

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 5, 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
Tom Carroll, Engineer
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber of Commerce
Sharon LeBlanc, retiree

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Councilman Francis Plaisance asked for a moment of silence for Arnold Morton. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Joe Hardy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to deviate from the agenda to discuss the purchase of electrical transformers, power poles and a small project at the Water Plant. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meetings held on August 1, 2017 and August 15, 2017, the Committee meeting held on August 15, 2017 and the emergency Special Meeting held on August 29, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify the bills paid in the month of August 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there are any comments on any agenda item. There were none.

Mayor Piazza and the City Council recognized Mrs. Sharon LeBlanc. She is a former City of Abbeville employee. She did an outstanding job for us for nearly 20 years. She always had a smile on her face and she never gave us a lick of trouble. She will be missed here at City Hall. He presented a plaque as a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. LeBlanc.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the accounting of the tax roll for 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Broussard/Landry
Resolution R17-20

To authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Abbeville and the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for a sidewalk remediation project whereby the City will provide \$75,000.00 and the Police Jury will provide \$10,000.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

Quotes were received for the sidewalk remediation project as follows:

<i>Glenn Lege Construction</i>	<i>\$11.30 per square foot</i>	<i>\$66,489.20</i>
<i>ALCO Builders</i>	<i>\$14.25 per square foot</i>	<i>\$83,847.00</i>

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract for the sidewalk remediation project to Glenn Lege Construction. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to approve the plans and specifications for the sewer system extension on Tee Dud Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Quotes were received for the sewer extension project on Tee Dud Road as follows:

<i>Elliott Construction, LLC</i>	<i>\$91,490.50</i>
<i>J C Construction, LLC</i>	<i>\$122,628.57</i>

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Wayne Landry to award the contract for the sewer system extension on Tee Dud Road to Elliott Construction, LLC, contingent upon receiving all servitude agreements. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the purchase of transformers from Solomon Corporation in the amount of \$11,100.00 and the purchase of power poles from Wesco in the amount of \$8,954.50 for stock. The motion carried unanimously.

Clay Menard discussed a small project at the Water Treatment Plant. The lime accumulates in the clarifier. The valve that blows off the excess lime from the clarifier is 47 years old and needs to be changed. We only received one quote. It was from Griner Drilling in the amount of \$18,591.00.

-09 introduced by Mr. Wayne Landry and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the project at the Water Treatment Plant for Griner Drilling to change the valve at a cost of \$18,591.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Touchet asked about the intersection of Rodeo Road and North Airport Road. Clay Menard stated Todd with Sellers and Associates, Inc. is working on that project. The ditches on that road are the City's responsibility. Councilman Plaisance stated everyone should drive down Rodeo Road after a heavy rain and also come down on North Airport towards the south after a heavy rain. He also spoke to Mr. Sterling Noel about the property since his family had property there. That was designed to drain on the corner. There definitely is a serious issue for the nursing home there. Whether the City can do anything to remedy that is the question but the nursing

home may have to construct some type of restraining wall to protect their property because there may be nothing that the City will be able to do.

Councilman Touchet asked about Azalea Drive and the time span. He wants to know when the machinery will be fixed. He needs to walk the neighborhood one week before the overlay.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *He spent the weekend helping some relatives in Beaumont, Texas. It brought back memories about the flooding we had here last year. His heart and prayers go out to them and what they are going through now. It is devastated there. You can't imagine what it is like. There are road closures and the grocery stores don't have anything left on the shelves. The convenience stores don't have gasoline. All the fast food restaurants, like McDonald's, are closed. They have some real issues to deal with. Mr. Gerald Gaspard stated he will be at the American Legion hall to collect supplies for the Hurricane victims tomorrow at 2:00 PM.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *The 28 air packs that were ordered and paid for with a grant have been delivered.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Requested that the City get a quote for a generator to run the storm pump at the retention pond since it shares the generator with the Main Lift Station. Mayor Piazza stated it might be easier to get a separate generator for the lift station.*

Councilman Wayne Landry

- *His church has opened its doors to collect items for Texas.*
- *Asked about the pump at the retention pond. Clay stated the pump has been set so it will cycle as needed.*
- *Asked about cleaning the Coulee behind St. Theresa. Clay stated he would contact the Drainage Board about it. Mayor Piazza stated the concrete area is not our responsibility.*
- *Requested the barricade on Felicity at the end going east be moved closer to the road. Cars are sliding off. He is thinking about installing a three-way stop sign.*
- *Asked Clay if the City picks up cement on the side of the road. Clay stated the City does not.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *This Saturday from 9:00 AM-12:00PM Abbeville General Hospital will host suicide prevention education at Magdalen Square. There will be foods, games and other things to educate on the subject. It is a free event.*
- *Asked Clay about the camera on the Concord Street line.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *The Cattle Festival Pageant will be held Saturday at 3:00 PM at Abbeville High School.*
- *The repulsive yellow building on Rodeo Road will be gone soon. Aross Brown will demolish it.*
- *Asked if the 18-wheeler driver that caused the accident by City Hall today had been ticketed. Chief Hardy did not know.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor