

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on October 18, 2022 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 Roslyn R. White, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members Carlton Campbell, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr. and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Steve Moosa, CPA

Mayor White stated that we are here for two Committee meetings. The first meeting is the Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Touchet, who is not here tonight. The other Committee is the Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilman Hardy. She asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none.

Since Councilman Touchet was not present for the meeting, Mayor White introduced the topic to come before the Finance Committee. It is the budget update of revenues and expenses after the 3rd quarter of 2022. We have Steve Moosa with us tonight to discuss this. Mr. Moosa had distributed a three-page report of the financial activity through the 3rd quarter. The first page was a comparison of sales tax, water, sewer and electrical revenue. Sales tax revenue is up 4.6% above the expected budget. We have collected \$600,000 more than we budgeted. Water and sewer revenue are ahead of budget too. Water is 3% above and sewer is 2% above. The electrical revenue is ahead of budget by about 2% also. KWH sold is 1.3% above the KWH sold at this same time period in 2021. The next page compared the payroll expense by department from 2021 to 2022. In the general fund we are about 7.4% below budget or about \$270,000 however when examining the detail of each department, some departments are overbudget in payroll. The positive variance is attributable to the fire and police payroll running underbudget. This is due to the staff shortage in the police department. The Street Department and Park Department overtime accounts are very much overbudget. The utility system fund is overbudget by 4.8% or about \$64,000. The electrical department is overbudget \$66,000. This is due to some one-time expenses like the Felicity substation transformer vandalism and the additional work needed to complete the lighting at Comeaux Park. When we look at the City as a whole, payroll is ahead of budget by \$200,000 or about 4.1%. The final page is the other operating expenses. In the general fund we are ahead of budget by \$156,000 or about 1.9%. Some line items are overbudget, like general administration, tax, civil service and the park department. The civil service department is overbudget. Although, that is still a part time position, she comes to work every week which is what we did not have in the past. The utility system fund is overbudget by \$216,000 or 6.3%. This is due to some one-time expenses, like the Felicity Electrical substation vandalism and the lightning strike/power surge at the Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Moosa stated that those things that are overbudget 5% will have to be amended.

Mayor White stated that the next committee is the Ordinance Committee. She turned the floor over to Councilman Hardy. Councilman Hardy stated the first item is to discuss an ordinance to finalize changes to the current Food Truck Ordinance and to add language for Food Truck Parks. He asked Mr. Bart Broussard to discuss the item. Mr. Broussard stated we amended two provisions of the current food truck ordinances. The original ordinance limited the number of permits to 5 and the proposed language strikes that language. Mayor White stated that if we will have food truck parks then we can't limit the number of food truck permits. That is a recommendation. Each application for a permit would come before the Council so that language will also be added to the ordinance. Mr. Broussard stated that we are also proposing to change the distance from a restaurant from 150 feet to 300 feet. Food truck lots would be permitted separately and approved by the City Council and then each food truck would have to be permitted separately and approved by the City Council. They will have to list the lot they are anticipating parking their food truck. We are adding an entire section for food truck parks to the proposed ordinance. Please review the proposed ordinance and it will appear again at the committee

meeting on November 1, 2022. Mayor White asked the City Council to send her any proposed revisions.

Councilman Hardy stated that the next item of the Ordinance Committee is to adopt an ordinance to set the speed limit at the 700th address block of 8th street to 15 MPH. Councilwoman Broussard stated that a resident had requested the reduction in speed limit. It is the dead-end loop on Bailey. Chief Hardy stated he is in favor of this and it will help everybody in that neighborhood.

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to recommend to the City Council at their meeting scheduled for November 1, 2022 to adopt an ordinance to set the speed limit at the 700th address block of 8th Street to 15 MPH. 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