

City of Abbeville  
Regular Meeting  
September 20, 2022

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 20, 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 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  
Mike Hardy, Police Chief  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Kim Touchet, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Jr., Architect  
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director  
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent  
Former Mayor Mark Piazza  
Ryan Bourriaque, State representative  
Tommy Picard, Parks & Recreation Director, QSA  
Gerald Gaspard, American Legion  
Chad LaComb, Acadiana Planning Commission  
Jennifer Shatzle, DEQ Brownfields  
Rebecca Otte, DEQ Brownfields  
Lori Leger, St. Mary Magdalen Church  
Gerard Baudoin  
Holden Hoggatt, candidate for Congress

*Mayor White asked Councilwoman Terry Broussard to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor White asked former Mayor Mark Piazza to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to authorize the Mayor to negotiate salary and benefits for the hiring of a Community Program Director/Administrative Assistant to the Mayor. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor White stated that the Council has wisely chosen to hire Lynn LeBlanc as their Administrative Assistant. She is doing a fantastic job and has been managing both roles since she took office in July. It is very important to the Mayor to take some time and put some thought into what we need in the role of an Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and what could really help her move the City forward. She wrote a job description and she added a Director of Community Programming. Moving forward into the next 20 years for the City of Abbeville, she would like to write a master plan for the City of Abbeville. We have a few upcoming projects like Riviana Rice Mill, that we will be discussing tonight, and the project for the restoration of City Hall. There will also be a lot of community planning meetings as well as she is planning to host 52 events next*

*year, one for every week, to bring in people to the City so a Director of Community Planning will be useful. Charlene Beckett does a wonderful job with Main Street events but we need someone focusing on the community as a whole. The new Administrative Assistant to the Mayor will help her plan and execute events, direct the team of communications and also to be an administrator for the City and community relations. This is the Mayor's appointment and she does have someone that she believes will take the job. She was hoping to know for certain prior to this meeting but she does not yet. If this person comes on board, we would be very lucky to have her and she would be an asset for the City. This is the next step in building a really strong team.*

*Representative Ryan Bourriaque presented a special commendation to former Mayor Mark Piazza from the Louisiana House of Representatives and Senator Hensgens. The presentation recognized Mayor Mark Piazza's public service for over 30 years and his accomplishments. Representative Bourriaque read the commendation aloud.*

*Representative Bourriaque presented a legislative update. They did accept bids from DOTD on the Streetscape Project, Phase II in June. That contract was awarded. We have a couple of projects that are in the State Priority Highway Program for future years. We are in the feasibility stage but you will see some bridge repair funds come to the City; specifically, \$8 million for the Downtown bridge and \$8 million for the Bypass bridge. Those funds are in initial stages of development and concept. There is a process established through the program. You start with an idea; you develop it in engineering and construction funds are allocated in future years. This will take four to five years. It is a statewide process so we compete with the other regions and municipalities throughout the state. These are two infrastructure projects that would mean a lot to the City. In visiting with the Mayor and the Council in 2019, drainage was a significant issue for the City. We worked together as a team and the City was awarded \$375,000 in June of 2019 from the state to address drainage City wide. That was at the direction of the Mayor and Council and the residents. We were proud to get that priority identified and funded. In this past session, we were fortunate enough, to have \$325,000 appropriated out of capital outlay for sidewalks along Graceland Avenue. We also had \$550,000 appropriated to re-overlay and dress Highway 14 in and around the Square. This past session we did set aside funds for rural roads and for areas not as populated as some of our larger areas. That \$550,000 will grow to cover the entire scope of work. We are pulling money from the discretionary fund so the parish will have access to \$2.7 million so we will have this project from Park Avenue all the way east to the courthouse. They appropriated \$300,000 for the livestock facility in Abbeville. Starting in 2019, we had \$1 million that was allocated to the Police Jury for parish roads only. There was no local match required for that. In 2021, we had another \$75,000 that was moved for a second round of road projects into engineering and designed. This past session we had that \$680,000 outstanding balance so that was moved into priority one through capital outlay. This means that as soon as it is designed, it is ready to go to bid and be awarded a bond issue to overlay roads throughout the parish. In 2021 they also fully funded \$225,000 for Vermilion Parish bridges. The City got very close for funding through the Water Sector program. We were two points off from seeing a critical project funded in the City in the first round of funding. The second round of funding is ongoing right now. Projects should be scored and you should be hearing from staff to answer further questions on financing. He has been appointed to serve on the commission so hopefully he will do better in round two than he did in round one. If we get that, it would be for a significant investment in water improvements for the City. We were fortunate enough to get \$5 million awarded for rock break waters along the gulf shoreline. This funding was through projects funded by the Police Jury and he would be glad to have letters of support on future funding requests for coastal projects from the Mayor and Council. You should see about \$11 million in state highway overlays. Mayor White stated that Representative Bourriaque and Senator Hensgens have always stepped up to help Abbeville when an opportunity arises. They constantly call and check in to see what our needs*

are. She thanked him for that.

*Mr. Holden Hoggatt is a candidate for the upcoming election for Congress. He is a Republican and a prosecutor from Lafayette Parish. Prior to that he was in Jeff Davis and Allen parish working in farming. He has been in Lafayette about 13 years. He has a camp down here right across from Palmetto State Park. We have a lot of needs including coastal restoration and flooding. If he does have an opportunity to serve, you will have a federal partner in D. C. Your phone calls will be answered. We will work as hard as we need to. He will be here when natural disasters strike. He serves on Bayou Vermilion District. He is very data driven. Dredging the Vermilion is not the answer. He asked for everyone's support.*

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to approve the minutes from the August 31, 2022 special City Council meeting and the Committee meeting held on September 6, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to enter into a public hearing to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed ordinance to amend Section 12-25, Authority to take possession of abandoned motor vehicles. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Hearing**

*Mayor White asked if there were any comments from the public about the proposed ordinance. Mr. Kyle Romero lives at 405 Senior Alley. He has two vehicles on a paved parking lot that he is working on. He asked if this ordinance would pertain to him. Mayor White asked if Mr. Romero's intention is to repair them and have them operational. Mr. Romero stated yes. Mayor White stated that is not why we are changing the ordinance. It is specifically for properties that have an overload of junk and abandoned vehicles that are not being repaired that are just sitting vacant. It will give us some authority to remove those vehicles in that situation. We are going after people who have numerous vehicles that are not being worked on and the grass is growing underneath them and around them.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Tony Hardy to reconvene the regular meeting from public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Touchet/B. Broussard**

##### **Ordinance 22-06**

*An ordinance to amend Section 12-35, Authority to take possession of abandoned vehicles.*

*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.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Carlton Campbell and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to rescind Resolution R13-33 adopted at the October 15, 2013 City Council meeting that created the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to authorize the

Mayor to execute the Letter of Intent as a mutual good faith agreement and to exercise reasonable efforts to finalize a Donation Agreement between Riviana Foods, Inc and the City of Abbeville for the Mill Properties at 405 S. Washington Street and 406 S. Main Street. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor White stated that Riviana Rice Mill is two buildings on a National Historic Registry and 13 acres in our historic Downtown which also included river frontage. Riviana Corporation is now owned by a Spanish corporation. They are threatening to demolish two buildings on a National Historic Registry and sell it for parts. We don't know what their intentions are for the property. They contacted Mayor White in May and she has been discussing their intentions with them. They are moving closer to demolition of the property. At some point, they made an offer to donate the property to the City. She understands that this can be a whole lot of liability but it can also be a huge opportunity. It is prudent that we move forward with at least doing our due diligence. It is her recommendation that we accept the donation depending on what the due diligence unveils. We should move forward with the signing of this letter of intent. It is non-binding. Once we sign this letter, we will have 60 days to negotiate the execution of the act of donation with Riviana. The donation would come back before the Council for approval. It would be her intention to allow the Council to go in and look at the property and we would bring in some experts to look at the structural integrity of the property. We have potential developers interested so we would bring those developers in to look at the property. We have Chad LaComb here with the Acadiana Planning Commission to talk about how projects like this have been successful in other communities and the help that a partnership with the Acadiana Planning Commission could be for the City. We also have the two representatives from the DEQ Brownfields program. She has been in multiple conversations with them to see if the City would move forward with this project, what type of assistance, help and guidance they could give us. Mr. Chad LaComb stated that these are amazing assets already since they are on the National Historic Registry. With their existence on that registry plus being in the Cultural District, developers would have access to tax credits to develop the project. This would cover up to 40% of the covered rehab costs. The other added bonus is that it is already on river front property. This is a rare opportunity. The other side is that you have very old buildings and those come with some environmental concerns. You may be dealing with lead-based paints, asbestos and some underground storage tanks for gasoline. Those can be addressed through the Acadiana Planning Commission to cover the remediation costs. There are ways to address all this now. Riviana has already completed a phase I environmental assessment. The Acadiana Planning Commission has worked on a number of these projects throughout the region. One of the ones he is working on right now is in Opelousas. It was the old New Life Center in downtown Opelousas. The City owns the property because it was donated to them. They have issued an RFP to develop the property. They have received two responses. That is the cleanest and most efficient way to do this. The Acadiana Planning Commission is willing to help the City walk through that process. The other project they worked on are the artist lofts at the four corners in Lafayette. It was an old hotel and what we got was pretty amazing. We had a private developer come in with a \$32 million investment and the apartments are 100% occupied. That is the type of thing that could work here. We are also working on the old courthouse in Lafayette. Mayor White stated that we are already a partner with Acadiana Planning Commission so he would be walking us through the process. Our first step is to sign the letter of intent. She has already gotten the certificate of insurance in place as required. Chad, DEQ and the State Preservation Office needs to come in a do an inspection. They will be able to tell us which parts are historic and must remain and those parts that are not historic and can be demolished if need be. Then we can bring in a contractor to obtain quotes for those items that can and should be demolished. The parts that need to be demolished are probably the ones that will have some environmental issues because of what the Phase I environmental said. We will probably be able to find assistance on demolition because those parts are going to contain*

environmental issues. Rebecca Shatzle stated that they have funding available for cleanup and assessment. We also have technical assistance available too. We work with Chad through the process. Make sure to do the Phase I assessment prior to taking ownership. You can get named on the one Riviana did already but they always recommend that if you will take ownership then you should do your own Phase I. That is something we can help you with. EPA also has some funds available for help with this too. Rebecca Otte stated that a Phase I will protect the City from DEQ and EPA. Mr. Gerard Baudoin asked if any of the milling equipment has been removed. Mayor White stated that yes some have been removed but she is not sure what was removed. They are still removing equipment. She has reached out to farmers in the area to see if there is some interest in the equipment. We could potentially sell that if it is not of historical value to put the money into a fund for remediation purposes. Mayor White read an excerpt from the National Historic Registry about Riviana Rice Mill. Former Mayor Mark Piazza stated that this is a monumental task that nobody else would probably take on. You will end up with an empty lot there instead of a beautiful historic building. His grandfather helped lay the bricks on that building 120 years ago. He has been inside the building and it is thick brick walls, a solid floating slab, it has never flooded and it has huge high ceilings with cypress beams. It is a treasure that he would hate to see Abbeville lose. We will also acquire river front property which we have never had. He is encouraging the Mayor and Council to move forward.

**Touchet/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R22-25**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with DOTD pertaining to the Construct Hangar Development Area-Phase I (design) Grant.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Campbell/Touchet**  
**Resolution R22-26**

*A resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Program.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Touchet/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R22-27**

*A resolution appointing Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. as the Alternate Director for the Board of Directors of LEPA.*

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

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

*Therefore, the resolution was adopted.*

*Mayor White began a discussion on lifting the moratorium for permitting of new food trucks. Councilman Touchet stated that he is in favor of food trucks but in the past, he has had problems with food trucks that park in front of restaurants that are already in existence. We need to make*

sure that the food truck has to be on private property and they should not be close to our restaurants. He asked Bart to look at the language in the ordinances to make sure it protects our restaurants. Mayor White stated we only allow 5 licenses for food trucks and they have to be on private property and at least 150 feet from an established restaurant. They also have to provide that they have permission from the property owner to be there and also their license from the state board of health. 150 feet from the front door of Dupuy's is about the front corner of Lloyd Dore's building. That gives you an idea of that. She knows there might be some discussion about extending that area further. That is an option. We do get a lot of requests from food truck owners that would like to operate in the City of Abbeville. We also have a few requests from people who want to set up a food truck lot here. Right now, it is best to lift the moratorium with our existing ordinance, and then look at the parameters we will need to put in place for a food truck lot. That will take a little more time. Our restaurants are not mostly open for lunch on Saturday except for Shucks. During the baseball tournaments that was a problem. The moratorium was originally put in place to protect our restaurants because of the restrictions that the government put on them during COVID. That has subsided so the timing is right. Mr. Gerard Baudoin stated that the food industry is one of the largest employers in the country. The food truck industry nationwide is booming. It is a great way for a startup company to begin and then transition to a brick and mortar in the City they are in. It is a stepping stone for young chefs and entrepreneurs. Abbeville is the only City without a food truck lot. That is how you eliminate the problem that Councilman Touchet was talking about. If you provide a nice, safe, clean environment for a food truck to park, they will go. That is the trend. You can set the parameters for food trucks. He and his son are currently in negotiations to purchase property in the City of Abbeville to locate a food truck lot. They are waiting to see what the Council does because they want to build an elaborate food truck facility that would have a pavilion and stage. They would like to have a band on Friday nights and call it "Feed the Ville". With the correct parameters in place the food truck industry is the way to go. Competition is the best thing in the food industry. It keeps you on your toes and makes you make sure that you have the best food and it gives people an opportunity to get different types of food. That is what a food truck lot is about. Former Mayor Piazza recommended that the application for permits come before the Council prior to approval. Mayor White asked for a recommendation from the Council regarding the required distance a food truck can locate from an established restaurant. She was thinking that 300 feet would be better. Councilman Touchet stated that 300 feet is acceptable.

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to lift the moratorium on issuing new food truck license permits.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to lift the moratorium on issuing new food truck license permits and that each request for permit would be presented to the City Council at a meeting for approval, authorize the Mayor and the City Attorney to work on the food truck lot ordinance and for them to work on changing the required distance a food truck can locate near an established restaurant.

The substitute motion was voted on first and it carried unanimously so no vote was necessary on the original motion.

## **B. Broussard/Campbell Resolution R22-28**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the temporary housing and shelter assistance program form from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and to opt into the program.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-08 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to submit the names of Corey Lege and Joseph Hebert to fill one vacancy on the Abbeville Harbor and Terminal Board. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify the purchase of poles for stock from Techline in the amount of \$14,745.88 to be paid from the Utility System Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to ratify the authorization for repairs to the Airport Lift Station given to Griner Drilling in the amount of \$9,220.00 to be paid from Utility System Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve a special event permit for St. Mary Magdalen Church to hold a public gathering at Magdalen Square and then a procession to St. Mary Magdalen Church to honor the Holy Relics of St. Mary Magdalen on October 25, 2022 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM and to waive the permit fee. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to set the permit fee for excavations at \$25.00 per permit. If a permit is not obtained prior to excavation, then a penalty of 4 times (\$100.00) will be charged and the excavation will not be allowed to continue until the permit has been obtained and the fees have been paid. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Carlton Campbell to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of The Sellers Group to develop a handicapped accessibility plan for A. A. Comeaux Park and to negotiate their fee for said plan. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor White stated that she has received a lot of calls about the hours of operation and people at LaFitte Park. Moving forward those hours of operation will be from sunrise to 30 minutes before sunset until we have to close it for construction. These hours are not at the whim of anyone, they are set by God. She received questions about people practicing at LaFitte Park. Her opinion is that it is a public park and it should be used for recreation. She spoke with Bart and we can require an organized league that practices in the park to keep a certificate of insurance on file with the City. We should allow them to practice unless it interferes with the purpose of the park. An organized youth league is one that is organized for a purpose and is collecting money for registration. They should let Tommy know they are using the park. A dad who wants to run drills with his children should not have to let Tommy know they are using the park and he doesn't need to have insurance. We should do it across the board for organized youth leagues that practice. The distinguishing factor is that they are collecting money. Tommy Picard stated that Broussard makes them sign a waiver. He wants to know who is there. We will not deny them. Councilwoman Broussard asked Tommy why he would kick out kids practicing at LaFitte Park. They were from Vermilion Parish. Mayor White stated that a waiver is non-binding so there is no point in a waiver. Bart stated that the league will have insurance that covers them. There is no additional fee to name the City of Abbeville as an additional insured. That would be for the director of that league to provide that to us. Councilwoman Broussard stated that she can't see us telling kids no who are doing the right thing. They are not creating a problem. Mayor White agreed that we should never tell them no. Councilman Touchet stated that he is in favor of kids but what happens if a kid gets hurt, where does that put us? Bart stated if there is a negligent condition that exists, that is a problem created by the City, then yes you can be liable. That would be in any situation. It could be in any park and on any street. You can't contract away liability. You can't make someone sign a waiver that if they*

*get hurt, we are not responsible. If the reason they got hurt is because of your negligence then you will be liable. It would have to be a condition created by the City. Mayor White stated then we will require an organized sports team to have a certificate of insurance on file to use any public facility for an organized sport with the City and they should go through Tommy to let him know they are using the facility so he can put it in his calendar.*

*Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. announced that the annual Rotary Club Po-Boy sale preparation and pick up will be held in Magdalen Square on November 18, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The Abbeville Garden Club will also be selling pansies on that day too.*

**T. Broussard/Campbell**  
**Resolution R22-29**

*A resolution requesting financial assistance for the Capital Improvement Plan for the airport.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*-14 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the estimate for partial payment number 2 in the amount of \$165,968.10 payable to Glenn Lege Construction, LLC for the Rehabilitation of the T-Hangar Taxilanes & Apron Areas Project. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-15 introduced by Mr. Tony Hardy and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve plan change order 2 for the Rehabilitation of the T-Hangar Taxilanes & Apron Areas Project to adjust the contract time. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-16 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to table the request for a special event permit for T & T Sickle Cell Trail Riders to access City Streets from 2901 Rodeo Road to S. Airport Road for a trail ride because they had not provided all the required permit paperwork ahead of time. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mayor White asked if anyone representing the trail ride was at the meeting. No one was present. Mayor White stated that the event is to be held this weekend. Things may have been handled differently in the past but our ordinance states that if you are using City streets for an event, you must obtain a special event permit. Because the horses will be leaving from the Red Barn and using a City street for a portion of the trail ride, they need to go through the special event permitting process. She and the individual putting on the trail ride had a long discussion back and forth and that individual was going to try to get the requirements as set forth for the special event permit. She is assuming that did not happen. Mayor White's suggestion was that the only part that needed the special event permit was the trail ride portion on the City street. If the event planner could start on a non-City Street and keep the horses on the non-City Street then she would not need a special event permit from us. Mayor White is hoping that is the way they are trying to go. Chief Hardy stated as far as he knows, there will not be a trail ride because they could not get their security for the road outside the City limits because there is liquor. He thinks it was cancelled. Mayor White stated that in the past, they have been doing these trail rides and not coming for permits. We amended our ordinances stating that block parties and other things that are happening on the City streets need a permit so we know what is happening on City streets and if a street will be blocked. Even though it was handled one way in the past does not mean we need to handle it that way in the future. Following our ordinances is what we need to do.*



Tommy Picard, Parks and Recreation Director, QSA

- *Flag football starts on October 8, 2022 and the opening ceremonies begin at 9:00 AM.*
- *The tennis court fencing project started today.*
- *Met with OTC, Off the Chain, and they will make us the first park two weeks out of the month until June.*
- *American Legion would like the state tournament here.*

Mayor Roslyn White

- *Gave an update on Felicity Electrical Substation. The transformer is nearly ready to be delivered. She asked Chris to provide an update on the status of the property. Chris stated that Stewart's crew and the Street Department crew went on the property and cut a lot of trees and poison ivy. They cleared the lot that we purchased. We contracted just to remove the house but there was a lot of work to do on the lot. We hired a stump grinder to grind the stumps. Bayou Fencing will be adding new fencing on one side and two 10-foot gates. The substation has to stay fenced in at all times or we will have to hire a security guard so they will build this fence on the inside of the other one and once they are done, Stewart will tear down the old fence. We have to build a road and level the lot. We will have to build up that lot three to four inches in some spots. We will need the road to back the 18-wheeler up to unload the new transformer. He had a dirt contractor lined up but he backed out. We cannot use our dirt because it won't pack. It is too soft. He has another resource that will come meet him in the morning and if the price is right, he might be able to start Tuesday. We may be ready for the transformer so that we don't have to get a crane. Mayor White stated that for the members of the audience who do not know about the Felicity Electrical Substation project, we bought a house that was next to it to make it more accessible. That is part of the reason why the power was out for two days because we could not get in there to maneuver the transformer the way we needed to. In foresight, we bought the adjacent property so that we can just get in there with a truck and put it in place. We are working on that and we are doing it as fast as possible but as good as possible too. When the transformer is ready, we will be able to get it installed before we have a storm. The transformer in Felicity is our spare so we want that freed up in case we need it. Chris stated that the Mayor set a budget of \$50,000 to get this completed but we hope that it will not cost more than \$20,000. Councilman Touchet stated that we need to put some slats in the fence so that viewing of what is in there is not allowed. We don't want that same thing to happen. Chris stated that we would have to replace all of the fencing because of the bends and the breaks. The wire is bent. There were trees that were growing up in the fence that we have cut. Councilwoman Broussard asked if the sidewalk would be put back. Chris stated they would put the sidewalk back as soon as all the work is complete and he receives the ok from the Mayor to put it back. Chris stated that they do have to put about 25 feet of cement. Councilman Campbell stated that slats would not prevent someone from shooting at the transformer again. Councilman Touchet stated that he is interested in blocking the viewing. Stewart stated that the line has been run that is tied into Gertrude Electrical Substation. If the temperature is not cool outside, we cannot run the entire Felicity Substation load on the line. It cannot take the entire load. If the transformer would come in right now, it is too hot for us to put it in service without taking an outage. We could only feed part of it to Gertrude. We will try to wait until the temperatures are cooler so there may be a delay in trying to get it transferred over. He is not delaying the shipping. He wants it here in Abbeville. Mayor White stated that we were forced to do the swap last time because of the vandalism, it took us about 30 hours because of the accessibility to the site. This time it should only take about three of hours to swap the transformer out since we have better accessibility to the substation with the purchase of the adjacent property.*

- *The chlorine trunnions at the Water Plant have been delivered and have been installed today.*

Mike Hardy, Police Chief

- *We have been having a few shots fired. No one was injured. We did make an arrest last night. We are still working other shots fired. Mayor White completed the email to the City Council this afternoon that includes a summary of the calls she received Friday through Today. When you have time, please read your emails to see the locations.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *Distributed the report of calls received.*

Councilman Tony Hardy

- *Asked Chris if he had gotten to the street that needed tree trimming because of the school buses. Chris stated it is on Stewart's list but he has not yet completed it.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Reminded everyone about the City-Wide Cleanup scheduled for September 24, 2022.*
- *The Great Acadian Awakening is set for October 1, 2022. Come to one of the best days you can have in Magdalen Square.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *Thanked Bridget Levy for the donations for flag football.*
- *The Levy Cancer Foundation annual Pink Event will be held on September 24, 2022 at Magdalen Place.*

Councilman Carlton Campbell

- *Asked Chris about the bumpers at the boat launch. Chris stated that the came in today and will be installed on Tuesday.*
- *Thanked the Police Chief for the quick response after the shots fired.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White  
Mayor