

City of Abbeville
Regular Meeting
October 3, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on October 3, 2023 at 5:30 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., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Chris Hardy, Lieutenant-Abbeville Police Department
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Director of Public Works & Parks
Bryan Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer
Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Kim Touchet, Engineer
Dr. Erick Knezek, candidate for BESE District 7
Kristen Moore, Nehemiah Project Director of Youth Initiatives
Arlene Collee, Giant Omelette Festival
Elaine Dill, Municipal Employees Civil Service Board member

Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. She then asked Mrs. Elaine Dill to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Dr. Erick Knezek. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor White asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.

Dr. Erick Knezek, a candidate for BESE District 7, discussed his qualifications for the position and plans for the office if he is elected

Mrs. Kristen Moore discussed the Pathways Forward and College Tour program through the Nehemiah Project.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to amend the agenda to add the approval of partial payment estimate number 7 in the amount of \$76,964.09 relative to the FY 2021 LCDBG Sewer System Rehabilitation project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White asked again if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item since the amendment to the agenda occurred after the original request for public comments. There were no comments.

-02 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023 and September 19,2023 regular City Council meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve the request from the Giant Omelette Celebration to have a historic marker embedded on Concord Street. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: 4(Campbell, T. Broussard, Touchet, Hardy)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 1(B. Broussard)

Therefore, the motion carried.

Mr. Bryan Fisher provided an update on the property located at 410 Chevis. The property is up to code and no further action is required.

407 Clark Street- *No one was present to represent the property. Mr. Bryan Fisher stated that the addition is pulling away from the main structure of the house and needs to be demolished. Once the addition is removed, he will make another assessment on the rest of the house.*

-04 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to condemn the addition (structure adjacent to the house) at 407 Clark Street. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to authorize the Mayor to execute and submit all documents relative to the Delta Regional Authority Strategic Planning Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/Hardy
Resolution R23-29

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents along with adopting certain procedures in connection with the Water Sector Program for a Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to award the contract for the removal of tall grass, heavy underbrush, fallen tree, weeds and bamboo at 819 Saint Peter Street to the low bidder, Acadiana Demo & Waste, LLC in the amount of \$2,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to accept the recommendation of the Abbeville Planning Commission to approve the subdivision of property located on South Hospital Drive owned by Roy Young which is to be sold to Charity Baptist Church. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve a special event permit for Les Amis du Francais en Vermilion to hold the 2023 Fit for French 2-Mile Fun Walk from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on November 4, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve a special event permit for Junior Auxiliary of Vermilion to hold the Courir De L'Omelette from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM on November 5, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve a special event permit for Junior Auxiliary of Vermilion to hold the Jack O Lantern Jubilee from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on October 31, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/B. Broussard
Resolution R23-30

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a servitude/easement agreement with Saint Andrew Dung-Lac Roman Catholic Church to provide utilities to said property.

The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/B. Broussard
Resolution R23-31

A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a servitude/easement agreement with Cajun Power Properties, LLC to provide utilities to said property.

The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to adopt the procedure for participation in open meetings by those with ADA recognized disabilities as per ACT 393 of the 2023 regular Legislative Session. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve payment of partial payment estimate number 7 in the amount of \$76,964.09 payable to Shaw Construction for the FY 2021 LCDBG Sewer System Rehabilitation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Roslyn White

- *She has drafted a letter to be given to landlords for eviction proceedings. The letter is to inform them of the City's implementation of a comprehensive plan to regulate and to eliminate litter and roadside debris as much as possible. She has forwarded the draft to the City Court Judge for his review and approval. The letter will be posted online after his approval and she will share it with the Police Jury.*
- *Discussed the events of the upcoming Louisiana Cattle Festival that is scheduled for this weekend.*
- *There were a lot of crime issues over the weekend. Some arrests have been made and the Police Department is still working on the rest. Councilman Touchet and Councilman Broussard asked Lieutenant Hardy to ask Chief Hardy to get all agencies involved. Mayor White agreed that we need to use every resource available.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Asked Lieutenant Hardy for additional patrols to monitor night walkers due to the increase in vandalism. Councilman Campbell stated that we do have crime but you can't restrict people's liberties.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *She asked everyone to get involved with Vermilion Reach on Facebook for the upcoming Martin Luther King, Jr. Day activities.*

- *The NAACP Banquet is scheduled for October 21, 2023.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor