

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 17, 2019 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: Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Sr., Engineer
Gene Sellers, Jr., Architect
Lloyd Campisi, Insurance Agent
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board member
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion & Chamber of Commerce
Roderick Darby

Mayor Piazza asked Councilwoman Terry Broussard to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilwoman Roslyn White to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Piazza and Councilwoman Broussard presented a proclamation to the Anderson Family Ancestry. Councilwoman Broussard stated she was invited recently by Police Juror Ronald Darby to welcome his family for their reunion. Their family goes way back even into slavery. It was very interesting to learn those things about his family. She welcomed his family to our City on behalf of the Mayor and the City Council. Mayor Piazza read the proclamation aloud. The proclamation proclaimed the entire month of August in honor of the Anderson Ancestral Reunion in the City of Abbeville, Louisiana.

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify bills paid in the month of August 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to deviate from the agenda to add the substantial completion of the Airport Terminal Building project as new business item #6 and to add personnel for the Chief to bring up a couple of items. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Spearman stated he had a resignation from Taylor Jones and Hannah Gentry. Also, Lieutenant Sean Ramke is on extended sick leave. He fell at his home and broke his spine.

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to accept the resignation of Taylor Jones and Hannah Gentry. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

Touchet/T. Broussard
Ordinance 19-05

An ordinance to amend the sign ordinance pertaining to promotional signs.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Plaisance, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, White)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to accept the recommendation of the Insurance Committee from their meeting held on September 3, 2019 to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the Group Medicare Advantage PPO offered by UHC and to authorize him to sign all necessary documents. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Broussard/T. Broussard
Resolution R19-23

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents pertaining to the Downtown Abbeville Streetscaping Non-NHS Route.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Broussard/White
Resolution R19-24

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to accept the donation of an upright piano for the Recreation Center.

The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the purchase of transformers for stock from Solomon in the amount of \$7,150.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to declare the Airport Terminal Building Project substantially complete with punch list items. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *He and Ike have been working on two new ordinances. One deals with the removal of tires, general debris and unkept property. The other one deals with security at apartment complexes. They hope to present those at the next Committee meeting.*
- *T. J. will be here at the next meeting to update us on the next five-year plan at the airport. She also will share with us some very good news.*

Bill Spearman, Police Chief

- *They have just implemented a new system for reporting crimes. It is called TIP411. They will have meetings in the near future to inform the public. This is a totally anonymous system.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *There is a Farmers Market in the Square this Saturday.*
- *Friday night is the Abbeville Championship. Abbeville plays Vermilion Catholic.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor