

The Mayor Pro-Tem and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on August 20, 2024 at 5:15 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, with the Honorable Francis Touchet, Jr. Mayor Pro-Tem, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members Carlton Campbell, Brady Broussard, Jr.
Francis Touchet, Jr. and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: Mayor Roslyn R. White
Councilwoman Terry Broussard

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Kelly Mire, Assistant Fire Chief
Charlene Beckett, Main Street Manager
Cristian LeJeune, Digital Media Assistant
Chris Gautreaux, Public works & Parks Director
Bryan Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer
Todd Vincent, Engineer
Steve Moosa, CPA

Councilman Touchet stated that Mayor White was out of town tonight. He stated that we are here for two committee meetings. The first committee meeting is the Finance Committee to receive the quarterly budget report of expenses and revenue. He asked Mr. Steve Moosa to present the report.

Mr. Moosa presented the quarterly report. Sales tax revenue is better than budgeted and water and sewer revenues are flat. Electrical sales revenues are less than the budgeted amount but our hottest month is August so that should correct itself. All departments are in line with the budgeted figures for payroll and other expenses.

-01 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to accept the quarterly budget report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Touchet stated that the next committee is the Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy. He turned the floor over to Councilman Hardy. Councilman Hardy stated that the item to discuss is a proposed ordinance to amend Section 13-21 to comply with recent changes to LSA RS 40:1379.3(N). He asked Bart Broussard to explain the proposed amendment. Bart stated this amendment pertains to the carrying of firearms. We are copying the recent change that went into effect in State law into our ordinance in order to comply with State law. Everyone 18 years of age and above that are not prohibited from carrying by some other state or federal law, can carry. Councilman Campbell asked about those who were dishonorably discharged. Bart stated that he would research that and get back to him.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to recommend to the City Council at their next regular meeting scheduled for September 3, 2024 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 13-21 to comply with recent changes to LSA RS 40:1379.3(N). The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Francis Touchet, Jr.
Mayor Pro-Tem