

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on November 15, 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  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Dwayne Davidson, Contractor  
Lexi Baldrige, Iberia Bank

*Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting and the Committee meeting both held on November 1, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of October 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the probational appointment of Emily LeBlanc to the position of dispatcher with the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to amend the agenda to add the following under new business: #6 to award the contract for the Palms Subdivision Sewer System extension pump station #32 project, #7 to award the contract for the Palms Subdivision Sewer system extension force main project, #12 to authorize the Mayor to amend the contract with Sellers and Associates relative to the Downtown Abbeville Streetscape project and #13 to adopt a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with DOTD and the Acadiana Planning Commission relative to the Downtown Abbeville Streetscape project. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Landry/Plaisance**  
**Resolution R16-37**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Coulee Kinney Drainage Board concerning flooding issues on the western part of the City. The City would furnish a mini-excavator and the Drainage Board would provide the operator for the drainage improvement project from Camp Street to Old Kaplan Highway.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Plaisance/Landry**  
**Resolution R16-38**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a cash deed to purchase 14.105 acres of vacant land from the estate of David Michael deGrauw in the amount of \$89,500.00 that is located to the north and west of the City's retention pond.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract to remove a fallen tree from the property located at the NW corner of S. Lyman and Godchaux to Calvin Guidry in the amount of \$801.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the quote from Griner Drilling in the amount of \$18,935.00 for new lift station pumps for the Palms Development. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract for the Palms Subdivision Sewer System Extension pump station #32 to J. C. Construction in the amount of \$15,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract for the Palms Subdivision Sewer System Extension force main project to Elliott Construction in the amount of \$36,750.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the quote from Griner Drilling in the amount of \$13,725.00 for a new pump for the Vo-Tech School Lift Station. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Dwayne Davidson has requested to be on the agenda to request a waiver from the City's Ordinance, Section 6-7(a) of Chapter 6 – Electrical Utility. The ordinance makes it mandatory for any business to connect to City utilities if the City can provide the power. Mr. Davidson stated Iberia Bank will be constructing an ATM near Murphy Oil in front of Walmart. There is an Entergy pole closer near the highway and the City's power pole is in the back of Murphy Oil near Chili's. Iberia Bank wanted to get their power from Entergy instead of the City. He felt the cost to the City would be greater than the benefit of the revenue from the ATM. Mayor Piazza contacted the Electrical Superintendent during the meeting and the cost to the City would be about \$3,000.00. Iberia Bank would have to connect to us so they would have to bore to get to it. Mr. Davidson stated if Iberia Bank has to bore they will probably not do the project.*

*The Council did not make a motion to grant the variance as discussed. Mayor Piazza stated this is the correct decision because in the 27 years he has been serving they have never granted a variance when the City could provide the power.*

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Joe Hardy to approve estimate for partial payment #4 for the Chris Crusta Memorial airport relocation of taxiway project in the amount of \$398,662.75. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve change order #1 for the Chris Crusta Memorial airport relocation of taxiway project to extend the contract time by 21 days. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to authorize the Mayor to amend the contract with Sellers and Associates, Inc. for the Downtown Abbeville Streetscape project. The motion carried unanimously.

**Landry/Broussard  
Resolution R16-39**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with DOTD and the Acadiana Planning Commission for the Downtown Abbeville Streetscape project.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Today at 5:00 PM we held an auction to sell 11 tracts of property that we received as a result of adjudication. We sold 8 tracts for \$5,030.00.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Had a ribbon cutting today for the new entrance sign on the East end of the City. The sign honors Warren Storm. He has been playing swamp pop for 68 years.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Ike to research and an ordinance making it mandatory for businesses to have trash cans outside of their establishments.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Thanked the Mayor for working with him to get the barricades painted in his district and for making McKinley Scott Park and Williams Park look better.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Proud for all the Veterans activities that took place recently.*
- *This Friday we will have Movies in the Square and the Farmers Market is Saturday.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Thanked Gene Sellers for his work with the flooding issue on the west side of the City.*
- *The Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, 12/3/16 beginning at 6:00 PM.*
- *The City is being overrun by chickens.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor