

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on September 5, 2017 at 5:15 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
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer

Mayor Piazza stated we are here today for an Ordinance meeting chaired by Councilman Wayne Landry. He turned the floor over to Councilman Landry.

Councilman Landry stated we are here to consider an ordinance adding Section 13-27 and 13-28 pertaining to driving around barricades and driving through standing water. He asked Mr. Funderburk to explain the ordinance.

Mr. Funderburk stated Councilman Broussard came to him right after the last flood and discussed with him the problems the Police Chief was having with regards to people who were driving through flooded streets. We don't have anything, specifically, on the books that address this. Councilman Broussard and the Mayor heard that New Iberia was ticketing people for this under a City ordinance. He went to the New Iberia code and looked at their ordinance, modified it slightly to give definition to the term "emergency vehicle". He also added motorized boats to the ordinance when driving around barricades. Chief Hardy stated with this ordinance we have something to attempt to stop these people. Councilman Touchet asked if this applies to taped off streets. Mr. Funderburk stated this applies to any type of barricade or traffic control device.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to recommend to the Council at their meeting scheduled for September 19, 2017 to adopt an ordinance adding Sections 13-27 and 13-28 pertaining to driving around barricades and driving through standing water. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Piazza adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor