

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on March 3, 2020 at 5:15 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: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Lieutenant Jonathan Touchet
Richard Primeaux, Engineer

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for an Ordinance Committee meeting chaired by Councilwoman Terry Broussard. We only have one item on the agenda. He asked if there were any public comments on any agenda item. There were none so he turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard.

Councilwoman Broussard stated we will discuss an ordinance to revise and reorganize Chapter 15.5-Solid Waste Ordinance. She asked Ike to explain the ordinance.

Ike stated when we first adopted the solid waste ordinance, we took the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's ordinance and modified it to fit our situation. We paralleled the Police Jury's ordinance because they were collecting the tax and providing all of the services. We did this at their request. Times have changed. The Police Jury will no longer be providing pickup for non-residential garbage bins. He has made the necessary changes. We divided the chapter into three stages. A. are rules applicable to both residential and non-residential collection. That is a renumbering and addition of some definitions and making some slight modifications. B. is the portion of the original ordinance that dealt just with residential service. It has virtually no changes other than renumbering. Part C are rules that are applicable to multi-residential units, commercial units and industrial units. This is where the wholesale changes are. The way this is set up is to allow collection companies to do pickups within our corporate limits if they receive a permit from our permit department authorizing them to do so. They would pay a one-time fee of \$5 per bin that they pick up. They will provide us with a list of all the addresses that they collect. They will update this annually or at the request of the permit department. There is a provision for the location of bins so we don't have bins that are out in the public right-of-way. The Public Works Director will inspect to make sure the bins are properly located. The businesses and apartment complexes have certain obligations to maintain their bins in a sanitary condition. The obligations of the collection agent are that they have to provide commercial grade bins to their customers. The City has the right to inspect and condemn a bin if it is found to be defective. We will send notice to the collection agency giving them 15 days to rectify this. If they refuse to do so, they will be imposed with a civil fine. Mayor Piazza stated the meat of the ordinance is all about the location of the bins and about them maintaining the bins and the right-of-way if the bin has to be placed in the right-of-way. Clay will be responsible for getting with these businesses as they get their permit to make sure they put it on their property if that is possible. If they don't have that ability, they will have to put it somewhere that does not obstruct traffic and if their trucks make ruts then they will be responsible for repairing that not us. They bins cannot be overflowing. We were able to regulate it a little when we had a good relationship with the Police Jury because if they messed it up, we could call them and they would come fix it. Now we no longer have that luxury and we are dealing with people that we don't know. The location of the bin was his big concern. Ike stated as new businesses come into town they will be submitting site plans and the Planning Commission will have the opportunity to review those plans and make sure the ones coming into town will follow this. Councilwoman White stated we need to make sure the truck will be able to access their site. She also wanted to address the litter coming from these trucks. Ike stated we already have that in the ordinance and we can put that on the permit. Mayor Piazza

stated we are dealing with professional companies and they do this in other cities so they probably have exactly what they need. Councilwoman White asked how we will notify those companies. Mayor Piazza stated that we will let them know. Ike stated there are a limited number of those companies so we will obtain their information and let them know what is coming. Mayor Piazza stated that some of these companies have already been in contact with Clay.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to recommend to the City Council to adopt an ordinance to revise and reorganize Chapter 15.5 pertaining to Solis Waste at their next meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor