

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on October 16, 2018 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, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
David Hardy, Police Lieutenant
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Lee Schexnaider, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
Lloyd Campisi, Insurance Agent
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Corey LeBlanc, Architect
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber and American Legion
John Landry, Glenn Suire, Thomas Vallot & David Ashley, Golf
Committee members
Reverend Osborne Taylor
Ian Waskom, Boy Scout
Jim Ruiz
Kenneth Nutt
David Thompson
Robert and Norma Bufford
Sanford Suire
Joey Songne

Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence for the victims of Hurricane Michael in Florida. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ian Waskom to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify bills paid in the month of September 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

Lieutenant David Hardy stated that as of next Tuesday they will be short six officers. Trent Guidry and Daniel Powers are leaving. We have four officers as Academy. One will be completed by November 16, 2018 and the other three will be completed on November 30, 2018.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the request from Chief Spearman to remove the 24-hour overtime cap for 90 days for the Police Department since he is short-staffed. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Ruiz discussed the dangers of excessive Police Department overtime and fatigue. Police work requires adequate and healthful sleep. Fatigue leads to counter productive behavior. Tired

police officers may not be able to deal with emotional problems. Family is one area that is hidden in the life of police officer. The removal of the overtime cap should be done on no more than a six-month basis. The long-term goal should be to hire more officers and raise their salaries by \$6,000.00. Mayor Piazza stated he agrees the Council should revisit the overtime cap in three or six months because it is not fair to the other departments in the City. Councilman Plaisance stated he agrees we need to do something to help our officers. He thanked Trent Guidry for his service. Councilwoman White asked who had prepared the report that Lieutenant Hardy had distributed. Lieutenant Hardy stated that Chief Spearman prepared it. Mayor Piazza stated it is the intent of the Chief to request either a committee meeting or a special meeting to address the report. Councilman Touchet stated we need to know what the bottom line number is. Once we know that then we will have to visit with the Fire Department. Once we find that out then we will have to do the same thing with the other employees. We need to make sure what the bottom line number is. Councilman Plaisance stated they he and the Mayor met with the supervisors yesterday afternoon and we asked them to come up with exactly they are asking for.

Mayor Piazza asked if there are any comments on any agenda item. Mr. Kenneth Nutt stated that at the golf committee meeting last Friday, it was discussed that the City is solely responsible once they sign the lease at the golf course. How many members of the City Council have any association with the owners of the golf course other than Ms. White? This thing has been pushed hard. I have been told that Councilman Touchet's wife works for Broussard Brothers. Councilman Touchet stated that the Broussard's don't own this. We are dealing with a company that is outside of Broussard Brothers. This is not Broussard Brothers that owns this. Councilwoman White stated their family employs over 400 people in the parish. So, she thinks it would be very easy to draw a conclusion that anyone knows someone within our family. We have been involved in business here for over 70 years. Probably everyone up here has some kind of relationship with our family in some way. Broussard Brothers does not own the golf course. Councilman Touchet stated he is referencing his wife working for Broussard Brothers as a skilled person. He did not even think about this until Mr. Nutt brought it up tonight. This has nothing to do with that. He looks at what is best for the City of Abbeville in every decision and he puts nothing on whether or not it is family affiliated. Mr. Nutt asked about the legality and liability of the City running a bar in the country club. Mr. Funderburk stated the Dram Shop Act states the consumer of alcohol is responsible for all injuries unless the seller knowingly continues to sell to someone who is obviously in an intoxicated state. However, no one has mentioned to him that we will be opening a bar and selling alcohol in the country club.

Councilman Broussard introduced Mr. Ian Waskom who is working on his Eagle Scout project. This project will help hundreds of young and underprivileged children. Mr. Waskom stated he is with Troop 85. He has chosen Eaton Park Elementary as his project beneficiary. He will build a concrete track called "The Good Habits Highway". It will be for the pre-school and kindergarten students of Eaton Park to ride their scooters and tricycles. There will also be a pretend play area with a drive-thru gas station. Many local businesses like Broussard's, the Vermilion Parish School Board and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury have provided the materials. The City of Abbeville helped with project planning direction. Councilman Broussard stated that we are proud Ian is a resident of the City of Abbeville. You are an example of what is going on with our future leaders. He thanked Ian's mother, Melanie.

Reverend Taylor discussed the Walkway Fundraiser. First Holy Ghost have purchased five and one-quarter acres on Villien Street right behind McDonald's. We will start building our church in the spring. The walkway into our chapel will be made of brick. Each brick will have the name of the donor. We will be utilizing the funds for the interior of the church. The deadline to donate is November 1st.

Mr. David Thompson requested to be on the agenda to discuss a variance from the mobile home ordinance to place a mobile home at 1102 Coulee Kinney. The area is a corridor that does not allow mobile homes. Mobile homes that were already in the corridor were grandfathered in. Mr. Thompson stated he is not sure when the property was incorporated. It was never assessed to the City, only to the parish. When he bought the property in 2014, he did the due diligence on the property. There was no record that this property was incorporated. We would not have purchased the property if it would have been incorporated. We bought the property through our business, Thompson Investment Properties, and this past February, we donated the property to our son. He has a buyer for the property. We paid \$20,000 for the property when we bought it and he has a buyer that is willing to pay \$25,000. The mobile home that will be located there is brand new that costs about \$50,000. It meets all the standards that need to be complied with in this area. His concern is that they bought something in good faith and if we are restricted so that we cannot offer this with the mobile home then we are the ones who lose in value, not the neighbors. He is asking consideration because they did nothing wrong. We had an attorney who did a title search and on the HUD statement it is a parish rating for taxes. We have never received anything from the City indicating that it was now in the City limits. The neighbor to the north has previously told his son that he was fine with him putting a mobile home there. Mayor Piazza stated he believes that property has been incorporated for as long as he has been here. Mr. Funderburk stated what he understands from our tax department is that we get a book every year that has all the properties that the Parish Assessor has assessed in the City of Abbeville. The Assessor's office made a mistake and they omitted this property. They have never been assessed in the City. This was an error by the assessor's office. Henceforth, it is going to be assessed in our tax book in the future as City property. He understands when Mr. Thompson's attorney ran the title, he picked it up the way he did because that was what was on the public records. There was an error made according to the assessor's office. Mr. Thompson stated that is why he is asking for the variance. We did it in good faith. He can't know that it was in the City. His plan was at the time, when he purchased it, was to put two rental trailers on the property. That is why they originally purchased the property. To hold him accountable for someone else's mistake is not fair. Mayor Piazza stated he thinks we have another issued that Ike needs to clear up. You are requesting a variance for a piece of property that you will sell. That property owner is the one who needs to make the request for the variance. Mr. Thompson stated it is a land/home purchase. She cannot go through the process with the land until she knows that she will get the variance. He is asking for a variance for his son so that he can transfer the property legally without any encumbrances and without restrictions on the property so that the deal can go through. Mr. Funderburk stated it would have to be the purchaser to make the request. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Funderburk if the Council can grant a variance for somebody else to put a mobile home on it. Mr. Funderburk answered no they cannot. Mr. Funderburk asked Mr. Thompson to contact him and they could further discuss it. Mayor Piazza stated the property in question has been zoned as a restricted mobile home area since 2010. The entire District A area is that way. Councilwoman White stated she spoke with Mr. Thompson's son last week and she went out and looked at the property. She discussed it with the neighbors and after doing all of that, she let him know that she would not be granting a variance. But she wanted to give them due process, since Councilman Plaisance, called and asked if it would be ok for you to discuss this at tonight's meeting. She stated that she would not object to you doing due process. She is still not inclined to grant a variance and she knows that she can't rule on it right now because it is not the way we need to bring it up before the Council. Her decision has not changed. I do empathize with the situation but there is an ordinance for a reason. Mrs. Thompson asked what are the appeal rights. Mayor Piazza stated there are no appeal rights. This is the City Council and they can either grant or not grant the variance. You can hire an attorney if you want.

Mr. Lloyd Campisi presented an annual update on the health insurance program. Our group health insurance plan is run on a 12-month basis. We begin our plan on July 1st and it runs through June 30th. Every year we get a report, we analyze the report and we make decisions going forward. The information that he is presenting tonight is not about the current plan we are in which began on July 1, 2018. The report we will be talking about is for the two previous years. This is referred as the current plan from 7/1/17-6/30/18 and the prior year is 7/1/16-6/30/17 as per the report. We had approximately 464 participants in the prior year plan year. That is the number we have covered in the plan including employees, spouses, dependents and retirees. They compared that to last year's plan. We had a reduction of 2.2% or 454 participants. Two years ago, we paid claims in the amount of \$1,724,100. Last year we paid claims totaling \$2,769,843. That is an increase in claims paid of 62.8%. That was the worst claims experience in the history of the City's health insurance plan. We need to know what happened, why it happened and what we can do going forward. This was a very unusual year. We consider people who have claims paid over \$25,000 to be high cost claimants. Those high cost claims increased from two years ago to last year 254%. The actual number of hospital admissions from last year to this year actually decreased by 16%. We had fewer people who had much more in claims. The amount paid for each hospital visit went down 5%. Two years ago, we had 7 people who had high cost claims over \$25,000 and last year we had 16. The number of people who had high cost claims above \$50,000 increase from 2 to 7. The number of people who had high cost claims above \$100,000 increased from 1 to 4. Nobody wants to be in any of these blocks. If you are in the \$100,000 block, you had a very serious illness. Most of these are not generated by our retirees. Medicare pays 80% and the City only pays 20%. These high claims are generated by the active employees of the City for the most part. Fortunately, we have a reinsurer that worked with us. We operate with a partial self-insured health plan. That is the only thing employers can buy these days. The old days in which you could go to an insurer and request a fully insured contract are gone. You set the liability where the City stops paying the claim and the reinsurer has to pick up the costs. You buy reinsurance to cover that. Our plan has a stop loss agreement and we have a stop loss of \$75,000. The City pays each claim, medical and prescription, up to the \$75,000. Once claims exceed \$75,000 then the claims are paid by the reinsurer. The plan administrator is UMR. They provide all the adjudication of the claims and we use their network to get the discounts. Recently we had a meeting with the Mayor and Councilman Broussard and we reviewed those past two years. We agreed that we will review the plan again after six months to determine if the large claimant issue continues. We discussed options to lower prescription drug costs and we looked at options to adjust the co-pay at urgent care centers so we wouldn't have as much utilization at the emergency room. No employee/retiree abused the medical or prescription plan. It was a very difficult year but we are fortunate to have UMR and Tokio Marine, our reinsurer. They offered us a renewal that was reasonable and we made some adjustments to our stop loss limit. If we have another bad year next year, no one in the market may want to cover our group. He thanked the Mayor for his guidance and Councilman Broussard who is the insurance committee chairman. The two employees who help manage this program do an excellent job. That is Mary Rogers and Kathy Faulk. They are both very professional and do a good job. Councilman Broussard thanked Lloyd for analyzing the claims and for the time that he and his staff invest on this account. It is no secret that claim activity will rule your premium. You have claims and your premium will adjust. The Mayor has been working on solutions for that. We will look at it in six months instead of twelve months. Lloyd's relationship with UMR and Tokio Marine is beneficial and it means something. You have gone to bat for us. Thank you for the report.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve pay application number 2 in the amount of 26,125.00, the invoice to Louisiana Testing & Inspection for \$900.00 and the time extension request all for the renovations to the airport terminal project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee Schexnaider stated he had requested quotes for a new gearbox for rotor #4. The lowest quote he received was \$30,250.00.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the replacement of the gearbox on rotor #4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the submission of the application to request capital outlay funds from the State for the drainage reduction projects. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Broussard/Touchet
Resolution R18-28**

A resolution requesting public bids for the sale of the undeveloped vacant land known as Emmett Street in Parkview Subdivision which shall be sold to the highest bidder in accordance with the terms of the request for public bids at the regular City Council meeting on December 18, 2018.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Touchet stated the golf committee met last Friday and submitted some updated figures. He discussed the information the golf committee had presented to him at that meeting. The first thing discussed was the projected yearly expenses for inside operations of the golf club not including outside course workers or supplies. The projected annual expense for the inside is \$225,335.37. The next document shows the total start up cost of \$18,000 for the inside operations and \$72,000 for the outside (course) operations. The third page shows the total start up cost of \$90,000, the projected annual expenses for the inside operations and the outside course operations would be \$528,715.37. The projected annual income is \$544,202.00 not including tournaments. The projected income proposes at least 100 members at a monthly cost of \$90.00. He believes we can cut more from our expenses. Mayor Piazza had met with the Magdalen Square Four, LLC group and they had presented a letter of intent regarding the leasing of the golf course. The terms of the lease shall be for 3 years and the City will have the option to renew the lease for an additional 3-year term. Rent will be \$1,000 per month for the initial term. For any renewal term, the rent may increase by a percentage equivalent to the percentage increase of the national consumer price index published by the United States bureau of labor and statistics. Magdalen Square Four is willing to contribute \$20,000 towards the City's start up costs. The lease will be a triple-net lease and Magdalen Square Four may sell the land during the term of the lease. If the property is sold during the initial term of the lease, Magdalen Square Four will reimburse the City \$50,000. They will not list the property on the active market for sale through a realtor. We need to add two things and those are that the City would have the option to opt out of the lease at any time with a certain amount of notice and that we would be able to sublet some of the operations. Once the City takes over the property, we will be responsible for any repairs to the property, equipment and buildings. Councilman Broussard asked Ike to explain what a triple-net lease is. Mr. Funderburk stated it is the lessee (the City) would not only be paying the monthly rent but would also pay for the insurance coverage and all taxes that would be due on the property. This is standard in the industry. Councilman Plaisance stated he has been looking at the figures and he has attended all three golf committee meetings. He does not understand why the City of Abbeville wants to get involved in an operation that has lost money since 2012. Also, we are showing a total cost for the first year of \$618,715.37 and their projected income is \$544,202.00. That is a pretty good deficit right off the bat. We are looking at the City getting involved in

something that will obviously lose money the very first year. He understands there are 102 members now. \$90.00 times 102 times 12 is \$110,160. The operating expenses were shown as \$528,715.37. Where is the money going to come from? Councilman Touchet stated said we will focus on the outside. We will get \$20,000 from the family. He would have discussions with the Mayor to see where the other \$52,000 would come from. As far as the operating expenses and income, we have members here who were part of the club who can explain this. Mr. John Landry stated the income projections came from starting with 100 members, after six months we think the members will be 150. The other income projections come from cart rentals and the bar. Approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000 was made at the bar per month. The bar really will bring in revenue. We will sell some food like hamburgers, hot dogs and sandwiches. Mr. Glenn Suire stated we will also collect green fees from non-members. We may also have tournament income. We have made up to \$30,000 in the past on tournaments. Mr. David Ashley stated he knows someone who is willing to lease the kitchen and bar for \$2,000 per month. Mr. John Landry stated us leasing the bar and kitchen for \$2,000 is us giving a lot away since we can make about \$15,000 per month on the bar. Councilman Touchet stated all those particulars can be discussed later. We are not having hard liquor as he doesn't believe in that. We should not be doing that. We can make these decisions later. Mr. Joey Songne added that we still have several of our high school teams that would utilize the course. Mr. Sanford Suire stated for the last 20 years nobody has played more golf in Abbeville than he has. He loves the course and he loves golf. He was really flattered when he was asked to be the superintendent. He will not be accepting the position of superintendent. He feels he has been deceived, misled and lied to. He thinks the City is getting a rotten deal and the owners are getting a great deal. We would have been fixing up that course and making it beautiful like when he left. He hopes it is open and he will be the first one there to play. Mr. Robert Buford asked Councilman Touchet if he would invest in a bad deal. It would take a lot of money to get that course in the condition that it was. It will take a lot of chemicals. He feels, as a taxpayer, the City is making a bad deal. It hasn't profited any money in the past six years. How do you expect it to grow now? It will take more than 100 members. It would take at least 200 members and at much more than \$90 per month. Councilman Touchet stated we will not run it like it was run the past six years. In those years, there were \$300,000 worth of salaries. The City can do a better job with that. We are not opening up a kitchen and we are not opening the pool. We won't have that overhead. In places like Crowley, you only have one or two people running the inside. We want a golf course for people to use. The negotiations will incorporate that property into the City of Abbeville. That is a slam dunk because we will get sales tax dollars off of just that. We were not getting that before. We will do it cheaper than what they are saying. Mrs. Norma Buford stated that she doesn't play golf but the two weeks her husband was in from work he lived at the golf course. She agrees with having something for the children in the parish because she has a grandson that plays golf. It is not feasible for the City to invest taxpayer money into something that has been bailing for years. She doesn't understand these figures. How you can you project figures when you don't know what you will be doing? There is talk about opening to sell hamburgers. There is talk about opening the bar. There is also talk about not doing either of these. Until that is settled, she does not understand how you can tell us these figures are correct. If you know you will lose money your first year, how will you ever recoup the money that you spent to start with. This will cost \$72,000 to start off with. Where will you recoup your \$50,000 and how long will that take? She could understand if the City took over a course that was ready for golfers to go and play tomorrow. That is what you should be getting. Why is it not open and ready as a golf course? Why do we have to invest \$50,000 to start off with to get it in playing condition. She does not understand that. There are a lot of people here that want it open that are golfers. She wishes it would never have closed. You can't even tell us where the money will come from. If you are considering opening something and running it like a business then you have to know what your business is going to be doing and how it will be handled. If you will start losing money where will it come from? She does not understand why no one can answer those

questions. Mayor Piazza stated the start up cost would come from Sales tax. Mrs. Norma Bufford aske who are the owners of the business. Mayor Piazza stated he thinks it is the children of Mr. N. R. Broussard but he is not positive. Councilman Plaisance stated it is a dilemma for him because he would like to see it open too. From the beginning he has felt, when he attended the very first committee meeting, this was probably going to happen anyway. He felt like this was going to be run right through eventually. However, this weekend was the Cattle Festival and better than 90% of the people that came meet him and talked to him are opposed to this but yet there has not been a forum of some kind that we could invite the public. Mayor Piazza stated that is why we are talking about this tonight. Mrs. Norma Bufford asked why haven't the owners kept the golf course up to be able to sell it if they really want a golf course in this area? How did this ever come about in the first place? Who started this? Who thought this was going to be a big deal for the City? Councilman Touchet stated he did. Mrs. Norma Bufford asked that she understands that Councilman Touchet is a teacher and he thinks a lot about the kids but besides that, this is taxpayer's money you are talking about so why would you want to lose money for your constituents? Do you really believe that this will make money? Councilman Touchet stated that this will not make money. We will breakeven since we will not operate it like the former owner did. He believes this will be a win-win for the City. If not, then we will be able to opt out. Mrs. Norma Bufford stated she was very disappointed and upset that the committee meetings were held in the middle of the afternoon. She did not understand that the committee meeting was open to the public. When she hears a committee meeting, and her boss being a former school board member, their committee meetings were not open to the public. She would be in favor of a forum. She is not usually someone who speaks out in public but she feels very strongly about this. A lot of people have expressed to her that they don't understand why this is happening. She has told them that they have to speak up. If you would have a forum, the Council would know more about what all their constituents feel about this coming about. She feels like you haven't voted on it but it is already a done deal. No matter what we say, it will happen and she doesn't think this is a good deal. Councilwoman Broussard stated that her mind is not yet made up. Mayor Piazza stated he feels like it is not a done deal and they have to do their due diligence and bring enough information to the table to make an educated decision. This is our sixth open public meeting. Everyone of those meeting have been announced in the newspaper. Mr. Earl stated he would donate \$10,000 to the City for the golf course. Mr. Gordy Landry asked if they could advance the City \$1,000 to be taken off their dues. Mrs. Norma Bufford asked if City employees would be doing the job there? Councilman Touchet stated that the committee's list included bartenders but we don't need a bartender. We need someone who can sell a Coke, take in green fees and rent a cart. We are talking about only two people. All the people there will be part-time employees. Those are things that we can do efficiently. Mrs. Norma Bufford stated you will have to have someone to handle the money and the checking account. Councilman Touchet stated that we would work with our CPA's. Mrs. Norma Bufford asked Ike if the City only needed liability insurance? Ike stated we will have to have liability and property insurance. Mr. John Landry stated he spent several hours analyzing PL statements. It will be run differently. The former owners averaged \$800,000 income per year so the City should make money there. It will work. Councilman Broussard asked Mr. John Landry how many members do we have currently. Mr. Landry stated that right now we are at 110. Within six months we expect to be at 150 members and within one year we should have 200 members. Councilman Broussard asked if the members are serious? Mr. Landry stated they are dead serious. Mr. Glenn Suire stated that he is confident that at least 105 on the list will join. Mrs. Norma Bufford stated this is the worst time of the year to get the course in shape. Mr. John Landry stated that we are looking at March. Mayor Piazza asked the committee to see if it would be available to the City to go out there and try the equipment out and the sprinkler system to check for leaks. Mr. Glenn Suire stated you cannot check the sprinkler system until the grass is cut because you won't be able to see the leaks. Councilman Plaisance asked if Councilman Touchet should recuse himself since his wife works for

Broussard Brothers? Councilman Touchet stated that this is not owned by Broussard Brothers. You are wrong for bringing his wife into this discussion. Your son-in-law is working for The Sellers Group and you were able to vote on that. Councilman Plaisance stated that he was there before he became a Councilman. Councilman Touchet stated that his wife was there before too. Broussard Brothers does not own this and don't bring my wife into this again. Anybody who thinks I am doing this for my wife, you have to be kidding me. Councilman Broussard stated this action does not bind the City to any contract. This is an exploration to see what the contract will reveal. Mayor Piazza stated he will not have a forum but any Council Member can call a forum any time they want.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to allow the Mayor to negotiate a lease for the golf course utilizing the letter of intent as provided by Magdalen Square Four, LLC and to authorize our City Attorney to contact the attorney for Magdalen Square Four, LLC. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follow:

YEAS: 3(T. Broussard, B. Broussard, F. Touchet)
NAYS: 1(Plaisance)
ABSTAIN: 1(White)
ABSENT: 0

Therefore, the motion carried.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *In your packet you will find the first draft of the application for the use of the Event Center and the Event Center policy. Please read these carefully and he looks forward to their comments.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *Commended the City employees. They really went out. We had the electrical crew, the water crew, the street crew (who was very short handed), the Police Department and the Fire Department all come together to barricade streets. At the Wastewater Plant we recorded 8.46 inches of rain by 10:40 AM. He checked on the pump at about 5:00 AM this morning and it was pumping. Lee checked it at 4:00 PM and the pump was still running. He checked it at 4:40 PM and it has just stopped. The pump pumped for at least 12 hours today. The water finally receded enough in the canal. The flooding in the City was bad but it did go down after the rain stopped. The only area that we are still having issues are Rodeo Road at North Airport Road. Mayor Piazza asked if Clay did see any residences flooded. Clay stated there was a home on South Gertrude that took in some water and she called to have her electricity turned off. Once the water receded, there was a lot of trash and debris left in the streets and ditches. The crew will be out tomorrow morning and will focus on cleaning this up the rest of the week.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *He and Councilman Plaisance had a very productive meeting yesterday with the Police Department. Councilman Plaisance has invited him to two of his committee meetings where he has done a lot of searching and fact finding but today is the first day the information has been presented to the Council. This way the Council will be able to make an educated decision. We have other departments besides the Police Department. We are down to one lineman in the Electrical Department. Have fun the next time your lights go out because he will get the calls about why we can't get the lights on faster. There are other departments that need raises too. He agrees that the Police Department is in a critical situation here but we have other departments and we have to look at everything*

that is presented to us. Today is the first day we get the information from the Police Chief. He has been elected since July 1st.

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *Thanked Clay and the staff for a job well done today.*
- *She invited everyone to the Omelette Festival beginning November 3, 2018.*
- *The Christian Service Center and their Women's Outreach Center will hold a community Baby Shower Brunch at St. Theresa Holy Family Center at 12:30 PM on November 11, 2018.*
- *We will have a Farmers Market Saturday in the Square beginning at 8:00 AM.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *He understands what the Police Department is going through. In sixteen years, he has never made a decision without knowing what the facts are. You will never hear me say, "We are going to get you a raise", because he will do all the fact finding we need. He needs to know how much will it cost. You have to have the money there.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *We are pleading with people who have an opinion on the golf course to voice their opinion. We can't hear the silent majority.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *Thank Clay and his staff and the Police Department for their work today.*
- *Thank you for everyone who came to the meeting.*
- *Please respect everyone. She is elected as a City Council person so please keep her family out of this.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Presented a framed poster for this year's Cattle Festival to the Mayor. This is the first time in 9 years that they make a poster.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor