stated he and Colton Daigle worked very diligently with Councilman Broussard and Kathy to put together this comprehensive quote. We quoted the same limits as your current carrier. The premium proposed by LWCC is \$405,749.00 as based on estimated payrolls. The accident policy would provide excess coverage for your auxiliary officers. We currently have about 12 of those so this policy would cover those 12 officers. Kathy Faulk asked about the quotation requesting 25% of the estimate as a down payment. This is a lot of money to put down at one time. We paid 12 monthly payments with nothing down with our current carrier. Mr. Colton Daigle stated he would make a call to LWCC to see what other arrangements could be made.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the workers compensation quote in the amount of \$405,749.00 as offered by LWCC and the auxiliary officers accident policy in the amount of \$402.00 as offered by K & K Insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Broussard stated our health insurance consultant is still working on our renewal for 7/1/18. He should have that ready for Tuesday so we cannot take action on that item today. Our consultant stated the early numbers are not as bad as he thought and he is working closely with Lisa Ortego to get that premium as low as we can.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to table the approval of the health insurance proposal for 7/1/18 since the proposal was not yet ready. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, Councilman Plaisance declared this meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Francis Plaisance
Councilman at Large
Mayor Pro-Tem