

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on May 21, 2019 at 5:00 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
Gene Sellers, Engineer

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

Mr. Funderburk stated we will adopt a resolution tonight which authorizes the Council to proceed in this public meeting to receive the official tabulation of votes and to canvass them and examine those results and then approve a proces verbal and proclamation of the returns of the election. This will become a certified copy which will be sent to the Secretary of State and another certified copy will be given to the Clerk of Court's office for them to record in the mortgage records. The results of the election will be promulgated by the publication as required by law. Mr. Funderburk read the resolution aloud.

B. Broussard/Plaisance
Resolution R19-13

A resolution authorizing the Council to open and proceed with opening this session to proceed with receiving and opening the votes cast at the special election in the City of Abbeville, State of Louisiana on, Saturday, May 4, 2019; to authorize the levy and collection of a ½ cent sales and use tax and tabulations having been prepared and certified by the Vermilion Parish Clerk of Court's Office and this Council does further proceed to examine, count and tabulate such votes and examine and canvass the returns and declare the results of the special election. A proces verbal of the canvass of the returns of said election be made and a certified copy shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State in Baton Rouge and another certified copy shall be forwarded to the Clerk of Court who shall record said document in the mortgage records of Vermilion Parish and another certified copy shall be retained in the archives of the Council. The results of said election shall be promulgated in the manner provided by law.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Funderburk stated the bill is currently in the House of Representatives. The vote will probably happen next week. After that, if approved, it goes to the Governor's desk for his signature.

Mr. Funderburk stated we have the certified votes before us from the election. The votes are the same as the night of election. It gives the votes for and against for each precinct. It shows the total also. The Mayor and Council examined the certified list of votes as presented. Mr. Funderburk stated he now has the proclamation and the proces verbal. In open session today we have reviewed and scrutinized the canvass of this election. This election is for the ½ cent sales tax that was on the ballot on May 4, 2019. There were a total of 480 votes cast in favor of the proposition and a total of 199 votes against. Therefore, the proposition passed with a margin of 281 votes. We have declared that the proposition carried the day. Attached to the documents we have the notice of the election that was published in the Meridional and a certificate of notice of publication.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to authorize the Mayor to sign the proces verbal and the proclamation of the canvass of the votes. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor