

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 18, 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
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Lance Robichaux, Engineer
Reverend Osborne Taylor
Anita Levy, Parks and Recreation Board
Joseph Vallee, Municipal Civil Service Board
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber and American Legion

Mayor Piazza asked Reverend Osborne Taylor to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ike Funderburk to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the unclassified appointment of Mr. Tony Meaux as airport grass cutter at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 with no benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if anyone from the public had any comments about any agenda item. There were none.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the process for changing the name of a street. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve change order number 1 for the Event Center Renovation project to increase the contract amount by \$320.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve pay application number 4 in the amount of \$104,803.20 payable to Minvielle Lumber for the Hebert Fire Substation No. 2 project. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the Police Department's overtime over the 24-hour cap for the payroll ending September 12, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Broussard/Plaisance
Resolution R18-24

A resolution to request the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to submit the City's request for CDBG funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to the Acadiana Planning Commission for inclusion for all future rounds of funding.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richard Primeaux stated we will apply for these funds for the four drainage projects we have been submitting to the Capital Outlay Program with the State since 2009. We will still submit to the Capital Outlay Program too. These are flood reduction and levee protection projects so they should qualify under the Acadiana Planning Commission's watershed project. The drainage projects are to correct the outfall on the 5th Street area, to create an outfall at the apartments on Wildcat Drive, for levee protection on Cedar Street and to create another outfall at the Lafayette Street area (S. Louisiana) to get the outfall to the retention pond. Mayor Piazza stated we received a letter from Governor Edwards suggesting that we apply through this program for these projects.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the estimate for partial payment number 4 in the amount of \$12,836.70 payable to Elliott Construction for the Construct Asphalt Taxilane Project at the airport. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve change order number 4 for the Construct Asphalt Taxilane Project at the airport. The motion carried unanimously.

Plaisance/Touchet
Resolution R18-25

A resolution of acceptance authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of acceptance for the Construct Asphalt Taxilane Project at the airport.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lance Robichaux stated quotes were received today at 10:00 AM at the office of Sellers & Associates for the sewer system extension at Alvin Street and Dear Lane for Sassy Suds Carwash. Two quotes were received. One was from Teche Construction in the amount of \$49,385.00 and the other one was from \$52,400.00.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract for the sewer system extension at Alvin Street and Dear Lane to Teche Construction in the amount of \$49,385.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza announced the golf/country club advisory committee members. They are Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr., Mr. John Landry, Mr. Glenn Suire, Mr. David Ashley and Mr. Thomas Vallot.

Councilman Touchet stated the committee will meet this Friday at 2:00 PM at City Hall. He will be very up front on what the committee finds. He will be the liaison to the City Council. The City Council will have to make the final decisions. Councilman Plaisance asked to make sure the committee requests the income/loss from the last three owners in their process. Councilman Touchet stated he will be very transparent and cautious. He is not interested in making a profit there, only breaking even.

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- We will receive quotes for the upgrade to the electrical control system for the sewer pump station and stormwater pump station at Franks Alley.
- Presented a framed print of the first map of Abbeville as drawn by Pere Megret to the City. He also presented a timeline of events in the History of Abbeville.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- It is time to get your annual ethics training done. This includes all elected officials, employees and any members of our boards and commissions. He will be conducting three training sessions in October.

Bill Spearman, Police Chief

- Commended Officer Stephen Reynolds. Thursday evening while on patrol in Godchaux Subdivision he noticed a blacked-out vehicle in an alley. He pulled up, removed the occupants and found items from a burglary in their car. Councilwoman Broussard thanked the Police for the job they do and for the extra patrols at McKinley Scott Park tonight.

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- Had an informal visit with the Fire and Police Committee and he will get with the Mayor to look at pay issues. This is critical.

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- The Police and Fire Departments are doing a terrific job and they truly deserve a raise.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- The first Fall Sounds on the Square is one week from Thursday.
- Please remember the victims of Hurricane Florence.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor