



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 03, 2020 at 5:30 PM

AA Comeaux Recreation Center, 300 AA Comeaux Drive,  
Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

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### AGENDA

**NOTICE POSTED: November 2, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.**

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

#### PERSONNEL

#### PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. Steve Moosa to present the 3rd quarter financial analysis.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. To approve the minutes from the City Council meetings held on September 1, 2020, September 15, 2020 and October 6, 2020 and the personnel interview meetings held on September 15, 2020 and October 6, 2020.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Norman Levine to discuss the television interview with Councilman Francis Plaisance and Police Chief Bill Spearman and to address items discussed during that interview - Councilwoman Terry Broussard.
2. Mr. Rob Roy with the Abbeville Rotary Club to request to hold an event at LaFitte Drive-In Park.
3. To adopt a resolution requesting financial assistance from the State of Louisiana under the fiscal year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.
4. To surplus the old portable showers at the VFW Hall that were damaged during Hurricane Laura.
5. To surplus the fence at Palombo Field at A. A. Comeaux Memorial Park because it was damaged during Hurricane Delta.
6. To approve the accounting of the 2019 tax roll.
7. To approve a variance to move a 1999 mobile home to 1720 Society.

#### 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.

**City of Abbeville**  
**Selected Revenue Analysis**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020**

	Change from Prior Year %	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2020 Budgeted	Variance	Diff from Budget %
Sales Tax Revenue						
Capital Outlay Fund		1,057,062	1,097,134	1,050,000	47,134	
Rededicated Fund		1,057,065	1,097,134	1,050,000	47,134	
Quarter Cent Fund		<u>528,531</u>	<u>548,567</u>	<u>525,000</u>	<u>23,567</u>	
Total Sales Tax Revenue	3.7%	<u>2,642,658</u>	<u>2,742,835</u>	<u>2,625,000</u>	<u>117,835</u>	4.5%
Water Revenue	3.4%	<u>1,385,523</u>	<u>1,434,510</u>	<u>1,406,250</u>	<u>28,260</u>	2.0%
Sewer Revenue	3.2%	<u>1,356,119</u>	<u>1,400,629</u>	<u>1,387,500</u>	<u>13,129</u>	0.9%
Electric Sales Revenue	-3.1%	<u>3,100,393</u>	<u>3,007,567</u>	<u>3,037,500</u>	<u>(29,933)</u>	-1.0%
KWH Sold	-7.5%	<u>98,397,713</u>	<u>90,988,709</u>			

**City of Abbeville**  
**Departmental Payroll Budget Analysis**  
**For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020**

	2019 Actual Payroll	2020 Actual Payroll	2020 Budgeted Payroll	Variance	% Variance
<b>General Fund</b>					
City Court/City Marshal	75,060	82,668	82,500	(168)	-0.2%
City Court/City Marshal - O/T	2,703	2,703	3,000	297	9.9%
Mayor	48,962	60,077	59,250	(827)	-1.4%
Council	57,238	60,250	58,875	(1,375)	-2.3%
Airport	14,615	15,385	16,500	1,115	6.8%
General Admin	131,342	146,991	150,750	3,759	2.5%
Main Street	27,998	32,752	31,875	(877)	-2.8%
Tax and License	52,335	53,451	55,125	1,674	3.0%
Civil Service	10,238	10,535	11,250	715	6.4%
Police Chief	42,707	49,271	48,750	(521)	-1.1%
Police	766,608	940,501	979,125	38,624	3.9%
Police - O/T	278,450	301,228	301,875	647	0.2%
Fire	1,086,744	1,283,195	1,240,500	(42,695)	-3.4%
Fire - O/T	232,440	266,230	255,375	(10,855)	-4.3%
Street	223,270	258,299	270,000	11,701	4.3%
Street - O/T	53,454	20,588	42,750	22,162	51.8%
Youth Recreation	22,293	21,638	24,000	2,362	9.8%
Parks	61,664	68,716	71,625	2,909	4.1%
Parks - O/T	6,995	2,059	4,500	2,441	54.2%
<b>Total General Fund Departments</b>	<b>3,195,116</b>	<b>3,676,537</b>	<b>3,707,625</b>	<b>31,088</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Utility Fund</b>					
Administrative	235,932	282,458	281,250	(1,208)	-0.4%
Administrative - O/T	39,449	29,556	43,500	13,944	32.1%
Electric	215,699	271,181	287,250	16,069	5.6%
Electric - O/T	52,510	45,282	62,250	16,968	27.3%
Water	276,287	321,406	323,250	1,844	0.6%
Water - O/T	80,490	53,435	81,000	27,565	34.0%
Sewer	202,462	228,011	234,750	6,739	2.9%
Sewer - O/T	68,331	52,193	77,250	25,057	32.4%
<b>Total Utility Fund Departments</b>	<b>1,171,160</b>	<b>1,283,522</b>	<b>1,390,500</b>	<b>106,978</b>	<b>7.7%</b>
<b>Total Payroll All Departments</b>	<b>4,366,276</b>	<b>4,960,059</b>	<b>5,098,125</b>	<b>138,066</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

**City of Abbeville  
 Departmental Expenditures Budget Analysis  
 For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2020**

	2019 Actual Expenditures	2020 Actual Expenditures	2020 Budgeted Expenditures	Variance	% Variance
General Fund					
City Court/City Marshal	226,630	230,675	251,250	20,575	8.2%
Mayor/Council	204,504	215,401	226,500	11,099	4.9%
General Admin	716,823	665,235	707,625	42,390	6.0%
Tax and License	88,574	98,613	92,250	(6,363)	-6.9%
Civil Service	23,832	17,178	24,750	7,572	30.6%
General Government	<u>1,260,363</u>	<u>1,227,102</u>	<u>1,302,375</u>	<u>75,273</u>	5.8%
Police Department	2,284,354	2,510,290	2,619,000	108,710	4.2%
Fire Department	2,524,824	2,867,892	2,743,500	(124,392)	-4.5%
Street Department	847,981	800,276	885,000	84,724	9.6%
Parks and Recreation Department	<u>246,744</u>	<u>233,192</u>	<u>247,500</u>	<u>14,308</u>	5.8%
Total General Fund Expenditures	<u><u>7,164,266</u></u>	<u><u>7,638,752</u></u>	<u><u>7,797,375</u></u>	<u><u>158,623</u></u>	2.0%
Utility Fund					
Administrative	557,485	597,120	627,000	29,880	4.8%
Electric	782,598	731,572	858,000	126,428	14.7%
Water	939,535	949,125	1,029,000	79,875	7.8%
Sewer	<u>891,457</u>	<u>840,838</u>	<u>909,000</u>	<u>68,162</u>	7.5%
Total Utility Fund Expenditures	<u><u>3,171,075</u></u>	<u><u>3,118,655</u></u>	<u><u>3,423,000</u></u>	<u><u>304,345</u></u>	8.9%

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on September 1, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., at the A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center located at 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

Members Present: Council Members, Francis Plaisance, Terry Broussard, Brady Broussard, Jr., and Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

Members Absent: Councilwoman Roslyn White

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Rebecca Broussard, Director of VPOEP

*Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza also asked for a moment of silence to ease the suffering of the individuals around the Lake Charles area that were affected by Hurricane Laura. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to deviate from the agenda to allow Ms. Rebecca Broussard to report on Hurricane Laura. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the Committee meeting and the special City Council meeting both held on August 4, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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

*Ms. Rebecca Broussard distributed an informational sheet from FEMA for assistance. This has a number and a website for the public to register to report their damages and request assistance. This is only for homeowners only. We have not been approved for public assistance for facilities. If you can get me some cost estimates then we may be able to get approved for public assistance. Businesses are eligible for SBA loans. Normally in a storm you have to have 25 homes that are not insured and have major damage. We got everybody to report that with their pictures. That is how we got added for individual assistance. She has them coming tomorrow to see if we can qualify for debris pickup. We have to reach the threshold of \$222,000 + of damages to qualify for public assistance. We will probably qualify but we need the paperwork. The repairs for Vermilion from SLEMCO are \$1.8 million dollars. Mayor Piazza told Becky that they did a fantastic job at the Courthouse and kept everybody informed through the whole storm event. Becky thanked Chief Spearman for all the assistance he has provided her office during COVID testing.*

Chief Spearman stated that he went to 12- hour shifts rather than the normal 18- hour shifts. The officers from out of town stayed in the houses of the officers who live in town. He parked all the cars on high ground and used the pickup trucks and SUVs to patrol. When the storm was over, they went out and assisted with the cutting of trees. They helped with clearing of the roads. We also blocked roads too. We assessed damages too. We had a little bit of trouble with our generator. There was air in the gas line. We lost some of our radio communications but we were able to use cellphones. He made sure all the officers were paired off in two-man units so that no one was out there by themselves. We had very little damages. The only trouble we had were curfew violations. Mayor Piazza stated that he slept in his office the night of the hurricane. He is able to see down State Street and Concord Street. He saw a patrolman pass several times during the hurricane. That takes a lot guts and a lot of devotion. Please let them know how much we appreciate them putting themselves in that type of situation.

Chief Mire stated they brought everyone in at about noon so they could get everything prepped up. No stations or trucks had any problems. We stopped running calls at about 11:30 PM when the wind was blowing too much. At 6:00 AM Thursday morning, he had 4 crews and each one had a chain saw. Ms. Shirley gave Chief Kelly the names of the streets that had trees on them. The crews each took a part of town. We cut trees all day Thursday and it finally settled down Thursday night. The electricity came back on late Thursday night so we had to run a few calls after that. Over all we made it our exceptionally. We did fine. In past hurricanes we have had other departments that have come to assist us so we will try to reciprocate. Today he talked with a guy from the State Fire Marshal's office and he recommended that we send people to Iowa. We sent 5 guys. He and Jack rode there today. The damage is tremendous. He did not see one electrical pole standing upright. Almost every tree was down. These guys will not have electricity for 6 to 8 weeks. Their guys have been working steady since the storm passed. We sent five guys and they ran their department so they could get some rest. They were tremendously happy that we were there to help. We were blessed.

Mayor Piazza thanked both the police department and the fire department for assisting the crews by cutting trees. We would probably still be out there cutting trees if you did not help us.

Clay Menard stated the largest damage we had was debris. It is still in the right of way and in culverts. We are trying to get the ditches cleaned up. We do have a lot of debris. Bellsouth has a lot of downed lines and downed poles. We actually replaced some of their poles in order to get our power back up. It will take some time for Bellsouth to replace the leaning poles. They are aware of it. The workers did a great job and we are asking for patience from the public. There are two trees down on the back side of Comeaux Park. The sandbagging machine will be in next week. We gave out a lot of sandbags for this storm. He will get the exact count later. Mayor Piazza stated next time we will try to utilize at least one of the debris contractors to assist with those really big trees. Now we are in the situation where we can't pick it up because now FEMA has to look at it before it gets picked up. Now we have to wait on the Police Jury. Clay stated we have to stress to the residents that if debris is placed at the road it has to be separated or it won't be picked up.

Mayor Piazza stated that Councilwoman Broussard has been concentrating on getting her parks cleaned up. Other parks have been cleaned. We didn't have that much damage in our parks. Clay stated the football field fence has been damaged. Mayor Piazza stated debris is the biggest issue. It is such a struggle to get it picked up, get FEMA approval, work with the Police Jury and get it picked up in a timely manner. People are calling about it. We have been through this a dozen times so we know what kind of nightmare this is. We will have to be patient and do things accordingly to allow the Police Jury to do their job. Our streetsweeper is out of commission

because the head operator injured himself cutting the big trees. The other operator also was hurt during the Hurricane. We haven't been able to clean up those streets that we use the streetsweeper on. You need a CDL to operate the sweeper and you have to know how to operate it. We had no issues at our sewer plant and our water plant. The only issue we had was the water tower on the south side of town. It lost power and was inoperable. That is one of the things we need to look into. We don't want a situation where we don't have water. Water is the most critical utility that we have. You can live in your house without electricity but you can't if you don't have water and sewer facilities. The only damage we had to City buildings were the two air conditioners at City Hall that were damaged. That brings us to the biggest dilemma that we have now; our electrical system. We are suffering from two different things. One is the trauma and damage that the electrical system suffered because of the hurricane. We got hit by a Cat 4 hurricane. It is the worst hurricane to hit the gulf coast in 150 years. It is worst that Hurricane Audrey. We are very fortunate. Everybody from the Atchafalaya and West is struggling with their power system. All the way up to Shreveport. Alexandria has outages just like we do. The town of Jena does not have power right now. All the little towns around Toledo Bend will not have power for 2 weeks. Councilman Broussard stated there are parishes that have a 100% electrical outage. Mayor Piazza stated that we are very fortunate. Unfortunately, we have some very impatient people that live in our community. He understands that. The system suffered a lot of trauma and there is a lot of unseen damage. The hotter it gets, the more load you put on these lines then all of a sudden, all these resistors and transformers start heating up. You didn't know it was damaged because it might take two or three days before the damage is realized. That is what is going on. The second thing that is going on that is causing the most problems, is that we have two electrical transformers that are out of commission. One before the storm and the other during the storm. These are large substation transformers. The transformer on the By-pass is down. Fire came out of the top of it. It cannot be repaired. Those are two 5,000 KVA transformers and you cannot run the By-pass on one. That is why the proposal we have before us tonight is to buy a 10,000 KVA. It will double the size so if we lose the other one, we can carry the load on one. Right now, because the 5,000 KVA cannot handle the load, we had to switch the load to Rodeo Road Substation. When we did that and everything started coming back online, like the hospital, Walmart, etc. that are on Rodeo, it started overheating. We had to switch the load from Rodeo Road to Gertrude Substation. Gertrude is already crippled because that is where the backup transformer is and that is what kept going out all afternoon today. All the load we are trying to pick up from the By-Pass is making the lines, fuses, transformers and all those other things that are involved in an electrical system, heat up because of the hot temperatures and the excess load that it is having to carry. These things keep blowing. Harvey is working on Gertrude Substation as we speak. We had a 125,000-amp fuse that blew earlier today. They replaced it with a 150,000-amp fuse and it blew. That was the biggest one we had. They changed all of the fuses. It blew two of them. Harvey sent Rick to CLECO to pick up some 200,000-amp fuses and bring them back to get Gertrude Substation back up and going. We don't carry those parts in our warehouse. We have never used those before. That is what was going on all day long at Gertrude. We have a load there that it can't handle because we had to take the load off of Rodeo Road because we have a transformer out on the By-pass. That transformer is down due to the hurricane. The hospital, right now, is offline and on generator power to take the load off of Gertrude. Yesterday we had the same exact issue because Louisiana Substation is picking up all the load from Riviana Substation. Riviana Substation got energized today. The river crossing that was damaged on South Henry. We couldn't even get there on the road with our electrical crew. Richard Primeaux had to come in and have a temporary road built for the crew to get there to make those repairs so we could get Riviana Substation back online so we could take the load off of Louisiana Substation. That is what was causing those power outages yesterday. Until we get this transformer at the By-pass substation, we will continue to have an overloaded system and outages. We have already ordered the transformer. They have expedited this transformer to get

*it here as fast as we can. We have a unique system with a 34.5 and 13.2 voltage system. This is not a common system. That is not the same type of system many others operate on. Transformers with this type of voltage are very rare. This transformer is coming from South Dakota. Some of our substations are different voltages so they can't pickup the load. We hope to have the transformer here in about 8 days. We are paying an extra \$12,000 to have it expedited to us. It is a complex system and it is hard for the public to understand. He will be coming back at the next meeting to buy another transformer for Gertrude to put in place as the spare since we had to use that recently. He knows the public doesn't understand all this and they blame us for this. If there was another way we could fix this we would. We are on a band-aid right now. The good news is that we could be like Lake Charles.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify the purchase of a 10,000 KVA transformer from T & R Electric in the amount of \$137,000 for the Bypass substation. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Clay Menard stated that he had contacted four air conditioner places to request quotes to replace the 5-ton and the 4-ton air conditioner units that failed as a result of Hurricane Laura. Only one vendor gave a quote. Another vendor stated it would be at least one month before he could even install the units. The other two vendors were not sure when they could get a quote to us. Mayor Piazza asked Clay to document all this. We will make a FEMA claim. These are emergency repairs and we can't sit around waiting to repair this. Mr. Menard stated the quote he received from F & R Air Conditioning is \$15,639.00. They can have the units installed and running by the end of the week.*

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to accept the quote from F & R Air Conditioning in the amount of \$15,639.00 to replace one 5-ton HVAC unit and one 4-ton HVAC unit at City Hall that were damaged as a result of Hurricane Laura. The motion carried unanimously.

Richard Primeaux, engineer

- *Eddie Young with Acadiana Shell dropped everything he was doing within 2 hours and he was building the road. He wanted to compliment him.*

Gene Sellers, engineer

- *Gave a report on the Streetscape project. The contractor is 92% complete. The project should be finished in one month. The project will be underbudget.*

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Contacted our insurance agent, Ben, to report the Gertrude transformer failure, the Bypass transformer failure and the two air conditioner failures at City Hall.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Thanked everyone for their cooperation during Hurricane Laura. We had a lot of employees that worked very hard. Even some of the girls at City Hall. They stayed there 24-7 answering the phones. They did a fantastic job with hundreds of calls coming in. Everyone did a fantastic job. He doesn't know how those guys in the electrical department are still standing. We do not have a full staff in that department.*
- *You learn a little something each time there is a disaster. We have a mutual aid agreement through APPA. Greg Labbe, with LUS, is their coordinator. The crews are more available through him because he is the regional coordinator for LUS and APPA. That is why we got the crews from Georgia and Florida. Those crews from Georgia and Florida*

*are cities just like us and they came down here to help. They are not contractors. They are municipalities that come off through mutual aid. When they see that the lights are coming on, they want to get back home. Whereas a contract crew, like Volt, are not in a hurry to go home because they are making so much money it is unbelievable. They would stay here forever. You almost have to kick them out. He didn't realize that with the mutual aid situation. He just found that out yesterday. It is something to think about and maybe, in the future, we will need a combination of both.*

- *He thanked the Council for their part. It is not easy to coordinate the meals. They all did a fantastic job.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Stated the Mayor can add another storm to his already lengthy storm resume'. He thanked the Mayor for doing an outstanding job. Councilwoman White kept everyone well informed. Everybody worked well together. He thanked all the employees and stated that this was truly a team effort.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Four people really stood out during the hurricane. Shirley Bertrand at City Hall is unbelievable. She gives us her time and she doesn't have a life in something like this. We better hope she never retires. She doesn't just do this for a storm. She does this for every single outage. She is dedicated and has done this for years. Stewart Head stands out too. We need to find some help for him. He needs to be paid more as well as his crew. We need to do something now. Another person who stood out was Councilwoman Roslyn White. She has helped Shirley at City Hall. She has taken over the communication and keeps people informed. She answers the phones with Shirley and brings her friends to City Hall to help answer the phones. The Mayor was there at City Hall. His leadership is exemplary. It takes a person like him to really lead when things like this happens.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *She thanked the Mayor, the Fire Chief and Police Chief, Clay and Shirley and everyone else who played a part in helping the City. This storm was a great lesson learned. Thank God we didn't get what we were supposed to. She also agrees with Councilman Touchet that the electrical department needs a raise. She learned a lot during this storm.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *We are fortunate. There is no substitute for experience. Mayor Piazza's experience in hurricane recovery is unprecedented. We are better for that and we have recovered quicker because of that. He thanked Shirley and her team. We can't do what we do without her. He thanked the Fire Department, the Police Department, Clay Menard and all the Municipal employees. When we have a very senior equipment operator, he should not be on a chainsaw. That is the guy that we pay for his knowledge and skill. This is not our first hurricane and this is not our last hurricane and he would rather spend hurricanes in Abbeville than anywhere else.*

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 regular session on September 15, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., at the A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center located at 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana 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: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Mike Mouton, Airport Manager  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
T. J. Savoy, Engineer  
Anne Falgout, Vermilion Economic Development Alliance  
Mr. Jamar "Doc" Montgomery, candidate for U. S. Senator  
Pastor B. K. Stevens

*Mayor Piazza asked Pastor B. K. Stevens to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Jamar "Doc" Montgomery to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to accept the resignation of Michael Spencer Leon, a firefighter with the Abbeville Fire Department, effective October 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

*Chief Mire also informed the Council that Assistant Chief Allen Hebert will be retiring effective tomorrow, September 16, 2020, after 38 years of service. Bryon Perry will step up to fill the vacant position of Assistant Fire Chief and Mike Soirez will step up into the position vacated by the promotion of Byron Perry.*

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the probational appointment of Leah Ganey to the position of Police Officer with the Abbeville Police Department pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Jamar "Doc" Montgomery stated he is a candidate for United States Senate. He is number 9 on the ballot. He wanted to introduced himself. He knows some of the other candidates only go to the bigger cities but it is important to him to visit smaller cities because he receives a lot of support from those cities. He is 31 years old. He is an attorney and is currently a juvenile public defender in Caddo Parish. He is also an engineer. He began attending college at the age of 10. He worked as a weapons system engineer for 5 years and then he went to law school. He was*

*working for the NAACP at the time. He is originally from Shreveport. He received his law degree in 2013. He is here to represent all on the federal level.*

*Mrs. Anne Falgout discussed the parcel fee proposition on the November ballot. This would be a sustaining fund. It would sustain their professional organization and would help fund projects that assist the existing businesses and the creation of new companies. This would also help to attract jobs and businesses opportunities to our parish. We want to preserve the economy and also grow it into the future. The parcel fee would \$7.75 collected annually. Those with homestead exemption would not pay the fee. Also, those who do not own land would not pay the fee. The fee would be levied for 10 years. The expected annual collection will be \$236,438. It would also allow VEDA to build bonding capacity, leverage state and federal grant funding with matching dollars, provide resources for community planning, promote Vermilion Parish externally and invest in real estate to attract projects. A parcel is one piece of property belonging to an individual. This will not hurt our farmers or cattle producers and all those who have a lot of acreage. This would replace the original funding we received from municipalities. We would not have to compete for those dollars that our municipalities need for other government functions.*

*-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify bills paid in the month of August 2020. The motion carried unanimously.*

*-04 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on August 4, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

*Ms. T. J. Savoy presented the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan for the airport. We will submit this plan to FAA and DOTD as required. It shows the planned projects for the next six years. Although the funding of these projects is not guaranteed, this is a planning tool naming the projects. For 2021 we are requesting funding for 2 projects. Those are the Construct Hangar Development Area, Phase I design, and the Approach Lighting, Phase I land acquisition. The first project will place a hard service on the hangar development area for future development. The second project will be installed on the northern end of the runway and the first phase will get this project started. We will obtain a long-term lease of a portion of the land. This project will receive 100% funding from the State. For the next five years there are several proposed projects. These include an LED upgrade to the runway lighting. We also have an apron taxilane rehab project. We will also replace the existing AWOS. We are also planning an obstruction removal project. Finally, we are planning the construction of a concrete agricultural loading area and a runway and taxiway seal coat project. The estimated cost for all of these projects is \$3.5 million dollars with very little funding from the City. She also wanted to state that they have postponed the runway/taxiway overlay to February and March of 2021 since some of the businesses at the airport did not want the runway closed at this time because this is their busy season and would need the runway open. FAA and the contractor have agreed to the requested delay.*

**Plaisance/White**  
**Resolution R20-17**

*A resolution adopting the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport and to request funding from FAA and DOTD for these projects.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to ratify the purchase of a reconditioned transformer for Gertrude Substation from T & R Electric in the amount of \$127,000. This transformer would replace the spare that was used. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the quote from Pro Tech Track and Tennis Surfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$115,314 to place a post tension slab on top of two existing tennis courts at A. A. Comeaux Park. The motion carried unanimously.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Gave a cat/dog report. Nobody has the same rules except for the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and Maurice. Maurice adopted the Police Jury ordinance. He does not recommend that we do that. He has done a comparative analysis of each municipalities' rules on their ordinances. He provided a spreadsheet with nine items for review to each Council member as well as the other municipalities. We hope to come up with a model ordinance that can be used throughout the parish. This will take some time to get done.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *The Governor has moved into Phase 3 for COVID. Our numbers continue to be moderate in the parish. They are becoming more and more a safer level. As of yesterday, we have resumed full operations at City Hall. There is no further need to be in a state of emergency. We can always go back if needed. All departments in the City should resume normal operations. We are back to full staff at City Hall and the lobby is open. We are still monitoring the numbers allowed into the lobby and we are still requiring that masks be worn as per the Governor's mandate. We are being careful. This is the right thing to do. We have to get back to normal. We have learned some valuable lessons and that was for the best. Businesses are open, mostly, and people are back to work.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *The Police Jury has stared their contractor pick up of debris. Our citizens have to separate their debris or it won't be picked up. He thanked the Police Jury for getting that started. Councilwoman White added that she has put that on the City's Facebook page.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *Thanked Doc Montgomery and Pastor B. K. Stevens for being with us tonight and for attending our meeting.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *The Abbeville Rotary Club has teamed up with the Louisiana Cattle Festival to do a fundraiser. We will be selling jambalaya dinners for lunch on September 23, 2020. We will be on Passe Patout tomorrow morning and on KATC 3 Monday morning to promote the event. He thanked Councilman Brady Broussard and the Abbeville Rotary Club for their involvement.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *There is a Farmers' Market this Saturday.*
- *The Christian Service Center will start serving hot meal service to go plates on Monday.*

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

ATTEST:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

APPROVE:

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met in regular session on October 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., at the A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center located at 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana 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: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Kelly Mire, Assistance Fire Chief  
Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Mike Mouton, Airport Manager  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Brac Salyer, Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
Ena Darby, owner of Royal Fit Nutrition  
Betty Perkins

*Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Plaisance to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to deviate from the agenda to add a resolution to declare a state of emergency due to Hurricane Delta as new business item number 6. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the probational appointment of Nicholas Witt and Travis Lange to the positions of Firefighter with the Abbeville Fire Department pending successful completion of all post-hire assessments. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ms. Ena Darby introduced her business Royal Fit Nutrition. It is a home-based business and is located at 1400 Charity Street. They provide health meal replacement shakes and energizing teas in a great atmosphere. Their goal is that every person who comes in their door will feel like a king or queen and leave feeling like royalty. They have been in business for two months and it has been amazing. We appreciate your support and we want you to come and visit. Please stop by and invite your family to come by. It is exciting to provide something for Abbeville that helps people to get healthier.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on August 18, 2020, the Committee meeting held on August 18, 2020 and the emergency Special Meeting held on August 23, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to ratify bills paid in the month of September 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve a special event permit, without any fees, for the Junior Auxiliary to hold their Here Comes Santa 5K and Fun Run to be held at Magdalen Square on December 12, 2020 from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza began a discussion to determine if trick or treating would be allowed this year. He distributed a flyer from Lafayette in order for the Council to see what our surrounding parishes are doing. The Police Jury has already made a determination to allow trick or treating in the parish for Halloween. It will be up to the Council if we allow it in Abbeville city limits. Mr. Funderburk stated if we choose to not allow trick or treating, it would become an enforcement problem. It is acceptable to allow it as long as no one is creating mischief and they continue to behave within the COVID parameters. We don't want to get in the business of regulating Halloween.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to allow trick or treating within the City limits of Abbeville from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM as long as all COVID protocols are followed. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilman Touchet stated that he has been receiving complaints from local businesses about food trucks from out of town parking and selling their food in the City. This is hurting our local businesses. He believes the ordinance needs to be cleaned up and would like to place a moratorium on any new permits until that is completed. Mr. Funderburk stated we only allow 5 permits per year and we only have 2 issued. Those two are from Abbeville. If someone comes in and doesn't have a permit then the ordinance needs to be followed. The trucks can only park on private property with the permission of the owner. Permits are issued each year on a calendar year basis. They have to be renewed annually. It is a question of enforcement. They have to have the permit on board or they need to be told to move out.*

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to place a moratorium on issuing any more food truck permits until the ordinance can be modified. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the flood damage reduction and drainage improvements projects, FP&C Project No. 50-M01-16-01, and to authorize advertisement for bids upon concurrence of Facility Planning and Control. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilman Plaisance began a discussion regarding an IGA with the Police Jury and the Drainage Board for the purpose of constructing fishing piers at LaFitte Drive-In Park. He recognized Mr. Brac Salyer with Wildlife & Fisheries. They have completely stocked the pond. We have applied for a fishing pier grant and a walking trail grant. We have received \$50,000 for the walking trail. Clay came up with a tremendous idea that would involve very little money but we would need some help from the Police Jury and the Drainage Board. Both of these entities have already adopted the IGA. This is what this resolution is about. The Drainage Board would like for this to happen as soon as possible because when they bring in the excavator, they will be able to clean*

Youngs Coulee. There is a shed that is in it. Mayor Piazza asked if the Drainage Board would be able to get the shed out before Friday. Clay Menard stated they said they would get it out as soon as they get the cylinder on the excavator but they did not say when that would be. Mayor Piazza stated their equipment is the only one who can reach it. Councilman Plaisance stated that is the same issue with the fishing pier. Mayor Piazza stated this will not cost anything. They will use their equipment and we already have the material stockpiled at the City Barn. We have all the concrete, bricks and dirt as needed. Mr. Brac Salyer stated the piers will allow handicapped access. Right now, there is no way an individual in a wheelchair can access the pond as it is now. This will also give us more fishing access for future events. We only have the west side now for fishing. We would have the ability to have people spaced out more. This would also allow the parents to watch their children from the picnic tables. Right now, they have to walk all the way around the dog park. That is a significant distance. The piers would be on the north side. The pier would approve the aesthetics of the park. We already have something really nice going with the park. There is nothing like this in Vermilion Parish. It is similar to Girard Park in Lafayette where kids can go out and fish. His goal is to make the best fishing opportunity for kids to come catch a fish, take it home and cook it. It is nice that we have these governmental agencies coming together to be able to cut costs for this. The pond is very well stocked. We had a great event planned but the event had to be cancelled because of COVID. When we can have that event, we will stock the pond with an additional 1,000 of catfish to make sure the kids catch a fish. Mayor Piazza stated that we have the material on hand at the City Barn. It is so much on hand that we can't even get rid of the stuff. This is an opportunity to get rid of something that we had a company picking up at one time. We don't have any more room to put anything else now. What is being constructed at this time is a base of what will potentially be a fishing pier at some time. It is the construction of the base. Councilman Plaisance also stated tonight that they (the Drainage Board) will level off the drop while they are there. Mayor Piazza stated we have so much rip rap material at the Street Department. The ideal place for the public to fish is near the oak trees where we have already put the park benches. The bank is steep and the water is shallow so we have to get the public out further in order to fish. If we would try to do pylons and a wooded pier, it would be extremely costly. You would have to work with a lot of heavy machinery. Councilman Plaisance and Clay came up with the idea to use this rip rap that we already have as a base to walk out into the pond. We will not have to use pylons. Councilwoman White thinks this is a great solution to a problem by using some materials we already have on hand. It is also great to have all three governmental entities agreeing to work together. However, she does not think that this is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds especially right now. Every one of those agencies are supported by tax dollars. This project is not in our budget. This is not her priority and she does not think it should be the City's priority. We have tennis courts that need to be redone and we have a lot of other parks. She has no problem with us coming up with a plan and presenting the plan and putting it in the budget for 2021 once we know how much this will cost us. She is not in favor of approving this and starting construction without even seeing it on a map of the property to know where it will go. She has asked for that repeatedly to see it laid out on the map so we all will know where it will be so we know what we are approving prior to construction. It has never been directly answered or documented. She wants a dollar amount not that "this will cost not so much". She wants to know what that dollar amount will be. You are talking about 66 cubic yards of dirt and 190 cubic yards of rip rap. How many truck loads is that and how much labor and equipment is that? She wants to know that before she spends her tax dollars on that. We need to know what this park is costing us. The 2020 grass mowing is almost \$30,000. This information needs to be public. This project needs to be well planned and documented. The park is owned by the public and they all need to have a say so in how it is developed. For that reason, she is not in favor of this. Councilman Plaisance stated that Councilwoman White has never asked to see the book that details the plan for that park. The detailed plan is in this book. It also documents all the expenses that have been incurred at this

park. All the photographs are in this book. He has been working on this project for 7 years. It is a wonderful project for this parish. You are right, taxpayers are paying for this. People have shown interest in this park and are anxious to see it opened. To begin with, he has been putting his own discretionary funds to continue working on this park. He went out to Raising Canes five times to get them to sponsor this park. Councilwoman Broussard has helped to sell the benches that are in the park. That did not come from the City's money. Yes, we are maintaining the grass. It is the most beautiful park in Vermilion Parish and it should be opened to the public. We have applied for grants for a walking trail and a fishing pier. Mr. Gene called this afternoon to assist us with these piers. I don't agree with what Councilwoman White is saying because he is still waiting for her to contact him to look at this book and to see what has been done at the park, step by step. Wildlife and Fisheries have spent their own money to clean out all the fish and then to stock it. All we have paid for is \$600 to stock bass in the pond. This park is a gold mine. We could charge admission and have events in this park. It is his passion. This is the first step we are taking to allow people to fish there someday. You can fish at other City parks in other cities but we cannot fish here. Any time Councilwoman White wants to know anything about this park she can have the courtesy of asking him and he will explain it step by step. Councilman Touchet stated the biggest thing is that Councilwoman White is asking at what point will free go away. Lafayette has a lot of sales tax dollars and a recreational tax. What are the next steps? The public is looking at this. Does the next step cost? Where will the money come from? Is it something that we have to be prepared for? Councilman Plaisance has done an excellent job of pursuing donations but at some point, in time, those will run out. We will have to have a plan then. Do we have a plan for after the base? What is the cost of that? We will have to have personnel at some point. Is that within our budget? Do we need to budget those? He brings up these points to clarify what he has heard tonight. We have to have this discussion because it is the taxpayers' dollars we are dealing with and we have to be able to answer to them. Councilwoman Broussard stated that she applauds Councilman Plaisance's effort. Anything she can do to help with the park she will. She does appreciate his work. Moving forward we should designate one park in the budget each year. She has a park in her district that is neglected. Mayor Piazza stated there is not anything wrong with that. Councilwoman Broussard you have 4 parks in your district and Councilwoman White has 1. Councilwoman Broussard stated she understands that but there is only one in her district that has been highly neglected. Councilwoman White stated she agrees with rotating each year from park to park. We should prioritize the park that has the need. Mayor Piazza stated that it sounds good but you have so much upkeep that is required for Comeaux Park. It will take up the majority of your budget. You have tennis courts, baseball fields, football fields, skateboard parks and you will have a splash pad. There is not enough money to go around. Councilwoman Broussard stated how is she supposed to feel when her park is looking dilapidated. Mayor Piazza stated that McKinley Scott Park has more playground equipment than any other park in the City. You have a Park Committee that Councilman Plaisance is the chairman of and a Recreation Committee that Councilman Broussard is the chairman. We still have not yet established what we are doing with our recreation department when it comes to recreation and the employee that we moved to City Hall. We don't even have a parks and recreation director in this building anymore. That is something that he is waiting for some guidance from the Council as to what exactly they want to do here. He has some Council people saying they want to go this way and others wanting to go this other way. He can't make that decision for you. You need to get the Parks and Recreation Board involved, and the committees involved to work together to see what we want to see for the future for our parks and where the money will come from. We can establish a plan. He agrees with Councilwoman White. He doesn't think the public wants to see us dumping a lot of money in LaFitte Park however he does think that Councilman Plaisance has done an excellent job of raising the money himself for that park. He hasn't really come to the Council for a lot of money. We have a walking trail that we are looking at that may cost us a lot of money because all we got from the State was \$50,000. We have fishing piers that we are

talking about. We have boat ramps for kayaks. There are a lot of visions that we have of this park and others that we have been talking about with no source of revenue to finance. He recommends that the committee heads in those two committees start having some meetings and let's get together to have some vision of the future here regarding what we want our recreation department to look like and what we want our parks to look like. We have been piecemealing things. Right now, we are spending a lot of money on a splash pad and tennis courts that are in Comeaux Park. None of the other parks are getting money. We need to get our committees involved and start having this discussion at committee other than a City Council meeting. That is the reason for the frustration because we haven't had enough discussion on exactly what we want to do, where we will be and how we will plan for the future. Councilman Broussard stated the Mayor has done a great job driving each park for each and every one of us and he has told us time and time again that he does not see a single human being in some of these things we call a park. If we have too many parks for our budget why are we keeping it as a park when there is nobody in it? This guy has reported to us that is what he finds. It is ridiculous for us to keep recreational equipment and fencing and gates and a padlock. Let's turn that into green space and not a park. Then we will have more money for the parks that are being used. We have 13 parks. Some of our parks have been abandoned by the public. They choose not to use it anymore. Let's not keep spending money on places that are not being used. He hears from the community about the great finances of the drainage boards and if the City of Abbeville can take some of that to be used then he does not see that as a bad thing because it does not commit us to further development. Having the drainage board use their manpower, fuel and equipment and we are using some of our excess material, it doesn't guarantee the next level of developing. This is a phase. He does not want those fish to die from boredom. One day, it has been the wish of the Mayor, to have children fish there. We are all looking for solutions for our young people who are walking around with guns. Let's put a fishing pole in their hand. We talk about solutions so let's do something about it. If this is something the Mayor believes is valuable and we have at least one Council member who has devoted so much time to do it, having the drainage board to do something in that direction does not commit us to spend one dollar beyond that. He doesn't know why we would turn our back on that. Councilman Touchet stated it does put a lot of political pressure when we begin something then stop. He will agree with the IGA tonight because it is free. He will get people who will ask when it is coming and he will have to say that we don't have a plan. He is tired of not having that answer. Councilman Plaisance stated he has been telling people for nearly 7 years that the park is under development. It took time to get through different phases like the benches, the dog park and other things. It is a gradual process and the public understands that. Councilman Touchet asked if Councilman Plaisance would agree to not committing to any other development until we have a plan for development and for revenue. Councilman Plaisance said he would agree to that. Councilwoman White stated she needs the plan of where the pier will be.

**Plaisance/Touchet**  
**Resolution R20-18**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an intergovernmental agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury and the Gravity Drainage District No. 2 for the purpose of constructing fishing piers at LaFitte Drive-in Park. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

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

Therefore, the motion carried.

**Plaisance/Touchet  
Resolution R20-19**

*A resolution declaring a state of emergency for Hurricane Delta.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Mayor Piazza spoke to Greg Labbe the regional coordinator for APPA and we are on the list to get electrical crews for the hurricane. Stewart has also reached out to a contractor too. We now have the new sandbagging machine. They love the new machine. They have 1,000 bags ready to go. They have ordered more sand and bags. The Police Chief has everything lined up and the Fire Chief will do the same. We already had a lot of this from Hurricane Laura. Councilman Plaisance will get the hotel rooms and Councilman Touchet will line up the food. The state of emergency allows us to make expenditures as we need.*

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to allow the Fire Chief to utilize \$15,000 from the Maintenance and Operation Fire Department Fund to pay for new radios. The motion carried unanimously.

Jason Hebert, Police Lieutenant

- *We just put up four more cameras. That makes a total of 13. We hope to put up a few more.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *Mrs. Betty Perkins is here tonight about debris pickup in the City. She was told by Ed Ziegler that we should see a significant difference in the City by Sunday. She turned in the list of her streets. All but four still had debris on them. They did not do a good job of removing the debris. The contractor has 90 days to remove all the debris from the parish. She has made several phone calls. Mrs. Perkins was concerned about the debris being piled up along the huge drainage ditch near her home from Motty Park. She has flooded before and is concerned about flooding again if the trees go to into the ditch. Mayor Piazza asked Clay to check on this and see if Marlon or Richard can do something about it.*
- *The overlay of Nugier, North East and Hawthorne were supposed to happen this week but she believes that will be postponed because of the hurricane. She would also like to see Nugier and North East be made into a one-way street after the overlay. She will work with the Police Chief on that. The streets are so narrow and you cannot pass two cars on it.*
- *She asked Clay to be sure to please remove all hazards as much as you can.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Spoke to the corporate office and the field office and there is a reasonable explanation. They started at one end of the parish and they are doing a clean sweep to move to the other end of the parish. They have not missed Abbeville. A truck can be sent to a hot spot but that does not help the clean sweep. A Police Jury grab truck will be following after the contractor passes in case they miss something. Their system is clean sweep and that works. He did not ask for a hot spot truck.*
- *We have a hurricane coming. Put the heaviest pieces of debris on top so you won't have a big mess in your street or your yard.*

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 for personnel interviews on September 15, 2020 at 5:15 P.M., at A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center, 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana, 70510, 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: Bill Spearman, Police Chief

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here to interview personnel for the Police Department.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to enter into executive session to interview one applicant for the Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to reconvene the meeting from executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated they interviewed one applicant, Leah Ganey, for the position of police officer with the Abbeville Police Department. Any action will be taken during the regular City Council meeting later tonight.*

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 for personnel interviews on October 6, 2020 at 5:15 P.M., at A. A. Comeaux Recreation Center, 300 A. A. Comeaux Drive, Suite 200, Abbeville, Louisiana, 70510, 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

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here to interview personnel for the Fire Department.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to enter into executive session to interview two applicants for the Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to reconvene the meeting from executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated they interviewed two applicants, Nicholas Witt and Travis Lange, for the positions of firefighter with the Abbeville Fire Department. Any action will be taken up during the regular City Council meeting later tonight.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ and duly resolved:

**RESOLUTION NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA  
UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
AND  
COMMUNITY WATER ENRICHMENT FUND PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Legislature has appropriated funding for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Assistance Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for a wide range of projects to improve public health, public safety, living conditions and for economic development purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Water Enrichment Fund Program offers grants to eligible municipalities and parishes for rehabilitation, improvements and new construction projects for community potable water systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deemed necessary and proper to submit applications to the Louisiana Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Abbeville that Mayor Mark Piazza is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Local Government Assistance Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and submit an application to the State of Louisiana, Office of Community Development under the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program and also execute any and all documents should this grant be funded.

**THEREUPON**, the above resolution was declared adopted.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kathleen S. Faulk, Secretary/Treasurer of the City of Abbeville, do hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Abbeville on November 3, 2020 at which time a quorum was present and voting.

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KATHLEEN S. FAULK  
SECRETARY/TREASURER  
CITY OF ABBEVILLE

Office of Community Development  
State of Louisiana  
Division of Administration

JOHN BEL EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR



JAY DARDENNE  
COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION

MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Potential LGAP/CWEF Applicants

**FROM:**  Traci Watts, Director  
Office of Community Development -  
Local Government Assistance

**DATE:** October 5, 2020

**SUBJECT:** FY 2020/2021 LGAP and CWEF Applications

The Office of Community Development (OCD) has made the applications for the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) and Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) available on their website at [https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/LGAP/lgap\\_cwef\\_programs.aspx](https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/ocd/LGAP/lgap_cwef_programs.aspx). Applications for both programs must be downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted to the OCD. The deadline for receipt (not merely postmarked) of LGAP and CWEF applications is February 1, 2021. Any application not received by the deadline will not be considered.

All municipalities and parishes within the state of Louisiana that are identified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as non-entitlement communities are eligible to apply for assistance under the LGAP and CWEF programs.

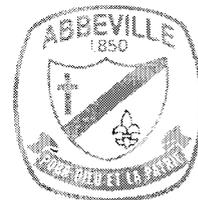
**For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the maximum allocation amounts available per parish for LGAP is \$58,800 and for CWEF is \$64,500.** The grant ceilings for local governments are included in the application package. The OCD encourages all potential applicants within each parish to prioritize their requests.

If you have any questions, please call Wendi Williams or Jeanine Braud at 225/342-7412.

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**ABBEVILLE**

**SINCE 1850**



**MARK PIAZZA**  
Mayor

**KATHLEEN S. FAULK**  
Secretary - Treasurer

November 30, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Sarah Alpough  
Director of Revenue

Subject: **Agenda Item for November 3, 2020 Council Meeting:**  
**>Accounting of 2019 Tax Roll<**

Dear Mayor and Council:

Attached please find the accounting of the 2019 Tax Roll. This report shows the adjustments that were made and the total amount collected for the 2019 Tax Collection Year.

Please note that this will be placed on the agenda for the **November 3, 2020** Council Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Alpough  
Director of Revenue,  
Regulatory Codes & Permits

cc: Kathy Faulk, Secretary-Treasurer  
Nicole Nguyen, Council Secretary

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**To the Mayor and City Council  
City of Abbeville, Louisiana**

The following is an accounting of the Property Taxes for Assessment Year ended December 31, 2019 (Collection Year 2019-2020)

<b>TAX ROLL 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>427,781.80</b>
SUPPLEMENTAL ROLL	\$	94.50
ADJUSTMENTS/ADDITIONS	\$	-
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>94.50</b>
ADJUSTMENTS/DEDUCTIONS	\$	338.37
2019 ADJUDICATIONS TO PARISH	\$	-
2019 ADJUDICATIONS TO CITY	\$	75.99
2019 PROPERTY TAX SOLD AT PARISH SALE	\$	4.65
2019 UNCOLLECTED (MA BILLS)	\$	51.75
CANELLATIONS	\$	839.69
PETITION TO INCORPORATE AGGREEMENT'	\$	3,660.98
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,971.43</b>
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS 2019 TAX ROLL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(4,876.93)</b>
GENERAL FUND	\$	338,447.86
PUBLIC IMPR. FUND	\$	84,725.23
<b>TOTAL 2019 TAX DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>423,173.09</b>
TOTAL CREDITS TO 2019 TAX ROLL	\$	427,781.80

TAX ROLL 12/31/19

\$ 427,781.80

**SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS TO TAX ROLL**

**SUPPLEMENT ROLL**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA678500Q	BLAKE WEAVER REALTY & INVESTMENTS LLC	\$ 16.29
RA148350	CAPDEVILLE, ELVIRA C/O LEANORD RUTLAND	\$ 13.70
RA6785000	DORSEY, LATASHA	\$ 18.75
RA678500P	SUIRE PROPERTIES, LLC	\$ 3.86
RA695250	THOMAS, ROBERT ETALS	\$ 20.95
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		<b>\$ 94.50</b>

**ADJUSTMENTS/ADDITIONS**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
	NONE	\$ -

**ADJUSTMENTS/DEDUCTIONS**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA203250	DEROUEN, CURVIS J ETALS	\$ 4.65
RA208250	DIETZ, R D RENTALS LLC	\$ 29.19
RA260550	FREDERICK, KATHERINE ELIZABETH	\$ 4.18
RA084200	HARDY, MICHAEL DEAN & HARDY, JANISE	\$ 14.64
MA016800B	LDK RENT TO OWN	\$ 29.39
MA081650	MAGNATE INDUSTRIAL CONTACTOR	\$ 12.77
RA558450	PETRY, FREDA	\$ 2.40
RA441753	PLOWDEN, KEVIN	\$ 89.31
RA399900	ROGERS, EFFIE BROUSSARD	\$ 3.99
MA07305A	SPECIALY AUTO SALES	\$ 82.29
RA678500	T & H RENTALS, LLC	\$ 22.62
RA678500	T & H RENTALS, LLC	\$ 16.28
RA694200	THOMAS, GERRILYN FAITH	\$ 5.45
RA714750	TRAHAN, ROICEY & LEBLANC, JULIE	\$ 21.21
		<b>\$ 338.37</b>

**2019 ADJUDICATIONS TO PARISH**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
	NONE	\$ -

**2019 ADJUDICATIONS TO CITY**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA046201	BESSARD, GREGORY JAMES	\$ 27.00
RA094100	BROUSSARD, DEBORAH ANN ETALS	\$ 12.37
RA293800	GUIDRY, CHAD	\$ 4.65
RA314400	HARGRAVE, JULIA	\$ 4.65
RA718050	TRAN, TUAN	\$ 11.90
RA296700	TURNER, DEVERON	\$ 0.86
RA757150	WILKINS, WILTON JR	\$ 14.56
		<b>\$ 75.99</b>

**2019 PROPERTY SOLD AT PARISH SALE**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA475200	CINTRON, ELIZABETH & WOODSON, ADAMS W	\$ 4.65
RA59700B	LAUREN PARK LLC (CITY TAX PAID)	\$ -
		<b>\$ 4.65</b>

**2019 UNCOLLECTED (MA BILLS ONLY)**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
MA010650	BAYOU A/D & ELECTRICAL	\$ 4.85
MA013800	BROUSSARD LAWN CARE	\$ 13.30
MA053400	KIM & COMPANY	\$ 2.66
MA067950	NOLAN, ROD	\$ 3.20
MA048950	IDEAL WEIGHT LOSS OF ABBEVILLE	\$ 0.20
MA049600C	QRT C/O DON THIBODEAUX	\$ 0.66
MA012050C	PAPAW'S	\$ 3.33
MA036750B	MUDBUGZ VAPOR SHOP	\$ 4.99
MA036750C	M J'S BOUTIQUE	\$ 2.40
MA042750C	STAR CARS	\$ 0.66
MA074100A	CITY CUT	\$ 0.66
MA089700A	SUPREME AUTOS	\$ 0.90
MA053100A	C & G HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1.00
MA0312000	GO METRO	\$ 6.65
MA062450A	CONTEXT MEDIA, LLC	\$ 4.49
MA043700A	ACCENT HEALTH , LLC DBA OUTCOME HEALTH	\$ 0.47
MA081345	SIGNATURE CUTS	\$ 1.33
		<b>\$ 51.75</b>

**CANCELLATIONS**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA731700	ARK OF THE COVENANT GOD 1 <sup>ST</sup> CHURCH	\$ 100.63
MA053100A	C & G HOME IMPROVEMENTS	\$ 1.00
RA138150	CBDK PROJECT, LLE	\$ 11.64
RA200850	DELCAMBRE, MARK	\$ 2.00
MA020700G	HARDEE'S RESTAURANT	\$ 74.62
RA355800	HOLLEY, DAVE	\$ 11.77
RA761700	LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC	\$ 74.24
RA511950	MORRIS, PENNY	\$ 2.00
MA020700H	PAPA JOHNS	\$ 217.52
MA072750A	PITNEY BOWLES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SVCS	72.35 \$ 72.35
RA645900	SIGMOR #618	\$ 182.21
MA081345	SIGNATURE CUTS	\$ 1.33
RA380900	WELLS FARGO BANK, NA	\$ 87.05
RA751200A	WRIGHT, LILLIE MARY WASHINGTON ESTA	1.33 \$ 1.33
		<b>\$ 839.69</b>

**PROPERTY REMOVED UNDER 'PETITION TO INCORPORATE AGREEMENT**

<b>RECEIPT NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
RA006050	ABSHIRE, RYAN J. & CHANTAY SMITH	\$ 117.17
RA008150	AGUILAR, ROBERT JAMES & BLANCA M	\$ 2.99
RA017400	ARMIJO, NORMA JEAN GRAY	\$ 37.17
RA018155	ASHLEY, JOE L	\$ 54.13
RA037200	BENGSTON, CHRYSTAL GAYLE BOURQUE	\$ 142.01
RA072000	BOURQUE, CLAYTON ELLIOT	\$ 31.32
RA072001	BOURQUE, CLAYTON ELLIOT & MICHELLE	\$ 49.88
RA073900	BOURQUE, MONIQUE MICHELLE ETAL	\$ 81.39
RA088800	BROUSSARD, ADAM J.& MARLENE LEBLANC	\$ 42.90
RA093900	BROUSSARD, DAWN MARIE	\$ 7.98
RA106350	BROUSSARD, KEVIN PAUL	\$ 7.98
RA114150	BROUSSARD, PHILLIP D & THERESA SMITH	\$ 73.01
RA121500	BROUSSARD, TIMOTHY	\$ 49.21
RA159600	CHOATE, KENNETH B & TAMMY BROUSSARD	\$ 83.72
RA159610A	CHOATE, NICHOLAS B	\$ 125.61
RA165150	CLEMENTS, LEROY ET ALS	\$ 95.36
RA180000	CORMIER, JOHN KENT & ROBERT CHARLES COR	\$ 20.55
RA180300	CORMIER, JOHN KENT	\$ 70.29
RA180600	CORMIER, ROBERT CHARLES&KATHERINE ARMIJO	\$ 50.80
RA192300	DAVID, KIMBERLY CLAIRE BOURQUE	\$ 114.23
RA021850	DAVIS, LINDA AYMOND	\$ 48.61
RA196950	DECUIRE, IRVIN JOSEPH	\$ 25.57
RA213750	DOMINGUE, JEFFERY W.	\$ 9.64
RA231500	DUHON, TAMMY LYNN & BARRY THOMPSON JR.	\$ 57.26
RA232800	DUPRE, WILLIAM J JR & TINA PRATT	\$ 39.30
RA241950	ERATH SUGAR CO	\$ 4.92
RA262801	FREDERICK, SHANE	\$ 1.33
RA263400	FREDERICK, STEVE & DEBRA CORMIER	\$ 56.39
RA268500	GARY, HARRY	\$ 4.65
RA271950	GASPARD, RANDALL & THERESA BOUDREAUX	\$ 57.52
RA271960	GASPARD, RANDALL & THERESA BOUDREAUX	\$ 30.79
RA289830	GRIFFIN, MICHAEL TODD	\$ 91.77
RA304200	GUILLORY, JERRY L & CATHERINE	\$ 53.86
RA329400	HEBERT, DON M & VIRGINIA CHANDLER	\$ 42.23
RA339900	HEBERT, LINDA MARIE	\$ 55.91
RA340050	HEBERT, LINDA	\$ 13.30
RA416700	CHOATE, TAMMY B & KENNETH B. CHOATE	\$ 40.24
RA418050	LEBLANC, DALE W. J.	\$ 2.53
RA421500	LEBLANC, GAYLE F & ALLEN J BOURQUE	\$ 78.84
RA422900	LEBLANC, JUDY (MEAUX)	\$ 0.46

**PETITION RTO INCORPORATE AGREEMENT' CONT**

RA431900	NGUYEN, PHUONG HA & BUI TRANG	\$	50.54
RA454230	LINDQUIST, JAY B & ERDMAN, CAROL	\$	126.51
RA008400	MCCLELLAND, RALPH	\$	56.66
RA604950	MCCLELLAND, RALPH LEA	\$	76.74
RA485550	MELANCON, RICHARD A & LANELL BOURQUE	\$	124.49
RA486600	MELEBECK, FRANCIS K & BETH LYNN BROUSSARD	\$	91.77
RA486950	MELEBECK, RONALD W. & MARY NELL HEBERT	\$	126.89
RA499800	MIRE, ANTOINE	\$	3.99
RA621500	MIRE, ANTOINE	\$	9.64
RA522900	NELMS, MONIQUE MICHELLE BOURQUE	\$	104.87
RA539250	NORTHCUTT, JAMES R & JEANNE	\$	69.16
RA567000	PICOU, CHANDRA B	\$	62.91
RA578100	PREJEAN, DAVID	\$	2.00
RA578250	PREJEAN, DAVID J.	\$	2.40
RA685800	PREJEAN, DAVID J & MARY BROUSSARD	\$	9.91
RA685800A	PREJEAN, DAVID J	\$	61.27
RA578700	PREJEAN, MARY ANN	\$	2.00
RA578850	PREJEAN, MARY ANN & WASEY BROUSSARD	\$	59.51
RA579005	PREJEAN, MARY ANN & WASEY BROUSSARD, JR.	\$	62.44
RA180900	PRIMEAUX, DULSE	\$	49.81
RA594801	RICHARD, KATHLEEN M	\$	95.72
RA594802	RICHARD, KATHLEEN M	\$	19.81
RA165160	ROMERO, CHAD ANTHONY & SHIRLEY	\$	210.16
RA612552	ROY RENTALS, LLC	\$	17.29
RA657325	SOLIS, PATRICK JOSEPH & ANNA BELLE DOUCET	\$	91.64
RA008150A	SONS, LAUREN AGUILAR	\$	2.26
RA665550	STAKES, WALLACE S	\$	36.66
RA693300	THOMAS, BARBARA B	\$	4.65
RA712500	TRAHAN, MARY CORMIER	\$	45.29
RA777200	VINCENT, APRIL LYNN	\$	11.17
		<b>\$</b>	<b>3,660.98</b>

MARK PIAZZA  
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KATHLEEN S. FAULK  
Secretary - Treasurer

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November 2, 2020

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Sarah Alpough  
Director of Revenue

Subject: **Agenda Items for November 3, 2020 Council Meeting:**  
**{Variance for outdate mobile home to be installed @ 1720 Society}**

Dear Mayor and Council:

Attached please find pictures of mobile home and premise inspection approval for mobile home.

Please note that this will be placed on the agenda for the **November 3, 2020** Council Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Inspection of Premises**

Applicant: DARREN WEEKLY

Phone Number: 337-889-5139

Mobile Home to be located at: 1720 SOCIETY ST

Property Owner: DARREN WEEKLY

Assessment Number: RA753621

**APPROVED**

**DENIED**

[Signature]  
Inspector

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Date of Inspection

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_  
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HUD I.D. Number: TRRA415275

Year of Mobile Home: 1999

Size of Mobile Home: 16 X 80

COUNCILMEN:  
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