

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on January 18, 2022 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 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  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Lieutenant Jonathan Touchet  
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director  
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
T. J. Savoy, Engineer  
Joey Boneski  
Mike Hardy

*Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Joey Boneski to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Mike Hardy to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify bills paid in the month of December 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to deviate from the agenda to consider a proposal from Green Care Management for Sellers Field. The motion carried unanimously.

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

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the quote from HIDCO in the amount of \$35,000.00 for trash, debris, dirt and cement removal at the City yard. The invoice is to be paid as follows: ½ from the City Sales Tax fund and ½ from the Utility system fund. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

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

Therefore, the motion carried.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to ratify the repair of the motor to water well #6 in the amount of \$7,617.50. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify the repair of Unit 655 in the amount of \$6,659.70 for the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve payment of pay application number 2 in the amount of \$171,000.00 payable to GeoSurfaces, Inc. for the Comeaux Park Renovation Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve payment of estimate for partial payment number 6 (final) in the amount of \$81,089.31 payable to Elliott Construction, LLC for the Rehabilitation of the Runway and Partial Taxiway Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to reappoint Ms. Denise Ardeneaux to the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board, retroactively to May 31, 2021 since the appointment expired on that date. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve payment of estimate for partial payment number 2 payable to Patriot Construction in the amount of \$54,887.81. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve payment of estimate for partial payment number 2 in the amount of \$18,398.90 payable to Glenn Lege Construction for the cleaning of the concrete lined coulee project using ARPA funds. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the quote from Green Care Ground Management in the amount of \$6,500.00 for Sellers Field at Comeaux Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director

- *We will have the annual survey Thursday at the Water Treatment Plant. They will check our paperwork.*
- *We have a foundation issue at the lift station near Sucre Circle. We have a lot of trash coming into it. He has consulted with Mr. Gene. We also have a lot of trash coming into the North Airport lift station too. We believe it is from the nursing home so Mr. Gene will also be evaluating that.*
- *He has also consulted with Mr. Gene regarding some water drainage issues at Comeaux Park. With all the concrete being poured, we need to see where all the water will go. There is an issue on the back side of the property. That is where all the water goes. We will be proactive with that and see if we can work on those issues.*
- *They will start boring in the park to place the underground utilities on Thursday.*
- *Thank you for approving the quote to clean up the City Yard. Once it is clean, we will go to the next steps. We will fix the fence and seal the fence on the outside. City forces will do that. After that we will put containers to put the different debris in.*
- *Councilman Touchet asked Chris if LISCO has started their work at Comeaux Park yet. Chris stated that they have not started.*

- *Chris stated that the goals are almost hung at McKinley Scott Park. He poured some extra concrete there too. Councilwoman Broussard thanked Chris for the work being done in her district. Chris stated that he will try to engage with Ronald Darby to help them with trash. Councilwoman Broussard stated that they also have a problem with illegal dumping. Chris agreed and stated that we also have problems with landlords dumping stuff on the road too. Councilman Broussard thanked Chris for cutting trees on North Main Street and at Comeaux Park. Keep up the good work. Councilwoman White asked Chris, when he reaches out to Ronald Darby, maybe to get him to clarify something that we have all been going back and forth with. The Police Jury has put in place an ordinance that stated that landlords were not supposed to put the trash at the road without an appointment with the Police Jury for them to come and pick it up. She has called solid waste to see if the landlord had an appointment and solid waste has told her that they don't do appointments. The Police Jurors say they do. Please see if you can get this straight. Chris stated that he did attend his first public works committee meeting with the Police Jury. He sat and was quiet but he will not stay quiet too long. He will bring that up.*
- *He is getting proposals together to clean basin #4 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

#### Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Yesterday morning the entire west side of town was covered with thick smoke due the cane burning. There is not much we can do about that. It was very bad.*
- *The renovation at Comeaux Park is progressing well. The pitching mounds have been ordered and we saved \$4,500.00 from the original projection. The bids for the portable bathroom facilities will be opened on Thursday at 2:00 PM through LAMATS. LISCO will begin their project soon. We do have some drainage issues that are being worked on.*
- *It was a wonderful Martin Luther King Day celebration the entire weekend. It started off with a mass last Thursday evening. He attended the breakfast Saturday morning. It was well attended but they were able to space everybody out and issued masks to everyone as you walked in the door of the breakfast hall. That was very good and very conscience of them to protect everybody. The Chief and his officers did an excellent job with the motorcade yesterday. It went all over town. The finale at McKinley Scott Park pavilion went very well. Councilwoman Broussard received a standing ovation when he announced that she was instrumental in securing the funds for the pavilion. Everybody loved the work done on the pavilion. So sorry she could not be there to be with us.*

#### Bill Spearman, Police Chief

- *Discussed his report of calls responded to. There were 335 calls in two weeks.*
- *Mayor Piazza told Chief Spearman that the cameras are in at the Housing Authority and they are working with an electrician and Stewart to get those installed.*

#### Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *Issued the 911 call sheet for the entire parish for 2021. He discussed the report.*

#### Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *He attended all the Martin Luther King Day celebrations. The church service was outstanding. It lasted three hours but was very good.*
- *Congratulated Mayor Piazza for being the Grand Marshal of the MLK Day motorcade. He was honored and he is very proud of the Mayor and for all he has done.*
- *When you get a chance, during hunting season, take a ride by the airport. He sent a picture to Councilman Touchet of the four beautiful jets that were there. They are all enjoying the new terminal. Mayor Piazza stated that we need to send the picture to Danielle, our program manager in Baton Rouge.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *Thanked everyone that attended the MLK Day activities. She regretted that she could not attend.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *The organizers and the participants of the MLK Day activities did an outstanding job. The City shined for that celebration this year.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *Asked if we had received the at home COVID tests. Kathy stated that we had received three boxes and one and one-half boxes had already been distributed to the public. Councilwoman White asked what the parameters are. Mayor Piazza stated we are distributing 2 kits per household. We were supposed to receive 300 and we have already given out a box and one-half. They can be picked up inside the lobby or at the drive thru. Councilwoman White asked Allie to post the two government sites that are issuing free at home COVID tests. One is from U.S. Government and the other is [special.usps.com](https://special.usps.com).*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor