

City of Abbeville  
Regular Meeting  
September 5, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 5, 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. and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney  
Mike Hardy, Police Chief  
Chris Gautreaux, Director of Public Works & Parks  
Cristian LeJeune, Digital Media Assistant  
Bryan Fisher, Code Enforcement Officer  
Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Nu Darby, Vermilion Reach Group  
Anaiz Gonzales, Abbeville Police Officer & AHS SRO

*Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. She then asked Mr. Nu Darby to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Officer Anaiz Gonzales 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.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify the appointment of Dominica Meaux to the position of Clerk with the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to ratify the appointment of Desiree Stone-Call to the position of Police Officer with the Abbeville Police Department pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the annual 2% pay increase for the unclassified position of Administrative Assistant to the City Council. The position is held by Mrs. Linda LeBlanc. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2023 and August 15, 2023 regular City Council meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Nu Darby announced the Uniquely You Event to be held at A. A. Comeaux Park on September 9, 2023 from 10 AM to 2 PM. This will give the special needs kids an opportunity to let the public be aware of them. He hopes to grow it every year. Mayor White stated that it is a City co-sponsored event so no permit will be needed.*

*Mr. Nu Darby announced the annual Cleanup Day to be held on October 28, 2023. More details will be announced later.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to authorize the Mayor to move forward of video recording of City Council meetings and posting online after the meeting on the City's YouTube channel. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to authorize the Mayor to sign all documents relative to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement pertaining to Act 397 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session. The Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is for a line-item appropriation in the amount of \$750,000 to overlay a portion of North St. Charles, North State Street and around the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Broussard/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R23-25**

*To approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all agreements with Louisiana DOTD relative to the AWOS III P/T Replacement Project.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Touchet/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R23-26**

*A resolution to declare lots 40, 41 and 42 on Greene Street surplus and that it no longer serves a public purpose and to authorize the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed transferring same to the United Way of Acadiana for them to locate a Head Start Facility on the property.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Broussard/Campbell**  
**Resolution R23-27**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease renewal with landowners Curtis Montet and Loretta Broussard for the lease of land for the non-directional radio beacon for the Abbeville Chris Crusta Memorial Airport.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Bids were received for electric distribution emergency services for one year. One bid was from Grand Isle Shipyard and the other was from Echo Powerline. The bids were very comparable in specifications and prices. These services would only be required after a natural disaster, like a hurricane, to restore power.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to award the primary bid for electric distribution emergency service for one year to Grand Isle Shipyard and to award the backup to Echo Powerline. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to surplus Unit 348, a 1998 International bucket truck in the Electrical Department, Unit 622, a 2017 Dodge 350 truck in the Water Department and Unit 510, a DitchWitch boring machine in the Water

Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gautreaus, Public Works and Parks Director

- *stated that there was another blowout of the post tension on the tennis court. The contractor will be coming to repair that at no charge.*
- *This Saturday they will hold a demonstration class at A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center from 9 AM to 10 AM for the upcoming Go Mow program.*

Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA

- *Soccer registration is closed. Flag Football registration ends tomorrow. Basketball registration is available online through November 3, 2023.*
- *Had a field rental this past weekend for a rag ball tournament.*

Mayor Roslyn R. White

- *We have extended the tree trimming crew for at least another two weeks.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *People have been smoking in Magdalen Square where smoking is prohibited. Asked Chief Hardy to monitor that.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Falk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White  
Mayor