

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in emergency special session on August 27, 2021 at 4:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, Abbeville, Louisiana, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant
Richard Primeaux, Engineer

Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence to ask the Lord to be merciful to all Louisianians for the approaching Hurricane Ida.

Mayor Piazza stated we are here today for an emergency special meeting. We have two items on the agenda. The first one is to declare a state of emergency as a result of Hurricane Ida. He just attended an OEP meeting and the parish has declared a state of emergency and the State declared that yesterday. It would be appropriate for us to also because we will expend costs as a result of emergency protective measures that will need to be covered.

**Plaisance/Touchet
Resolution R21-31**

A resolution authorizing a state of emergency as a result of Hurricane Ida.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated we started handing out sandbags at 7:00 AM this morning. They will continue handing out sandbags until 6:00 PM today. Tomorrow morning, they will go back and hand out more and they will continue to fill more. We have somewhere between 500-1,000 sandbags ready to go. We purchased additional bags and sand so we should have plenty. This storm does not look like it will be a rain event. According to projections, we should not get a whole lot of flooding. We have electrical crews on the way. We have secured crews from Echo and our friends from Georgia are enroute. Councilman Plaisance has already secured the rooms for the crews. Our electrical system is in good shape. We have all of our transformers that were purchased last year in place and we have the spare that is available. The switch that went out the other day has been repaired. Harvey Dubois stated that our electrical system is in the best shape it has been in years. That doesn't mean that we won't have dozens of huge oak trees falling all over the place and tearing down lines. Shelton Energy, a crew that has been working with us, is also staying on. All generators have been filled up and have been serviced. The water and sewer plants have made the necessary preparations as usual and he has met with all the supervisors. Aurriss and Paul will be on call to help the street crew. Everything at the parks have been secured. We have received a mobile generator from OEP for the lift stations to use for the

storm. Chief Spearman stated he will implement a curfew from 6 PM Sunday evening until 6 AM Monday morning. They also have chainsaws to help if needed. Chief Mire stated everything is ready to go. They now have a boat and motor as well as chainsaws if needed. Chief Spearman asked if the trash trucks would be able to pick up the debris before the storm. Mayor Piazza asked Allie to put that if anyone has loose debris in front of their house, the Police Jury will not be picking that up before the storm and it should be removed and put in a secure location.

Mr. Richard Primeaux presented the contracts for emergency debris removal. These are for Acadiana Shell, Vermilion Shell and for Primeaux, Touchet & Associates, LLC. The contracts have been changed to include FEMA requirements and insurance requirements. Each contractor will give us two crews.

**Touchet/Plaisance
Resolution R21-32**

A resolution authorizing the execution of emergency debris removal contracts and a professional services contract in connection with same.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor