

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on November 21, 2017 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., Wayne Landry, Joe Hardy and Francis Touchet, Jr.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Tony Hard, Police Chief  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Tom Carroll, Engineer

*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. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to accept the resignation of Colt Landry from the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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

-02 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to table the item of Mrs. Debbie Garrot to discuss the upcoming Movies Under the Oaks since Mrs. Garrot could not be here tonight. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilman Touchet wanted to discuss changing some procedures dealing with the demolition process. Clay, Ike and Donna do an outstanding job dealing with the administrative process. The problem is that if someone walks into the tax department to get a demolition permit, there is no set time frame to complete the demolition. There should be some time span like 90 days and then the individual would have to come in a reapply. Also, it is very important that we know he is going the demolition and how will the debris be disposed of. Ike stated he could research the topic and then we could have an ordinance committee meeting to discuss the proposed changes.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to authorize the City Attorney to review the ordinance dealing with the demolition process, to recommend changes and to call an ordinance committee meeting as needed. The motion carried unanimously.

*Chief Mire had received two quotes to change the roof on the By-Pass Fire Station. One was from Ducote Roofing in the amount of \$8,250.00 and the other was from Roofing Louisiana in the amount of \$8,900.00. He had requested another quote but has not received it. He does have the money in his budget.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the quote from Ducote Roofing in the amount of \$8,250.00 to change the roof on the By-Pass Fire Station. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the quote from Lafayette Winwater in the amount of \$12,564.00 to install a 12" valve on the City's water main. The motion carried unanimously.

*Clay Menard stated grant funds are available to reimburse the City for this expenditure.*

*Councilman Touchet asked for an update on the Rodeo Road/nursing home drainage project. Mr. Tom Carroll stated the study is complete and the entire 40 acres are draining in that one corner. He presented a map of the proposed changes. Mr. Carroll stated that right now there are two 24" pipes located on North Airport Road that drain the property. They are proposing to add a 24" cross drain pipe on Rodeo Road and a 36" cross drain pipe on North Airport Road. This will get the drainage up to the 10-year storm which is 7 ½ inches. The nursing home will also cut a ditch on their property.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to authorize Sellers and Associates, Inc. to begin getting quotes for the proposed changes discussed pertaining to the Rodeo Road/Nursing Home drainage project. The motion carried unanimously.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Need to refresh the sign and billboard ordinance.*
- *Happy Thanksgiving.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to authorize the City Attorney to make recommendations to the sign/billboard ordinances as needed and bring it to the ordinance committee for consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Happy Thanksgiving.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *A constituent informed him that he had walked into a local convenience store and rap music with vulgarity was playing. Councilman Touchet verified that the store was playing vulgar music. Is there anything we can do about that? Mr. Funderburk stated he would research it but because it is a private business, he feels that we cannot regulate that because it is considered free speech.*
- *Congratulated Ms. Plowden who was the Homecoming Queen at ULL. Also, Emily Husband served on the Homecoming Court at ULL.*
- *Would like to propose a dedication and naming of City Hall for someone and asked for this item to be a topic on the next City Council meeting.*

Councilman Joe Hardy

- *Happy Thanksgiving.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Happy Thanksgiving.*
- *Asked Ike about his research on a repeat offender loose chicken ordinance. Mr. Funderburk stated he had not yet worked on that.*

- *Asked if the church on State Street is in the City limits. Mayor Piazza stated it is not.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *The Christmas decorations are coming up in Downtown Abbeville. It is a beautiful and exciting time.*
- *The Christmas Stroll is December 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a Farmers Market, a Christmas Parade and the Movies Under the Oaks on December 9<sup>th</sup>.*
- *The Vermilion Catholic Eagles and the Kaplan Pirates are still in the football playoffs.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Told everyone to call to get in the parade December 9, 2017. There is no fee.*
- *Happy Thanksgiving.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor