

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on July 11, 2019 at 5:30 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: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Kelly Mire, Assistant Fire Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Tracette Hillman, Municipal Civil Service Director
Richard Primeaux, Engineer

Mayor Piazza stated we are here to address the issue of Tropical Storm Barry.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments from the public on any agenda item. There were none.

Mr. Funderburk stated that the Governor declared a state of emergency for Louisiana yesterday for Tropical Storm Barry. The reason we declare a state of emergency is to use the vehicles that are provided to us in the law to allow us to get goods and services that are necessary for the emergency that may arise as a result of the storm without having to go through the public bid law procedures. It also gives us the avenue of getting reimbursed some of the expenses through FEMA or other applicable federal or state agencies. That is why we need to have a state of emergency declared and get things in position so that when these eventualities come to fruition, if they do, we will have this in place.

**Plaisance/T. Broussard
Resolution R19-17**

A resolution authorizing a state of emergency as a result of Tropical Storm Barry and to authorize a curfew tomorrow night beginning at 11:00 P.M. until Saturday morning at 5:00 A.M. and other days as deemed necessary and as decided by the Chief of Police.

The motion carried unanimously.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify any and all expenditures for emergency protective measures. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated today we spent the day distributing sand bags. We did deliver some to the elderly that requested it. We ran out today but the crew is working right now replenishing the supply. We have plenty of bags and sand. All of the generators had their fuel tanks topped off today. We have been flushing culverts and cleaning catch basins. The Parish's grab trucks were out today picking up debris. We booked three electrical crews on standby. One is on their way

right now. We cannot control a flooding event and we cannot prevent it. His main concern is the power outage situation. We only have one guy in our crew and that is our superintendent. We cannot afford to lose him. If they spend their whole time sitting in a hotel, that stills provide some comfort. If we need them, then they will be right here and ready to go to work. Roger and Lee are on standby for the whole weekend. Roger will staff the Water Plant for the weekend through Sunday morning. The Street and Bridge crew is on standby and they did put a few extra people on call. Shirley will man the phones at City Hall. Tracette has volunteered to help out and Mary will be here too. A couple of the Council Members have also volunteered to help out with the phones, if necessary. Councilman Touchet asked how high the wind gusts will be. Mayor Piazza stated the estimate we received are 39-58 mph with gusts up to 70 mph. 40 mph sustained winds is nothing to be that concerned about. Once it gets beyond 50-60 mph, then there are some concerns. He is not planning on cutting electricity at any definite point but hopefully we will have Stewart out there and whatever he recommends we will listen to. In all reality, who is out there with a wind gauge anyway. It is usually when things start popping, lines start breaking and trees start falling that it becomes problematic. Stewart will know when it is time to cut it. We have booked hotel rooms for the electrical crews that we have coming in. The water level at the retention pond has been dropped. Councilwoman White stated she has created a City Hall Facebook Page and she will be updating that. If you have any urgent messages to post, please send those to her as she will be administering it. Councilman Plaisance asked if the overtime caps have been relaxed for the storm. Mayor Piazza stated yes, the emergency declaration takes care of that.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor