

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on October 15, 2019 at 5:00 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
Steve Moosa, CPA

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for two Committee meetings. The first committee is the Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilwoman Terry Broussard. He turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard.

Councilwoman Broussard stated we are here today for the Council to consider the amendment of the code of ordinances to add Section 5-400, et sequa, Multi-Family Dwelling Facility Security Requirements. She asked Ike to explain the ordinance. Mr. Funderburk stated that this is a brainchild of Councilwoman Broussard, the Mayor, the Police Chief and people who own apartment complexes. They are working hand in glove to make this a safer place to live and do business. In doing so they are making communication available through a denser population and the police department. The method they are using to do this is security cameras and security officers on the premises. This was presented originally to the Planning Commission where we had two apartment complexes present. Mayor Piazza sent out letters to every apartment complex and a copy of the proposed ordinance. He invited them to the Planning Commission meeting. We only had two that showed up. No one can say they were blindsided on this. One is impacted by this and the other one was a small facility that will not be impacted. The nuts and bolts of it is the owners of these complexes that are affected will place cameras that will be communicated directly to APD not just to their security people. The Police Chief has reported that Live Oak has already taken the steps forward to meet the requirements of the ordinance. By having access to the video at APD, if we have a crime reported at one of these facilities, APD can go back to the cameras and pull up the events. They can download this and preserve it as evidence. This is a huge step forward in making apartment complexes safer and more profitable for the owners because they will not have the high crime. Mayor Piazza said this was the brainchild of the Police Chief. He asked several of us to attend events held by the chief regarding this. The event was called "Thee Save the Children" event. There were several things and ideas that were kicked around by our community and this was one of them. Kibbie Pillette was there and voiced some concerns about the community and large amount of people in a small area. Ike has done a very good job composing this ordinance. Christopher with Live Oak Manor was at the Planning Commission meeting and was in favor of this. This is something that is affordable and it will help APD and will help them (Live Oak) to have a nicer facility. This will help curtail crime. We only have one facility in class V and that is the large one on Rodeo Rd., Stonebridge. We only have two in class IV and that is Live Oak and North Abbeville Subdivision. Coulee Kinney Apartments is in class III because they are smaller than the other ones. Class IV and V are the only classifications that require security personnel on the premises. Ike said the effective date of this is January 1, 2020 and they are required to become compliant on that date. The Police Chief can send out officers to inspect and impose penalties. It is a civil penalty between \$250 and \$500. Councilman Plaisance stated this is a step in right to the right direction. Mayor Piazza said a lot of these facilities already have cameras in place but they weren't working so if they are inspected annually then we can be assured that their cameras are working. This guarantees that they will have them inspected annually. The one facility that is not in here is the Abbeville Housing Authority because they are regulated by HUD.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to recommend to the City Council at their meeting to be held on November 5, 2019 to adopt an ordinance to add Section 5-400, et sequa, Multi-Family Dwelling Facility Security Requirements to our code of ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated the next committee to meet is the finance committee. This committee is chaired by Councilman Francis, Jr. He turned the floor over to Councilman Touchet. He asked Mr. Steve Moosa to provide an update of the 3rd quarter budget. Mr. Moosa stated the analysis compares the 2018 time period and the 2019 time period. The first page is a revenue analysis. Sales tax is only short about 1% of budget. 2018 was a strong year because of some one-time payments in those figures. However, we are right in line with 2017. We should be okay in that category. Water revenue is off by \$9,000 and sewer revenue is off by \$12,000. Electrical service revenues are about 1% when comparing to the year before. The kilowatt hours sold are just a little less than the previous year. We will see how the fourth quarter rolls out. The next sheet is the payroll analysis. We are overbudget in the General Fund by 1.3%. This is due to the overtime by several departments. The overtime in the police department may be due to the shortage of personnel. In the Utility System Fund we are underbudget by 6.21%. All in all, you are only .83% under budget in all funds combined. The next sheet is an expenditure analysis. In the General Fund you are .9% over budget and in the Utility System Fund you are 3.3% underbudget.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to accept the budget report as presented. 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