

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on February 6, 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 Roslyn R. White, Mayor, presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Cristian LeJeune, Digital Media Assistant
Bryan Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer
Chris Gautreaux, Public works & Parks Director
Stewart Head, Electrical Department Supervisor
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Todd Vincent, Engineer
Steve Moosa, CPA

Mayor White stated that we are here for a Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. and an Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy. Mayor White explained that Councilman Touchet was running late so we would take up the Ordinance Committee business first.

-01 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to amend the agenda to present the Ordinance Committee business before the Finance Committee business since Councilman Touchet is running late. The motion carried unanimously.

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

She turned the floor over to Councilman Hardy. Councilman Hardy stated that the first item was to discuss a proposed ordinance pertaining to changes to the Solid Waste Ordinance, Section 15.5. He asked Bart Broussard to discuss the proposed ordinance. Bart stated that the proposed ordinance would give more authority to the Code Enforcement Officer to write citations. It would be a civil penalty. The main issue is that landlords are emptying whole houses and putting them on the side of the road when they evict someone. We would reduce the timeline for removal of that from 30 days to 48 hours. The violation would be served on the door. He and the Mayor will draft an ordinance and bring it back to another Ordinance Committee when it is ready.

Councilman Hardy stated the second item for the Ordinance Committee to consider is a discussion on proposed changes to Chapter 12, Article VI, Freight Carrying Vehicles. He asked Bart to discuss the changes. Bart stated that the proposed changes would be more specific about where 18-wheelers cannot be and we would also add fines. Mayor White asked the City Council to communicate to her where they don't want big trucks. The specific fine would be for repeat offenders. There would be an exception for those delivering to local businesses. The proposed ordinance will be finalized at a later date and brought back up at a future Ordinance Committee meeting.

The next Committee to meet was the Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. Councilman Touchet stated the item is an update of revenues and expenditures after the 4th quarter of 2023. He asked Mr. Steve Moosa to provide the update. Mr. Moosa stated that the year ended with revenues being higher than was budgeted. Payroll was also lower than budgeted as well as other expenses in the General Fund. The Utility System Fund expenses were higher than budgeted.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor