

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on March 21, 2023 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, 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
Stewart Head, Electric Department Superintendent
Gene Sellers, Engineer

Mayor White stated that we are here for a Finance 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. He announced that the agenda item was to discuss a proposed ordinance to change the curfew for those under the age of 18. Councilman Touchet had put this on the agenda so he asked Councilman Touchet to discuss the item.

Councilman Touchet discussed in length the changes he was proposing to the existing ordinance. He proposed to change the curfew to those under the age of 18 instead of 17. He also proposed to change the curfew time on Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM to 8:30 PM to 5:00 AM and Friday through Saturday from 12:00 AM to 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM. He wanted to impose financial penalties to the parents of not less than \$50.00 for the first offense, not less than \$75.00 for the second offense and not less than \$100.00 for the third offense. After discussion it was also decided that the judge could also give community service in lieu of some of the financial fines. Mayor White proposed that the child would have to be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone having legal custody of the juvenile after curfew, not just another adult. All other exceptions for school events and activities as noted in the existing ordinance would remain the same.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to recommend to the City Council at their next regular meeting scheduled for April 4, 2023, to adopt an ordinance to implement the proposed changes as discussed to the curfew ordinance. The motion 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