

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on October 1, 2019 at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
T. J. Savoy, Airport Engineer
Gene Sellers, Sr., Engineer
Gene Sellers, Jr., Architect
Ben Rivera, Insurance Agent
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board member

Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the probational appointment of Rodney Vincent to the position of Police Officer in the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. T. J. Savoy presented the 6-year Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport. We are proposing three projects in 2020. The first one is the construction phase of the Rehabilitation of the Runway and portion of the taxiway project. We are requesting 90% of the funds from federal funds and the remaining 10% match would come from the State. The second project is phase II of the construction T-Hangar taxilanes and apron. We will be requesting 100% of the funds from the State. The third project is the design and construction of the approach lighting project. We are requesting 100% of the funding from the State. The spreadsheet includes the other proposed projects over the next five years. Some of those are to construct a hangar development area, LED runway lighting, another paving project, the upgrade of our existing AWOS and finally the construction of a concrete agricultural loading area. Councilman Broussard stated it is impressive when we can get \$3,893,000 of improvements at the airport and we only have to fund \$217,610. Mayor Piazza stated that a majority of this is FAA grants because the federal government has really emphasized the need for infrastructure improvements throughout the country and airports are a big part of that. Councilwoman White asked if any of the improvements would allow us to land and service larger aircraft. Mayor Piazza said no and we did talk about that with FAA and DOTD. He asked them if there was a way we could increase the payload capacity as we are limited on our runway because we don't own the property beyond the end of the runway. If would take a complete reconstruction of the runway to land larger planes and increase the payload. They do not have the money to fund that. Councilman Touchet asked T. J. to see if there was any money available to market the airport.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2019 Committee meeting and the September 3, 2019 and September 17, 2019 City Council meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none.

B. Broussard/T. Broussard
Resolution R19-25

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related to the 2020-2021 Capital Outlay Program and to authorize Sellers and Associates to submit the necessary documents on behalf of the City of Abbeville.

The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/White
Resolution R19-26

A resolution pertaining to the Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport.

The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve pay application number 13 payable to Minvielle Lumber Company in the amount of \$47,103.01 and the invoice from The Sellers Group in the amount of \$1,359.13, both for the Airport Terminal Building Renovation project. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve amendment #2 to The Sellers Group contract for the Airport Terminal Building Renovation project. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to accept the recommendations of the hearing officer from the hearing held on September 24, 2019 for the following properties: 1507 Franks Alley/demolition of structures/given 5 days, 608 Gibson/repair or tear down/given 5 days, 810 Soloman Street/purchase demo permit/given 5 days, 610 Chevis/complete removal of tree stump/given 5 days, 1604 Cherokee Street/to repair or tear down mobile home/given 5 days, 309 Ninth Street/turn in demolition permit/given 5 days, 307 10th Street/to board up front door/window/given 5 days and 1311 S. St. Charles/to remove all junk items/given 15 days. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify the agreement with Bank-Tec South to place a new automatic drive-thru window drawer at City Hall at a cost of \$5,325.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *He has been doing ethics and sexual harassment training and that is still ongoing.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *The fire rating started today. We had to flush the hydrants so there have been reports of brown water. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Mire to let them know when they do annual flushing so we can inform the public.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Invited everyone to the Louisiana Cattle Festival. The banquet is October 5, 2019. Billy Nungesser is our guest speaker. We have a brand-new fair this year. We have vendors of all types.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *This Thursday is the first fall Sounds on the Square. Geno Delafosse will be playing.*
- *Urged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *The Giant Omelette Festival is coming up on November 2nd and 3rd.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor