

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on April 2, 2024 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room, located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, with the Honorable Roslyn R. White, Mayor, presiding.

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

Members Absent: Councilwoman Terry Broussard

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Cristian LeJeune, Digital Media Assistant
Bryan Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Kim Touchet, Engineer
Byron Dozier, Parks & Recreation Coordinator, QSA

Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Mayor White led those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Mr. Jeffrey Rayford, to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor White asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

-01 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to appoint Jeffrey Rayford to the position of Police Officer with the Abbeville Police Department pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2024 Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the February 2024 budget to actual report. The motion carried unanimously.

One bid was submitted for the wood frame house at 303 Joffre Street. The bid did not conform with the request for proposals requirements. Bart recommended that the Council table any action.

-04 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to table awarding the wood frame house at 303 Joffre Street since the only bid received did not conform to the requirements of the request for proposals. The motion carried unanimously.

Hardy/B. Broussard
Resolution R24-07

A resolution proclaiming the month of April 2024 as National Community Development month.

The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to award the contract for the demolition of the structure at 814 Solomon Street to the low bidder, Savoy's Excavation, in the amount of \$5,080.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to award the contract for the demolition of the structure at 404 N. Bailey to the low bidder, Acadiana Landfill, in the amount of \$4,499.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify payment of the invoice from Luke Deshotels Construction in the amount of \$7,080.00 to clean and pump out Cypress Lift Station and to approve payment of the invoice from Griner Drilling Service in the amount of \$13,237.00 for repairs to Cypress Lift Station. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to ratify payment to Advanced Signs and Graphics in the amount of \$13,295.00 to purchase a used 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe, to wrap the unit white and apply graphics for the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA

- *Baseball league opening day will be on April 6, 2024 beginning at 9 AM at Comeaux Park.*
- *ARCA will be using our fields this year because of maintenance issues where they were playing.*
- *2D and USSSA will be returning to the park. He will get a schedule to the Council.*

Mayor Roslyn R. White

- *The Sicilian Festival was a very nice day.*
- *She met with the contractor, Glenn Lege Construction, for the Downtown Project.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *There is a Sounds on the Square this Thursday.*
- *April 11, 2024 there will be a Community Master Plan open house at the Riverfront Banquet facility. On April 12, 2024, there will be a downtown walk for his district from 2-4 PM. Mayor White added that there will be walks in each Council Member's districts at different times on April 11th and April 12th.*

Councilman Carlton Campbell

- *Asked what will we do with our gun ordinance since the State Legislature has changed State law about concealed carry. We cannot supersede State law. The new law goes into effect on July 1, 2024. Councilman Touchet added that effective July 1, 2024, 17-year-olds will be considered adults. Mayor White stated that Bart would examine our ordinances and recommend changes as needed and that she would ask our State legislators to inform the public about the changes.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor