

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on November 1, 2016 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, Wayne Landry, Joe Hardy, and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Tony Hardy, Police Chief  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director

*Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on October 4, 2016 and October 18, 2016, the committee meeting held on October 18, 2016 and the special joint meeting of the City Council and the Parks Recreation Board held on October 11, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the probational appointment of Heather Fontenot, Peyton Hardy and one dispatcher to replace the person leaving on 11/18/16 to the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments for any agenda item. There were none.*

**Plaisance/Landry**  
**Resolution R16-35**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for utilization of a transportation center at the Council of Aging center.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Landry/Touchet**  
**Resolution R16-36**

*A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute two intergovernmental agreements and a contract of occupancy with the Vermilion Council on Aging regarding the Abbeville Senior Citizens Center and Gertie Huntsberry Park.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mayor Piazza stated we will request in the contractual agreement that the City will have a couple of positions on that board. We have ownership of the building and the park and we should have some say so as to what goes on there. We haven't in the past and it is past-time we take control of our property. Mr. Funderburk stated the contract will allow them to have the non-exclusive use of the building. They are going to have the same operating hours as Gertie Huntsberry Park. They also have non-exclusive use of the parking lot. It is a five year term with up to four additional term options. The City will maintain the roof and the walls and the major plumbing and electrical repairs. They will maintain the interior plumbing fixtures. They will pay all utilities and will hold us harmless from any claims made against them. They will have one million dollar insurance coverage per person and two million dollars coverage per occurrence. They will operate the senior citizen center. Councilman Touchet stated he would like to get back on that board.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *Councilman Touchet asked about the trailer on John Hardy Drive. Clay stated they sent them a letter and they started to tear it down but they did not apply for a permit. We don't know who is tearing it down. Mayor Piazza asked that it be put back on the list for the hearing process in November. Mr. Funderburk stated the trailer owner is responsible.*
- *Councilman Landry asked about the tree on Lyman and Godchaux. Clay stated it went through the hearing process and bid packages were sent out to take care of that.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Had a nice homecoming parade this past weekend. Over 400 people participated in the Movies in the Square. We will have another homecoming parade this weekend and the Omelette Festival. We had Scare on the Square last night and it went well.*
- *They have been dredging the coulee and they are doing a great job. Would like them to come back to Old Kaplan Highway to clean that area. Councilman Plaisance stated Mr. Gene Sellers will present his findings and present the costs of the work that needs to be done. The Police Jury and drainage board are on board.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Good Morning America nationwide showed the Giant Omelette Festival celebration.*
- *When we went to the state convention we were shown a defibrillator. He asked the Mayor to purchase three of them this year. The cost is \$1,495 per unit under state contract. Two would be for City Hall and we could put one at the park. Jack Harrington will instruct the staff how to use the machine.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Dittoed everything the Mayor said about the downtown activity.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor