

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on October 1, 2019 at 5:15 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, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
William Spearman, Police Chief
Ben Rivera, Insurance Agent

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for two Committee meetings. The first committee is the Insurance Committee chaired by Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. He turned the floor over to Councilman Broussard.

Councilman Broussard stated we are here today for the Council to consider a crime policy. We are currently paying an insurance premium to bond the Mayor and Kathy for handling cash in City Hall. At our most recent audit, Steve Moosa stated we should be bonding a lot more people than that. We should have anyone touching money bonded. That would be something more than what we are currently paying. Ben Rivera offered this crime policy that would cover everybody in the City that handles money. This would be a blanket coverage and would only cost \$1,247.00 per year. Mr. Ben Rivera stated we currently have \$25,000 bonds on the Mayor and Kathy and these cost \$350 per year. The auditors recommended we bond the 5 tellers and the Mayor Pro-Tem bringing the total bonded to 8. This would cost \$700 per year. With a crime policy you shift the risk to covering a person to the funds themselves. If a person is covered by a bond and there is a theft you make a claim and the \$25,000 will be disbursed then you would look to the person that was bonded to recover that money. In the crime policy there is a \$100,000 limit and it extends to cover things like forgery, on premises theft, in transit theft, counterfeit money orders and money, computer fraud and social engineering. When you consider the perils it covers, it is worth it even though it does cost a little more money. Councilman Broussard stated this would provide more coverage and have everyone covered. This will satisfy the audit. Mayor Piazza asked if Steve Moosa had been contacted. Kathy Faulk stated he has approved the use of the crime policy and also Richard Minvielle has approved this type of coverage since this coverage is needed for LCDBG.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to recommend to the City Council to approve the crime policy purchase at their next meeting scheduled for October 15, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated the other Committee to meet today is the Ordinance Committee. They have two items to discuss. Mayor Piazza turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard. The first item is to discuss an amendment to Section 5-83 and 5-84 pertaining to voluntary demolition of buildings by the owner. She asked Mr. Funderburk to explain. Mr. Funderburk stated this will help streamline the demolition process by doing away with extensions. It also gives a clear beginning date for the 90-day work period to begin. We created a new document that will be issued by the tax and permit department. It is called a notice to proceed. If someone has applied for a permit, they have to jump through some hoops before they get it. One of those things is to call Louisiana One Call and they have to have their Louisiana One Call number before the permit is issued. They have to pay for the permit, take care of the Louisiana One Call number and then the notice to proceed is issued. They have 90 days from the date on the notice to proceed to complete the work. There will be no extensions. Mayor Piazza stated this is the first of several proposed changes to ordinances dealing with blighted properties, demolition of buildings, debris, trash, tires and other things that we have been discussing. This will expedite the process and we have to make sure our

ordinances are correct and proper before we can move forward with this issue. We are working on some other ones.

-02 introduced by M. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to recommend to the City Council to adopt an ordinance at their next meeting scheduled for October 15, 2019 to amend Section 5-83 and 5-84 pertaining to voluntary demolition of building by the owner. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Broussard stated the next item is to discuss an amendment to Section 4-1, definition of a dangerous dog. She asked Mr. Funderburk to explain the change. Mr. Funderburk stated that recently we had a situation where a gentleman who had a dog and let it get out of his yard. The dog went over to the neighbor's yard and killed chickens and ducks. The current definition of a dangerous dog includes a dog which, when unprovoked, on 2 separate occasions within the prior 36-month period, kills, seriously bites or inflicts injury, or otherwise causes injury to a domestic animal, excluding fowl of any kind. This ordinance change will no longer exclude fowl. According to Mrs. Debbie Garrot, the Police Jury will also be amending their ordinance pertaining to this.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to recommend to the City Council to adopt an ordinance at their next meeting scheduled for October 15, 2019 to amend Section 4-1 – Definition of a dangerous dog. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor