

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on September 20, 2022 at 4:50 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, and Brady Broussard, Jr.

Members Absent: Councilman Tony Hardy
Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Sarah Alpough, Director of Revenue, Regulatory Codes & Permits
Gene Sellers, Engineer

Mayor White stated that we are here for an Ordinance meeting chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy. She asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none.

Since Councilman Hardy was not present for the meeting, Mayor White introduced the first proposed ordinance. It is to discuss a proposed ordinance to amend Section 5-268, Findings for permit, to remove "City Attorney" from the section and replace with "the Mayor or his or her designee". We have been going through all of the ordinances and as we find issues with them, we will bring them to committee. In the sign ordinance, it is written that the City Attorney will approve the sign application and then it can be ratified by the Planning Commission. It is Mayor White's recommendation, after consulting with the new City Attorney, that the language in the existing ordinance can be replaced as presented in the proposed ordinance. The City Attorney would not need to be involved with looking at the sign application. She can look at it or she can ask Richard Primeaux to look at it. We don't feel it is a legal duty.

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for October 4, 2022 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 5-268, Findings for permit, to remove "City Attorney" from the section and replace with "the Mayor or his or her designee". The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White discussed the second proposed ordinance. It is an ordinance to remove Article II, Cutting Pavement, Section 16-21 through 16-29 and replace with same. Sarah brought this to her attention that we have a boring permit that has been applied for by AT&T to put fiber by Gulf Coast Bank. They had some issues with our permitting process. One was that they were given the wrong application so the value of the fees were off compared to other municipalities. We also noted that there is no language in our existing ordinance for boring specifically. After a lot of conversations back and forth, we pulled an ordinance from another municipality that is comprehensive and Bart has revised our ordinance. The cleanest way is to remove the existing section completely and replace it with all new language. Bart stated that we had some issues with at least one or two of the ordinances and there was some language that really didn't apply anymore. It has some classifications of streets and other various things that the City no longer did. The best was to do it is to strike the entire section and re-establish it. It is much cleaner and more organized. Mayor White stated that one of the goals of this is to require a simple fee of \$10 to \$25. The reason for that is that those utilities have to come here and get a permit. When they come in to get a permit, we will require them to give a work order, who their contractor is and their contact information and what the location is so that Chris and Sarah both have a record of who is doing the work and cutting into our city streets. When we get calls about problems, we know who made the cut and who we need to hold accountable. The small fee is just a step in the process to make sure they come in and record it before they cut into the street. This will be a good process to put in place.

-02 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for October 4, 2022, to adopt an ordinance to remove Article II, Cutting Pavement, Section 16-21 through 16-29 and replace with same. 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