

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on July 2, 2019 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
Gene Sellers, Jr., Architect
Steve Moosa, CPA
Reverend Osborne Taylor
Bryan Plowden, Louisiana Heat Softball Team

Mayor Piazza asked Reverend Osborne Taylor to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Gene Sellers, Jr. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meetings held on June 4, 2019 and June 18, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to deviate from the agenda to discuss an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to asphalt the entry to Lafitte Drive-In Park. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Steve Moosa presented the audit of the fiscal year ended 12/31/2018. He discussed a graph presentation showing governmental revenues and expenditures, electric revenue vs. power cost, analysis of governmental revenues, analysis of governmental expenditures, operating income of the enterprise fund, salary and wages, retirement costs, net health insurance cost and bonded indebtedness. There were no findings in the audit. Mayor Piazza stated since 2015 we have had a reduction in the cost of electricity and some of that is passed on to our customers. In a recent report, Abbeville's electrical rates are nearly the same as SLEMCO, only 8% higher than Entergy and 20% lower than CLECO. That says a lot for Abbeville.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the audit for the fiscal year ended 12/31/18. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve a Class A liquor license for De'Ja'Vu located at 811 Nugier Street. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the quotation from JJE Contracting, LLC. in the amount of \$4,420.00 for removal of asbestos and \$1,000.00 for air monitoring and final air testing and change order number 2. Both items pertain to the Airport Terminal Building Renovation project. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/Plaisance
Resolution R19-16

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with DOTD for the Rehabilitation of the Main Hangar project.

The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the purchase of a new generator for Fire Station #3 from Capital Electric & Supply in the amount of \$11,790.00 (they were the low bidder). The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to table any action at this time to award the contract for demolition of 411 E. Vermilion Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated the Police Chief has been asking for the Tahoe that the Mayor currently drives. The Chief had \$50,000 in his budget this year however that money is used to pay for the third installment of the purchase of the leased vehicles. Those were purchased 3 years ago. The Chief has not been able to purchase a new vehicle this year. He only purchased 2 used vehicles this year. This transfer will help the police department. Mayor Piazza will purchase a used Chevrolet Silverado that is in very good condition. It is a crew cab so in the future it can be passed on to another City department. It has 30,000 miles on it.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to authorize the transfer of the Mayor's current Tahoe to the police department and to authorize the purchase of a used 2017 Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$29,780.00 for the Mayor to drive. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve a special event permit and waive the permit fee for the Louisiana Heat Softball Team to hold a tournament at A. A. Comeaux Park on July 12, 2019 through July 13, 2019 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.

Plaisance/T. Broussard
Resolution R19-16A

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to pay materials up to \$5,000.00 to asphalt the entrance of LaFitte Drive-in Park.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *We have a new building at the entrance of LaFitte Drive-In Park. We want to thank Stallion Offshore for the donation of that building to the City. He had contacted them to see if they had an old beat up building they would be willing to donate to us and we could renovate it. They not only donated the building to us, but they painted it, put in new floors and fixed up the inside. We didn't have to do anything all we had to do was go get it. It didn't cost us anything. We should have a sign at the entrance for the people who have donated to the park. It is an 8' by 16' building. Only an 8' x 8' section is air conditioned. It has already been hooked up. The other side will be used for storage. We will extend the park opening this weekend. It will be open 7/4, 7/5, 7/6 and 7/7. We will close the park sometimes in August. Mr. Richard Minvielle has reapplied for the grant for the walking trail. He was given some pointers to add to the application and he is confident that we might receive the grant next year.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Finally, the bids for the Streetscape sidewalk project will be received on July 10, 2019.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard,

- *Starting July 13th and the next three to four Saturday's, she will be holding her second annual school supply drive. She will be at Super One Foods. She will make sure everything is distributed to the schools. Please stop by and give a donation.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *The Cake & Ice Cream Festival will be held on July 27, 2019 at A. A. Comeaux Park from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor