

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for a committee meeting on January 3, 2023 at 5:20 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, Brady Broussard, Jr., Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Tony Hardy

Members Absent: Councilwoman Terry Broussard

Also Present: Bart Broussard, City Attorney
Mike Hardy, Police Chief
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Marie Buteaux, Water Plant Superintendent
Chris Gautreaux, Public Works Director
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant
Gene Sellers, Engineer

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 the first item is to discuss an ordinance to address Section 6-7 (a), prohibited activities to add a fine to the penalties section.

Mayor White stated we are trying to address people living in condemned or dilapidated structures that are not tied into utilities. This will add a monetary penalty. We are recommending a fine of \$100 per day. Councilman Campbell thought that was too big of a penalty so we can discuss that further. The property that we are addressing, specifically, has been like this for over two years. He is using the bathroom in buckets and shaving his head outside of his home in front of his neighbors. He is antagonizing them.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to recommend to the City Council at their meeting scheduled for January 17, 2023 to adopt an ordinance to amend Section 6-7 (a) to add a fine of \$100 per day to the penalty section. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 3(B. Broussard, Touchet, Hardy)
NAYS: 1(Campbell)
ABSENT 1(T. Broussard)
ABSTAIN: 0

Therefore, the motion carried.

Councilman Hardy stated the next item to discuss is to authorize the City Attorney to research and develop an ordinance, by the first meeting of February 2023, pertaining to the permitting of street legal golf carts on City Street. Councilman Touchet asked to put this on the agenda to follow suit of what other cities have done. The driver would have to have a driver's license, the golf cart would have to be street legal containing a horn, light, seat belts, a windshield and all the other requirements to make it street legal. Additionally, this would on be for City streets and not state highways. Bart stated that this can be done. State statutes prohibit these on state roads. He will look at permitting these. He has reviewed the ordinance in Youngsville and it looks more like what we need. Councilman Campbell asked Bart to also research the motorized mobility scooters that some physically challenged people use. Bart stated that he would draft something and bring it back to the Council for approval.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Roslyn R. White
Mayor