

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on December 20, 2022 at 5:20 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, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Rick Putnam, City Judge
Jeremiah Bolden, City Marshal
Mona Hebert, City Court retired employee
Reggie Hilts, City Marshal Deputy

Mayor White stated that we are here for an Ordinance Committee meeting chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy. She 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 the item for the Ordinance Committee to consider is an ordinance dealing with fines for code violations. Councilman Broussard had requested this item to be on the agenda so Councilman Hardy asked Councilman Broussard to explain the request.

Councilman Broussard there have been some property violations that have been going on for decades so the City Attorney has suggested that we modify our ordinance to include a financial penalty for violations. Mayor White stated that we did something like this for campers recently. Councilman Broussard is trying to address junk on property. She pulled up the ordinance from Tangipahoa Parish and they have a per day penalty for junk properties. That penalty would be applied as a lien to the property. Councilman Broussard would like the City Attorney to work on a draft of this in January. He would like to see a penalty of \$100 per day assessed to the property owner. We are having issues because contractors do not want to go on property to clean it up because they fear their safety. Councilman Campbell thought the \$100 per day is excessive. Bart Broussard stated the case that brought this about was not connected to utilities. The ordinance states that you are required to be connected to utilities however there is no penalty in the penalty section.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize the City Attorney to research the proposed ordinance and to make recommendations to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor