

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on August 6, 2019 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  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Steve Moosa, CPA

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a Committee meeting. The committee is the Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. Since Councilman Touchet was running late, Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Steve Moosa to provide the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter update of the budget.*

*Mr. Moosa presented the information. The first sheet of information dealt with revenue. We compared the revenue from 2016 through 2019. Sales tax is down about \$40,000 this year compared to last year but we did notice last year that there was a one-time audit so you received some extra revenues because of that. If you remove that extra revenue, we are still down by about \$20,000. That is about 1% below budget. The water and sewer revenues are below budget by about 3% each. The electric revenue is also below budget by about 12%. We do use a straight-line budget and our hottest months are July, August and September so we may make this difference up. Your KWH sold is down from last year by 4%. Payroll is ahead of budget by about 2% when you add up all departments. Some of the expenses are out of budget but it appears to be a timing issue and we should be back in budget in the next month. You are utilizing capital outlay funds correctly.*

*Councilman Touchet asked Steve to give us a projection of the new sales tax. Mr. Moosa stated that they did an analysis prior to elections. We showed a \$500 per month for police and fire and a \$2.00 per hour raise for other municipal employees. This would cost about \$1,150,000. This includes retirement contribution, workers compensation, social security, overtime(estimated) and those factors. The retirement contributions did go up on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We have projected the revenue to be \$1,400,000 per year. We should have about \$250,000 additional revenue per year. However, you do give annual cost of inflation raises. This means the sales tax will get you through the first 5 years of increases. Sales tax may also increase too. Also, some of those people who receive their 2% will retire. We will just have to monitor the tax. Mayor Piazza asked Steve to set up a meeting with the payroll clerks in each department to see exactly how we will implement the raise.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor