

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 19, 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., Wane 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
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Charlene Beckett, Main Street Manager
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Grey, Vermilion Parish School Board
Bridget Levy & Bryan Plowden and members of the Abbeville All Stars
Debbie Garrot, Abbeville Film & Visitors Commission
Mr. Stacy Meaux

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mayor Piazza and the City Council recognized the Abbeville All Stars. They won the 2017 World Series in Tennessee. The teams consisted of athletes that are 12 years old. Mayor Piazza read the proclamation aloud that honored "Only the Strong Survive" team. Mayor Piazza proclaimed September 19, 2017 as the Abbeville All Star day in the City of Abbeville. The key to the City was also presented to their coach, Bryan Plowden.

Mrs. Debbie Garrot announced that the next Movies Under the Oaks will be held on September 30, 2017 in Magdalen Square. They will be showing the movie Beauty and the Beast. The admission is \$1.00. We are almost at \$12,000.00 for our next mural. Robert Dafford will begin the next mural in November or December on the Cultural Center.

Mr. Stacy Meaux had requested to be on the agenda to discuss various incidents he has had with the City since 1993. These issues dealt with his utilities, property disputes with his neighbor and issues with the Police. His main concern is that he felt City Hall should not interfere with the Police Chief's work.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the annual contract for the Abbeville Main Street program. The motion carried unanimously.

Plaisance/Landry
Ordinance 17-05

An ordinance adding sections 13-27 and 13-28 pertaining to driving around barricades and driving through standing water.

The ordinance was put to a vote and the vote was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Plaisance, Broussard, Landry, Hardy, Touchet)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

The motion was adopted unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the special event permit and waive the fee for the American Cancer Society to hold the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Vermilion Parish on April 7, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Magdalen Square. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Plaisance stated he had met with Josh Boudreaux, Clay and Mr. Gene Sellers about the dirt work at Lafitte Drive-In Park. Councilman Touchet and Councilman Landry were also involved in the meeting by telephone. Josh would like part of the fence removed before plowing. Councilman Plaisance had received an estimate from Bayou Fencing to remove and relocate all of the fence but that may not be necessary. Mayor Piazza suggested Councilman Plaisance could approve the work up to the amount of \$23,000.00.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve up to \$23,000.00 to remove and relocate the fence at Lafitte Drive-In Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Touchet stated he is currently on the committee for Lafitte Drive-In Park. He feels it is in the best interest for him to remove himself from the committee since the Park is in Councilman Landry's district. Councilman Touchet stated he would continue to assist as needed. Councilman Plaisance stated he would still appreciate Councilman Touchet's input on the project. Mayor Piazza stated it is appropriate for Councilman Plaisance to be on the committee since the Park was his idea and for Councilman Landry since he is the Councilman in that district. This is a very big venture and it is a great idea with a lot of potential. It will take a lot of money and the Council's work and effort. This is a very long-term project. We all need to be involved in this project.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *The Fall Sounds on the Square begins at 5:00 PM on September 28, 2017.*
- *Thanked Mr. Gerald Gaspard with the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce and Dr. Grey with the Vermilion Parish School Board for attending the meeting.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *Entergy cut a lot of trees on the South side of Martin Luther King. It looks good.*
- *We have gotten rid of tall grass and abandoned buildings in his district.*
- *He has been a Councilman for 10 years and he is enjoying it.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Mr. Gene about Azalea Drive. Mr. Gene stated nothing is happening with the asphalt crew. He will get a timeline to him.*
- *Asked Mr. Gene about the nursing home project. Mr. Gene stated Todd is working with the crew tomorrow on that.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor