

City of Abbeville
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on April 18, 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, Brady Broussard, Jr., Terry Broussard, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works and Parks Director
Lee Schexnaider, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Kim Touchet, Engineer
Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA
Charles Dill, Abbeville Planning Commission

Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. Mayor White led those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Mr. Charles Dill to lead to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to amend the agenda to discuss and possibly take action pertaining to improvements to parking access at Comeaux Park not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify the appointment of Qualin Brown 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. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of March 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the March 2023 budget to actual report. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to permanently barricade Armistice Street and East End Street. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to not allow an Abbeville Fire Department employee to transport the Fire Department's tanker truck to Florida for repairs and to hire a professional company to transport it instead. The motion carried

unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve payment of partial payment number 3 in the amount of \$125,955.31 payable to Southern Constructors, LLC relative to the Downtown Abbeville Streetscaping Phase II Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/B. Broussard
Resolution 23-10

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the State of Louisiana and Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC for the placement of security cameras along the electrical poles in the City of Abbeville. This resolution must be passed in order to facilitate the application for grant monies with the State of Louisiana.

The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Touchet began a discussion regarding LaFitte Park opening and closing times for the summer because of the new curfew that will take affect May 4, 2023. It was decided that the park should open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:30 PM every day beginning the first day that the school children are out for the summer.

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to set the summer hours for LaFitte Park as follows: Open every day from 7:00 AM to 7:30 PM beginning the first day the school children are out for the summer. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to award the contract for the demolition of the house and two sheds (not the cypress structure) located at 805 S. Guegnon to Vermilion Shell and Limestone at a cost of \$25,090.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve improvements to the parking access at Comeaux Park not to exceed \$20,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gautreaux, Public Works and Parks Director, announced that the regulator at Pete Noel Electrical Substation is in and both transformers are back to normal. He discussed the work his crews are doing around the City.

Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, stated that league play started last night. They have 47 teams. There was a very large tournament at Comeaux Park this past weekend and there is another tournament this weekend.

Mayor Roslyn White stated she has been contacted by Alison Bates with the Governor's office and they will submit an application on our behalf to help with planning. She also announced that she will be attending a walkability conference next week in Baton Rouge.

Chief Mike Hardy stated he had been in contact with Vermilion Catholic, Harvesttime and the Vermilion Parish School Board regarding school resource officers. Vermilion Catholic stated they have no funds to pay 50% of the salary, Harvesttime has a retiring sheriff's office interested in working but for only 9 months and Vermilion Parish School Board stated they will provide \$25,000

per officer for three officers.

Chief Jude Mire stated that he will be at the Fire Chief's conference in Lafayette next week.

Councilman Carlton Campbell requested that the City consider contacting DOTD to request a traffic light at the intersection of A. A. Comeaux, Martin Luther King and South State Street. Teen Court is tomorrow night at 6:00 PM at City Court.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr discussed the upcoming road overlay of Pere Megret, Concord and Magdalen Square after the sidewalk project is complete.

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. asked Mayor White about the status of the Road Transfer Project with DOTD. He also discussed the appearance of some of the parking areas and buildings at the airport and the need to make those more presentable.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor