

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on November 15, 2022 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, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Stewart Head, Electrical Department Superintendent  
Kim Touchet, Engineer

*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 that there is only one item to discuss and that is an ordinance to set the four election districts and their geographical area of the City Council in accordance with the 2020 census within the City of Abbeville. Whereas, the City of Abbeville after evaluating the existing apportionment plan and the 2020 census data, which was presented during the December 7, 2021 Ordinance Committee meeting and again tonight, it has been determined that no substantial variation in the representation of the districts existed and declare the existing districts to be equitable and to continue as the apportionment plan. Mayor White stated that in December of last year, based on census data, we were given a deadline to address reapportionment. It was recommended first that we make some changes to the district line. Later after more evaluation and more information from the State, it was evaluated and determined that we were not required because we had no substantial changes in the make up of the existing districts. It is the recommendation of our consultant and herself to leave the existing districts as is based on the 2020 census data. One of the other reasons is that she has some real doubts about the accuracy of the 2020 census. She walked the streets quite a bit during that time and she did not see anyone walking door to door taking census. This is a discussion regarding a proposed ordinance. After tonight it will go to our regular City Council meeting (12/6/22) for further discussion and public comment and we will take action at the last meeting in December (12/20/22). Right now the proposal is to take no action and to leave the districts as they currently exist.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2022 to hold a public hearing to receive comments pertaining to an ordinance to set the four elections districts and their geographical area of the City Council in accordance with the 2020 census of the City of Abbeville. The ordinance proposes no change to the current election districts. And to further recommend to the City Council to consider approving said ordinance at their regular meeting scheduled for December 20, 2022. 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