

City of Abbeville
Regular Meeting
June 20, 2023

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on June 20, 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., 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, Director of Public Works & Parks
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent
Ann Hardy, Civil Service Personnel Director
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Byron Dozier, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, QSA
Steve Moosa, CPA, Darnall, Sikes & Frederick

Mayor White called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. She then asked Mrs. Arlene Collee to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked Mrs. Cristian LeJeune 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. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify the appointment of Cristian LeJeune to the position of Digital Media Assistant. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2023 special City Council meeting, Committee meeting and regular City Council meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve the budget to actual report for the month of May 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Moosa present the audit report and the agreed upon procedures report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the audit report and agreed upon procedures report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022 as presented by Mr. Moosa. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to enter into a public hearing to receive comments from the public pertaining to the following two proposed

ordinances: 1. An ordinance pertaining to revisions to the Food Truck Park ordinance and 2. An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-6 B.1 to change the wording to: Smoking in City owned vehicles is not permitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

Mayor White explained the changes to each ordinance. She asked if anyone had a comment or question about the proposed ordinances. There were none.

-06 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to reconvene the regular meeting from the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

**Hardy/Touchet
Ordinance 23-08**

An ordinance to revise the Food Truck Park Ordinance.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Campbell, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, Hardy)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

**Hardy/Touchet
Ordinance 23-09**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-6 B.1 to change to: Smoking in City owned vehicles is not permitted.

The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: 5(Campbell, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, Hardy)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve a special event permit for the Bowzer Family Trail Ride and Scholarship to be held on August 27, 2023 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The special event permit is needed for the trail ride to access the City street from 2901 Rodeo Road to North Airport Road and then back to 2901 Rodeo Road, pending receipt of proof of insurance. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to table the award of the contract for demolition at 810 S Young Street to the low bidder, Home Industry Disposal Company in the amount of \$9,860.00 until the next City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to award the contract for the demolition at 1006 Franks Alley to the low bidder, Acadiana Demo & Waste, LLC., in the amount of \$5,800.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White announced that the regular City Council meeting scheduled for July 4, 2023 has been cancelled because it falls on a holiday.

Mayor White stated that the Catholic church has contacted her about the City purchasing the St. Theresa Community Center. If the City does purchase it, we could utilize the facility for basketball, pickleball and volleyball. We would have to charge a per day fee to utilize the facility or a monthly pass could be purchased. This would offset the cost to maintain the facility. There would be some renovations that would need to be made to utilize it the way we want to. An appraisal and an inspection would be needed. She would report back to the Council results of the appraisal and inspection and would also have a cost estimate of the renovations that would be needed.

-10 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to authorize the Mayor to obtain an appraisal, an inspection and costs estimates to renovate the St. Theresa Community Center. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to table the appointment of one member to the Abbeville Fire and Police Civil Service Board. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Broussard/Touchet
Resolution R23-17

A resolution to extend the eligibility for the Abbeville Fire and Police Civil Service Board to all residents of Vermilion Parish.

The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to ratify the purchase of transformers for stock from Techline in the amount of \$14,934.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to approve the quote from Techline in the amount of \$6,944.85 for poles for stock. The motion carried unanimously.

-14 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the quote from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$44,022.00 for transformers for stock. The motion carried unanimously.

-15 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to ratify the purchase of the Water Plant effluent valve #3 in the amount of \$18,400.00 purchased from Capital Electric & Supply, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

-16 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the contracts for proposals to perform emergency debris removal related to nature of a disaster and to authorize the Mayor to execute same. The motion carried unanimously.

Hardy/Touchet
Resolution R23-18

A resolution granting permission to remove and demolish structures declared vacant and

blighted under the LCDBG FY 2023 Clearance Program.

The motion carried unanimously.

-17 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to table the request for discussion and possible action to require dumpsters at all housing complexes. The motion carried unanimously.

Chris Gautreaux announced that there will be a safety meeting tomorrow.

Byron Dozier announced that there will be a 26-team tournament beginning Wednesday through Sunday.

Mayor Roslyn R. White stated that the new Utility Collection Specialist 1 that was recently hired is Walter Lessin, III. He will begin working on Monday, 6/26/23. The City will be re-advertising for the Code Enforcement Officer position since the Council felt like it should be a full-time position instead of a part-time position. Amazon is coming to the old Fruit of the Loom building as a last-mile facility. CPEX has completed their evaluation and she has shared that information with the Council through a memo. She will schedule a follow-up meeting with them. Submit properties for the LCDBG Clearance program as soon as possible. She received the paperwork for the DOTD Road Transfer project and will bring a recommendation at the July 18, 2023 meeting.

Fire Chief Jude Mire commended Shift 2 on the excellent job they did with the fire at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Apartments.

Councilwoman Terry Broussard asked everyone to support Vermilion Outreach.

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. discussed changing delivery methods for City Ordinance violations instead of using the postal service. He will email the City Attorney regarding that.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor