



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 04, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Council Meeting Room, 101 North State Street,  
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

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### AGENDA

**NOTICE POSTED:** February 3, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

- Call to Order by Mayor
- Roll Call by Kathy Faulk
- Prayer
- Pledge

#### PERSONNEL

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. To approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on January 7, 2020 and the special City Council meeting held on January 21, 2020..

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

(To allow comments on any of the following items prior to action.)

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. To approve a variance from the sign ordinance for Vector-Ike Funderburk.
2. To approve change order #2 for a time extension for the Wastewater Plant Mechanical Screen project.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION OR REVIEW

1. Engineers
2. Attorney
3. Public Works Director
4. Mayor
5. Police Chief
6. Fire Chief
7. Council Members

#### ADJOURN

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act,  
if you need special assistance, please contact  
Mayor Mark Piazza's office at 337-893-8550,  
describing the assistance that is necessary.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on January 7, 2020 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  
Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant  
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board  
Reverend Osborne Taylor  
Claire Broussard – Abbeville RV Park

*Mayor Piazza asked Reverend Osborne Taylor to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Lieutenant Jason Hebert to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify bills paid in the month of December 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting held on December 3, 2019, the Personnel Interviews held on December 17, 2019 and the regular City Council meetings held on December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

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

*Councilwoman Terry Broussard began a discussion of possible code violations at 1603 Charity Street. She asked Ike if he had seen the pictures. He stated he is looking at them now. Councilwoman Broussard stated she has received several calls from neighbors and she would like to know what is in our range as to what we can do. Can we take any steps in having him remove the eyesore? Mr. Funderburk stated Charity Street is part of the Louisiana State highway system. We cannot regulate parking on that street. That is done by the State of Louisiana. If they do not want people parking there, then they have the capability to regulate that. We have been told on more than one occasion, by DOTD, that we cannot regulate parking on their highways. Mayor Piazza stated that some of the issue is the farm machinery and equipment. Do we have anything City wide about that? Mr. Funderburk stated all we have are prohibitions from 18-wheelers parking in residential areas. That is the only restriction he is aware of. The vehicles are all licensed and registered so those are legal to be parked in front of somebody's house. Councilwoman White suggested that we could reach out to Bill Oliver, with DOTD, and tell him we are having complaints*

about this. Councilman Plaisance stated there is also a mangled building on the property. Clay Menard stated that he would contact Randy with the local DOTD office and get back with Councilwoman Broussard and Ike. The property owner is definitely parked in DOTD's right-of-way. Mr. Funderburk stated the vehicles and tractors are being utilized. Councilman Broussard stated the tractor is junked and it does not work. It was dumped there on a trailer. He collects this stuff. Councilwoman White stated that it is possible that he is doing mechanic work there. Clay stated this guy used to live on Alleman Street. He is a farmer. Councilwoman Broussard stated she would get with Sarah about the mangled building.

Councilwoman Broussard discussed the upcoming Martin Luther King Day activities. The theme for 2020 is Embracing the Dream and Celebrating Unsung Heroes. The t-shirt with the theme will be available beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>. We are asking you to buy a shirt and wear it at the upcoming event. The annual Heritage Walk and Exhibit is January 18, 2020 beginning at 11:00 AM at the Abbeville Cultural Center in Magdalen Square. The annual revival is at Faith Hope Christian Fellowship on 405 Duroq Street. This will be held on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. It begins at 7:00 PM, nightly with Bishop B. K. Stevens. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast is Saturday, January 18, 2020. Doors will open at 8:30 AM and breakfast begins at 9:00 AM. This will be at the Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church Fellowship Hall with Reverend M. L. Derouen, Pastor. The guest speaker is Mr. Donald Wright of Star Pilgrim Baptist Church in New Iberia. The annual church sit in service will be held January 19, 2020 at 8:30 AM at St. Mary Congregational Church with Pastor Kevin Williams. It is located at 213 S. Louisiana Street. The annual day of celebration will be Monday, January 20, 2020 beginning with a stump service at 9:30 AM on the corner of I. J. Joiner and Green Street. The guest speaker will be Pastor Derouen of Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church. The service will begin at 9:00 AM with a march from Greater Pleasant Green Baptist Church. The parade line up will follow at 10:30 AM at Comeaux Park. The parade will start at 11:30 AM going down State Street and then returning to the point of origination. The program will follow the parade at the Youth Center located at the Boys and Girls Club. The 2020 Grand Marshals are Bryan Plowden and Jarkata Petry. She has phone numbers for anyone that are interested or have questions about the activities. We will be selling tickets for the prayer breakfast too.

Councilwoman White discussed the proposal to purchase 6.76 acres located adjacent to the Abbeville RV Park. The appraisal came back at \$19,000 and the purchase price is \$16,900. It is a good investment for our citizens. Ms. Claire Broussard stated this is a benefit for the Park and the City. We would like to add canoeing to the park and it would be a good amenity to add. Parks that have more amenities are more popular. Councilwoman White added that they were able to investigate the property and walk all the way to the water. Councilman Plaisance stated that this is a good asset for the City. He asked who we are purchasing the property from, who is responsible for clearing the land and the cost of a dock and where will we get the funds for that. Mr. Funderburk stated we are purchasing the property from the heirs of F. N. Hollier. He will get an abstract of the property and he will make contact with the realtor. It is his understanding that this property would be left as a wilderness area so it would not be cleared other than what is necessary for the walking trails. Councilwoman White stated that this is a revenue producing park and the plan is that we will negotiate with the current management of the park to renegotiate their lease. In the renegotiation we will discuss who will be responsible for what expenses and what the actual plan for building it out will be. At this point, the plan is to purchase the property and then sit down with the management of the RV Park since it is them that will be planning it out and producing the revenue then paying the City back. Councilman Plaisance stated that when we renegotiate the lease, we need to do better than what we are doing now which is 2 ½ %. Councilwoman White stated that there will be a plan in place before any progress on the property starts. Right now, we want to secure the property and then come up with a plan and

*negotiate the lease to incorporate it into the RV Park. Ms. Claire Broussard stated that she recently found out from Charlene Beckett that there are a lot of grants out there to give access to waterfront property. Councilman Broussard stated that ecotourism is huge and growing. To bring those types of people to our community and their dollars in our restaurants would be a good thing and he hopes we can take it to its full potential. The market is there. Councilwoman White stated there is a huge opportunity to start a canoeing trail from Lafayette down Coulee Kinney to Abbeville RV Park and then down to Palmetto State Park. That is huge right now and it is a growing market. We are located at a great stopping place and it will bring people to our restaurants. You can do bike rentals there so they can bike into town. It will be a huge growth opportunity for Abbeville. Ms. Claire Broussard stated she has been in contact with someone from Pack and Paddle. They have been very helpful. Mr. Funderburk stated the City owns the Park and there is a management agreement between the City and Monar. We have a management agreement and not a lease.*

**White/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R20-01**

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute all necessary documents to purchase 6.76 acres located adjacent to the Abbeville RV Park that would include access to Coulee Kinney.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*-03 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to award the bid for asbestos removal at 608 E. Oak Street to Pelican Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$4,995.00. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve payment #7 payable to M. P. Dumesnil in the amount of \$63,342.55 for the FY 2018-2019 LCDBG Sewer System Improvement project. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve change order #2 for the Rehabilitation of the Main Hangar project. The motion carried unanimously.*

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *Discussed the Streetscape project and the pre-construction meeting that will happen later this week. The project is about to begin.*

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *The Lafayette Street drainage project is turning out to be bigger than first perceived because there are a lot of utilities in the way so we are trying to find a spot where there are less utilities.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *The splashpad at Comeaux Park is about 75% complete. The majority of the work was done in-house. Our crews did a great job.*
- *We will be starting the resurfacing of the tennis courts as soon as possible.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Was at airport the other day when two jets landed. The new terminal and the hangar look great.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *She has a plan for District D that will be coming.*
- *She is looking forward to the beautification of Martin Luther King Street.*
- *She has a vision moving forward to get businesses to locate here to employ people here and ask everyone to get involved. We have a lot of vacant buildings and we should put forth effort to do better with that.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday with their family.*
- *This is football season and never has the State of Louisiana had such an outstanding collegiate bowl season. LA Tech a winner. ULL a winner. Tulane a winner. LSU a winner and LSU will do it again on Monday night. Go Tigers and he hopes everybody continues to enjoy the rest of January. Our pro team is out of the picture but our college team is still alive.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked about the old Phillips sign next to the hangar at the airport. Clay stated Mike is looking at doing a branding with a fuel distributor. They would take care of the sign and put up a new sign.*
- *Asked about the drainage on the north side across from the armory. Clay stated Richard has called in the Louisiana One call and will get started on that.*
- *Asked for suggestions because there are people riding around throwing things out of vehicles. Litter is everywhere. He had the crews go street to street to pick up litter. He cannot understand why the public doesn't take pride. If we didn't have to pick up this litter then we could be doing more beneficial things. As a public we need to do a better job in taking pride in what we have. We have a beautiful City but, in some places, it is not that way. He is disgusted with what is happening.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in special session on January 21, 2020 at 5:00 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

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Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board

*Mayor Piazza stated this special meeting has been called for public hearings and discussion of the condemnation of 5 properties.*

*The first property to be discussed was 412 Clark Street. No one appeared to represent the property. Councilwoman Broussard stated the lady who owns the property is deceased. We have only been able to locate one of her children. There is debris in the yard and at one point there was someone who was getting into the house. She would like them to rid the property of debris and to secure or repair the windows and doors. Clay Menard stated the property does have quite a few dead bushes but it appears there are no broken windows and the doors are closed but he is unsure if they are locked.*

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to give the property owner of 412 Clark 10 days to cut the grass and trim the brush or the City will do it or go out for bids to get it done. The motion carried unanimously.

*The next property to be discussed was 407 Clark Street. No one appeared to represent the property. Mayor Piazza stated the property has a front porch that is falling down. The windows and doors are halfway boarded up. Councilwoman Broussard wanted to make sure the windows and doors are boarded up. She would also like the porch and awnings repaired*

-02 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to give the property owner of 407 Clark Street 10 days to board up the windows and doors and repair the porch and awnings or the City will go out to bid to get it done. The motion carried unanimously.

*The next property to be discussed was 1602 Mathes Street. No one appeared to represent the property. Mayor Piazza stated the recommendation from the inspection is to condemn the property and have it demolished. The roof is completely gone. It is not cost effective to repair.*

-03 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to condemn the property at 1602 Mathes Street and proceed with the demolition process. The motion carried unanimously.

*The next property to be discussed was 413 Chevis. No one appeared to represent the property. Mayor Piazza stated the only issue is for them to secure the open door. The windows were ok.*

*-04 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to give the property owners of 413 Chevis 10 days to secure the door or the City will do it. The motion carried unanimously.*

*The final property to be discussed was 311 E. Vermilion Street. Chris Cao is the owner of the property but not the owner of the mobile home that is on the property. Mr. Cao would like the mobile home removed but it is not his. The owner is a shrimper and is out of the country for six months. Mr. Funderburk stated Mr. Cao would have to proceed with eviction in City Court. Mayor Piazza agreed that is a good option for Mr. Cao. Mayor Piazza stated that we did not serve the owner of the mobile home. Mr. Funderburk stated we could deal with the shed, rubbish and over growth. Councilwoman White stated this is the third time this property has been turned in for code violations. Please take a vested interest in the property for your neighbors' sake. Mayor Piazza stated we will have to serve the owner of the mobile home and have another hearing for him.*

*-05 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to give the property owner of 311 E. Vermilion Street, Chris Cao, 10 days to clean the property up, including the shed or the City will go out for bids to get it done. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Joseph Pillette was at the meeting tonight but his property was not the agenda. His property is located at 804 and 808 N. East Street. Mayor Piazza stated we could listen to him but since his property was not on the agenda, no action could be taken tonight. Mr. Pillette stated that he has accumulated a lot of equipment that is located on the property. He is trying to clear it but he has a tight work schedule to maintain. He is requesting more time to get the property cleaned. He has begun clearing it but didn't realize how much stuff he had that he has to sort out. Mayor Piazza asked if he has somewhere behind his house where he could move the stuff. Mr. Pillette stated he has a tool shed in back. It was a beauty shop but he is using it as a tool shed. Councilwoman White stated that she does drive by there quite a bit. That road is very narrow and you have a lot of stuff on our right-of-way. There are abandoned cars on our right-of-way which makes it a very narrow road for cars to pass in front of your house. She is asking, at a minimum, to remove everything off of the right-of-way and she would like Mr. Pillette to tell her how long of an extension he would need. She does see him working but it is very hard to see progress because there is so much accumulation. Mr. Pillette stated that he would like as much time as they can give him because he has a rigorous work schedule being a plumber and an electrician. He has a lot of indebtedness that he is facing right now with certification and licenses. He is constantly trying to continue his work schedule while still trying to sort out and clear the accumulation. Mayor Piazza stated that we have already had the hearing and we have already received bids to clean up the property. The reason we have already had the hearing and ordered the property to be cleaned is because this is not something that has occurred in the last couple of months. This violation goes back several months. We gave you all year last year to clean the property. This is not something that is new. You started getting letters on that property last summer. You have had several months to clean the property but you did not do anything. You didn't start cleaning until I went to your house during the Christmas holidays and pleaded with you to work with the Council and clean the mess up. For months you sat there and did absolutely zero. Mr. Pillette stated the Mayor is right but he needs the proper amount of time to get it cleaned up. He is asking for more time to clean it up. Councilwoman Broussard asked Mr. Pillette if there is someone who is willing to work with him to assist him in getting this cleaned up. There*

*are several young men who would like to help. Mr. Pillette stated that he appreciates the offer but, in the rubbish, he has equipment mixed in. He has fittings and parts that he has to keep. He has to sort out everything himself. His work schedule is preventing him from doing this quickly. Councilman Plaisance stated that he has been on the Council for 13 ½ years and that property has been like that for at least that long. Please help us by getting this cleaned up. Mr. Pillette stated if he gets more time, he will be sure to get it cleaned up satisfactorily. Councilwoman White stated that if the property is not cleaned up by the next City Council meeting then we will move forward.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor



**CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 2**

**JOB NO.:** 9061-04 **DATE:** January 31, 2020

**PROJECT:** Addition of New Headworks Mechanical Screen at the Wastewater Treatment Facility

**OWNER:** City of Abbeville

**CONTRACTOR:** TyBe Company, LLC, 1234 Del Este Avenue, Suite 403, Denham Springs, LA 70726

You are hereby requested to comply with the following change from the original contract plans and specifications:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	UNIT QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	DECREASE	INCREASE
	Adjust contract time by thirty (32) calendar days due to excessive inclement weather resulting in delays in the work and scheduling of start up services as per attached letter dated January 31, 2020:				
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL INCREASE</b>				\$ 0.00	

The contract price to date therefore is \$298,500.00.

The contract time will be increased by 32 calendar days for a completion date of March 6, 2020.

**RECOMMENDED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SELLERS & ASSOCIATES, INC., ENGINEERS**

**ACCEPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TYBE COMPANY, LLC, CONTRACTOR**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, OWNER**

# TYBE COMPANY, LLC

1234 Del Este, Ste. 403  
Denham Springs, LA 70726

January 31, 2020

Attn: John Key, P.E.  
Sellers & Associates, Inc.  
148-B Easy Street  
Lafayette, LA 70506

**RE: Addition of New Headworks Mechanical Screen at the WWTF for the City of Abbeville**

**SUBJ: Request for Change No. 002 – Contract Time Extension**

Mr. Key:

TyBe Company, LLC (TyBe) respectfully submits Request for Change No. 002 on the referenced project for an extension of contract time. This request is necessary to due excessive inclement weather during the months of November through January delaying the prosecution of work and subsequently delaying the scheduling of start-up and commissioning of the new mechanical screen. This delayed the critical path of the project through no fault of TyBe.

The amount of this request is *thirty two (32) calendar days* contract time extension.

Please feel free to contact me if you should need anything further.

Sincerely,



Jamey Sandefur  
Senior Project Manager