

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on November 1, 2022 at 5:10 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
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant
Stewart Head, Electrical Department Superintendent
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Marc Turner, Vermilion Parish School Board

Mayor White stated that we are here for an Ordinance Committee meeting chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy. She asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none. She turned the floor over to Councilman Hardy

Councilman Hardy stated that the first item was to discuss an ordinance to amend Section 10-53 pertaining to Mobile Food Trucks and to add Section 10-58 pertaining to Food Truck Parks. Mr. Bart Broussard stated that there were a couple of revisions. We amended the ordinance to increase the distance of a food truck location to a restaurant from 150 feet to 300 feet. We struck out the maximum limit of 5 food truck permits. The amount is unlimited. We also added a provision that all food truck permits must be presented to the City Council for approval. These are incorporated in the Section 10-53 amendment. We also added an entirely new section dealing with Food Truck Parks. The food truck parks will need to be permitted and that request for permit will come to the City Council for approval. Every food truck that wants to operate within the City of Abbeville will have to be permitted and then food truck parks will have to have their own permit. Additionally, the food trucks they allow to park in their parks will have to be permitted. The truck and the lot will have to be permitted.

-01 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 10-53 pertaining to Mobile Food Trucks and to add Section 10-58 pertaining to Food Truck Parks. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White stated the next item for consideration is an ordinance amending Section 10-64 pertaining to Special Event Permits. Mayor White stated that she feels the need to recommend some minor revisions to the Special Event Permits. One of those is shortening the time line we require. Our existing ordinance stated that people had to come 60 days prior to their event to pick up a packet and they had to turn the packet in 45 days prior to the event. They had to be on the agenda for approval 30 days prior to their event. We also added the Christmas Parade and the Veterans Heritage Festival to the list of events that are exempt from the Special Event Permit requirements. We also want to decrease the amount of fees charged. If someone has a 501C-3 non-profit, that is verified, we are proposing to reduce the fee from \$200 to \$30. If it is not a non-profit, we will reduce the fee from \$200 to \$100. It is her hope, since we are proposing to reduce fees, the Council would no longer waive fees. This would make it more affordable and we can keep ourselves out of trouble by showing favoritism for one or the other. Councilman Touchet asked if the Council can still waive the fee. Mr. Bart Broussard stated the fee can still be waived.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 10-64, Special Event Permits. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hardy stated the final item for discussion is to amend Section 2-93, Issuance of Purchase Orders. Mr. Bart Broussard stated that amendment takes out the language that mirrors the state statute pertaining to public bid law. The state amends that pretty regularly. Instead of having to amend our ordinance every time they amend the statute, we changed the language to state that we will comply with the current Louisiana law.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to recommend to the City Council at their next meeting scheduled on November 15, 2022 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 2-93, Issuance of Purchase Orders. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor