

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on October 3, 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 Hardy, Police Chief  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Todd Vincent, Engineer  
Tom Carroll, Engineer  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber of Commerce  
Henry Mouton, resident concerned about a dilapidated structure

*Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the Las Vegas tragedy. Mayor Piazza led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to deviate from the agenda to take up agenda item number 5 as number 2. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on September 5, 2017 and the regular City Council meetings held on September 5, 2017 and September 19, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the probational appointment of Shana Comeaux to the position of Patrol Officer in the Abbeville Police Department pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Plaisance/Broussard  
Resolution R17-21**

*A resolution requesting Gravity Drainage District No. 2 immediately thoroughly clean and maintain Coulee Valcourt from its intersection with Louisiana Highway 14 By-pass to the Vermilion River.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Henry Mouton was at the meeting to discuss the dilapidated property located at 406 S. Lamar. On March 21, 2017 he began discussing the property. He was originally informed that Councilman*

*Touchet was the Councilman in that district. He contacted Councilman Touchet and Councilman Touchet informed him that the house was in Councilman Landry's district. Mr. Mouton sent a picture of the house to Councilman Landry. Since then they have corresponded about 6 times. The first time we talked we were informed that everything was in progress. The second time we talked in June we were informed that the Council meeting was July 18<sup>th</sup> and a hearing date had been set for July 25<sup>th</sup>. We spoke again on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and we were told that the owner was informed that they had until August 15<sup>th</sup> to come up with a plan or the Council would go out for bids. We spoke again on September 25<sup>th</sup> they told us the property owner was on vacation and they were waiting for them to come in to get a permit. It has now been 6 ½ months since the complaint was filed and this should have been taken care of. He has familiarized himself with the ordinances dealing with this type of situation. He distributed pictures of the property. He wants to know when will this property be taken care of. The bees are bad. We had to get an exterminator because of the German roaches. It is a bad situation and something needs to be done. Councilman Landry stated Mr. Mouton is correct on those dates. He turned the complaint over to Donna. Donna did what she had to do in the permit department. He had a conversation with the owner and she had to go out of town. Mr. Funderburk stated the hearing was held on July 26<sup>th</sup>. It is not a court hearing. It is a due process hearing conducted here at City Hall. The owner of the property was given 15 days to have the building torn down. Before you can get the demolition permit, to tear the building down, you have to jump through some hoops. You have to make sure and get certification that all the utilities have been disconnected. That includes gas. The City is not the provider of the gas system so they have no control over that. By August 25<sup>th</sup> all utilities had been disconnected. The next step is to call in a DOTTIE (Louisiana One Call). They have to mark the property before any digging or demolition occurs. On September 13<sup>th</sup> the owner contacted DOTTIE and on September 25<sup>th</sup> the owner was notified that she was able to purchase the demolition permit. She came in on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and paid for the permit. As of today, demolition has started. She has 15 days to tear it down beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>, the day she purchased the demolition permit. If there is no activity within the 15 days, then the City can step in and get bids. Clay Menard stated the owner is demolishing the structure herself. Mayor Piazza asked Clay to go the property daily to make sure she is tearing the structure down and that the debris is being hauled off.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve partial payment #1 in the amount of \$10,152.00 payable to R. J. Broussard General Contractors, Inc. for the water service line to the County Agent Complex. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/Hardy**  
**Resolution R17-22**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a notice of acceptance pertaining to the completion of the water service line to the County Agent Complex.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to authorize the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the capital outlay request for flood damage reduction and drainage improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Richard Primeaux stated this is the same capital outlay project request we have been applying for since 2010. We will update the budget again since we have not updated it since 2013. It is a 25% match. Mayor Piazza stated the Governor vetoed a lot of projects this year. He met with the Governor and he is willing to discuss the project in March along with our legislators.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Todd Vincent about the Rodeo Road drainage project. They will be surveying it tomorrow.*
- *Asked Clay about the generator for the storm water pump. He met with Mr. Gene and the electrical engineer last week. They will set up the field site this week.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Asked Clay about stop sign on Felicity and Gibson. He will get with the Police Chief about this.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *We have so many great things coming up for our citizens to enjoy. We have the Farmers Market, Sounds on the Square, the Cattle Festival, the Omelette Festival and Movies under the Oaks.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *The 69<sup>th</sup> annual Cattle Festival is next weekend. It begins on Thursday with the banquet. Glenn Lege is our king and the Grand Marshall is Scott Desormeaux.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor