



## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 04, 2021 at 5:30 PM

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

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### AGENDA

**NOTICE POSTED: May 3, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.**

#### REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

#### PERSONNEL

#### MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

1. To approve the minutes from the April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 special City Council meetings, the April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 Committee meetings and the March 16, 2021, April 6, 2021 and April 20, 2021 regular City Council meetings.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. To award the contract for Phase I of the City's LCDBG Clearance Program to demolish six structures.
2. To adopt a resolution granting the authority to the Mayor to sign and submit all necessary documents along with adopting certain policies, plans & procedures in connection with the FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program for a Sewer System Improvements Project.
3. To adopt a resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the City to acquire the interest of the Vermilion Parish Police Jury in properties located at 1110 and 1112 Greene Street.
4. To approve the quote to replace the fence at the football field in Comeaux Park.
5. To approve the quote from Progressive Tractor & Implement in the amount of \$8,401.79 to repair the Street Department backhoe.
6. To award the contract from bids submitted for the removal of a tree on structure and cutting of grass, weeds and overgrown brush from the entire property located at 206 Alleman Street.
7. Discussion and to authorize an appraisal on the property next to Station #2 - Chief Jude Mire.
8. To approve the proposal from T & T Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$12,500.00 to fix the road cuts.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. None.

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND UPDATES

1. Public Works Director
2. Parks and Recreation Director
3. Main Street Manager
4. Digital Media Assistant

#### TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. 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 special session on April 6, 2021 at 5:00 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, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Betty Lou Landry  
Johnette Ardoin

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here tonight for a special City Council meeting for a public hearing to address three separate properties. The properties are 1003 Prairie Street, 824 Kibbe Street and 900 Graceland Avenue.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

*1003 Prairie Street – Ms. Betty Lou Landry was present to represent the property. Ms. Landry stated she is still living in the house. Mayor Piazza stated there is a tarp on the roof and it is in disrepair. The shed has collapsed and the back end of the house has a lot of boards missing. It must be difficult to get in and out of the house because the steps are not there. What are your intentions to do those repairs? Ms. Landry stated that the shed has been jacked up and 5 posts were put under it to secure it. Originally, it was her intention to fix the house but she will not. She has asked Betty LeBlanc to find her a new place. She needs some time to find a new place. She would like 60 to 90 days. She wants to move away. Mayor Piazza stated the property has been in disrepair for quite some time but you did suffer some additional damage for the hurricane. Did you seek any FEMA assistance to help get some of the repairs completed? Ms. Landry stated she did and they helped a little. She does not want to repair it. Mayor Piazza stated it cannot stay in disrepair and he does understand her dilemma. Councilwoman White asked Ms. Landry if she had applied for assistance since the recent hurricanes. Ms. Landry stated no, it was a long time ago. Mayor Piazza offered to give her the telephone numbers for her to contact FEMA for the most recent hurricanes. They may pay for the roof if it was damaged during the hurricane. They won't help with demolition they can only help with repairs. Councilman Touchet stated this property is in his district and Ms. Landry will either have to repair it or tear it down. Mayor Piazza stated to Councilman Touchet that she can not afford to both repair the structure and find a new place to live. Mayor Piazza stated to Ms. Landry that the house cannot stay in disrepair. The Council will order the home to be repaired and hire someone and then we will send a bill to Ms. Landry. The bill will end up on her property taxes. She will not be able to afford to pay the property taxes so she will lose the home. She needs to figure out a way to do the necessary repairs so this doesn't happen. Ms. Landry asked if she could have the home torn down. Mayor Piazza stated that would be her decision but it can't stay like it is. Councilman Touchet stated that Ms. Landry would still have to pay for the demolition. Ms. Landry requested 90 days to get costs to tear it down. Councilman Touchet stated that people living around you are dissatisfied with how*

*you are keeping up your property. We receive those complaints. Councilwoman White stated her biggest concern is that Ms. Landry is living in a house that is not safe for her to be living in. Mayor Piazza asked Ms. Landry if we could at least trim the bush that is on our right-of-way. Ms. Landry agreed to allow the City to trim that bush on our right-of-way but not to trim too much for safety reasons.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to grant the owner of 1003 Prairie Street 90 days to either repair or demolish the structure. If the homeowner does not do this, the City will authorize demolition of the structure on day 91. The motion carried unanimously.

824 Kibbe Street – *No one was present to represent the property. The property is in Councilwoman Broussard’s district. Clay Menard stated the property has some issues but is can be repaired. The structure needs to be secured properly.*

-02 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant the owner of 824 Kibbe 15 days to secure the property. The motion carried unanimously.

900 Graceland – *Ms. Johnette Ardoin appeared to represent the property. The property is in Councilwoman White’s district. Councilwoman White stated this was a club at one time. Ms. Ardoin stated the tree that fell down is not on her property but some of the branches are on her property. The vacant lot is not hers. She will remove the branches that are on her property. The storage area is what is damaged. Mayor Piazza stated the main roof does have some damage too. Ms. Ardoin stated she wants to repair it and reopen it. It hasn’t been open since 2018. It was Jade’s Lounge. She has applied for a loan through SBA. Mayor Piazza asked Ike to get with Sarah to research the property owner where the tree is down.*

-03 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to grant the property owner of 900 Graceland Avenue 30 days to secure the roof. The motion carried unanimously.

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 April 20, 2021 at 5:00 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, Brady Broussard, Jr., Terry Broussard, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: None

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Gene Sellers, Engineer

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here tonight for a special City Council meeting for a public hearing to address one property. The property is located at 1604 Cherokee Street.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

*1604 Cherokee Street – No one was present to represent the property. Councilman Touchet stated this is in his district. He wanted the property demolished.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to declare the structure located at 1604 Cherokee condemned and to authorize demolition. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated to Councilman Touchet that there is a problem at the corner of Society and Sampson. There is some illegal dumping going on and there was a house there that we had to demolish and the lot is overgrown. Councilman Touchet stated he would take care of it.*

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 a committee meeting on April 6, 2021 at 5:15 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, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Gene Sellers, Engineer

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here for an Ordinance Committee meeting chaired by Councilwoman Terry Broussard. He turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard. Councilwoman Broussard stated we are here to consider an amendment to Section 2-9, designation of municipal officers and appointment of same. She asked Ike to explain the proposed amendments.*

*Ike stated that we will amend the ordinance to remove the Park Director from the group of officers for the City of Abbeville.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to recommend to the City Council at their meeting to be held on April 20, 2021 to adopt an ordinance amending Section 2-9 to remove the Park Director from the group of officers for the City of Abbeville. The motion carried unanimously.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Steve Moosa, CPA

*Mayor Piazza stated we are here for a Finance Committee meeting chaired by Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr. He turned the floor over to Councilman Touchet. Councilman Touchet stated we are here to receive a report on budget revenues and expenses for the first quarter of 2021. He asked Steve Moosa to present the report.*

*Steve stated we are discussing the first three months of the calendar year. The first page of the presentation shows the revenue analysis and compares this year's actual to last year's actual as well as the budget amounts. In sales tax we are \$150,000 ahead of last year and \$170,000 ahead of budget. This is attributable to the stimulus relief checks that came into the economy. Water and Sewer revenue are both ahead of budget. The water revenue is 6% ahead of budget and sewer revenue is 4% ahead of budget. Electrical sales revenue is ahead of budget 5.8% and this is attributable to the very extreme cold weather we had. KWH sold is also about 6% above the previous year. The City is ahead of budget from a revenue aspect for the first quarter of 2021. Mayor Piazza stated that one of the criteria he has been told so far that would qualify for the some of the American Rescue Plan money would be a direct payment in the loss of utility revenue based on the prior year. Have you heard anything? Steve stated they haven't yet released clear regulations. Hopefully when they do, they will be able to tell you how to spend it. Councilman Touchet asked if he thinks there was a loss of revenue. Steve stated he does not have the 2019 information tonight so he would have to get back with him on that. Mayor Piazza stated there was a loss of revenue especially in the electrical revenues. Steve stated that the effects of COVID did not occur in the first quarter of 2020. It began in late March. Mayor Piazza stated he is impressed with the numbers and the increase in revenues. He is curious to see how that compares to 2018 and 2019 because we have the issue with the rice mill no longer running. He asked Ike if he has heard anything regarding the solar panels for Walmart. Mayor Piazza stated Walmart will pursue that eventually and that is another issue we will have to deal with down the road. Steve said he would have the information for 2018, 2019 and 2020 next month when he reports on the audit. Councilman Touchet stated they wanted to look at the first quarter to see if we could do the McKinley Scott pavilion repair. He asked Councilwoman Broussard if she had received quotes. She stated she did and the Mayor has those in his office. Mayor Piazza stated that would be a sales tax expense. The capital outlay portion we are up \$50,000. The project is in two portions. He would only feel comfortable doing the first phase now which is to elevate the building and fix the structures at the bottom. That portion is around \$60,000. Councilman Touchet stated he would deviate at the next meeting to include this project. Steve Moosa continued with the report by discussing expenditures. The payroll in the general fund is 7% underbudget and the utility system fund payroll is overbudget by 4% so we will have to watch that. Overall, payroll is 4% underbudget. In other expenditures, other than payroll, general fund expenses are underbudget 2.7% and utility system fund expenditures, other than payroll, are .8% under budget. The last page of the report showed expenditures submitted to FEMA as a result of the two hurricanes. We submitted \$1.3 million of expenses. We hope to receive 75% of those costs reimbursed to us. As of December, we only received \$45,000 and that was for Hurricane Barry back in 2019. In the last two months we received \$81,000 for Hurricane Barry and Hurricane Laura. We expect to received another \$868,000 through the FEMA reimbursement program. The City could be exposed to \$300,000 of costs.*

*We have also filed with our insurance company and we are waiting to hear back from them. FEMA may reimburse some expenses 90% but we didn't want to take that aggressive approach and preferred to remain at 75% and be conservative. Financially you had the funds available by using your reserves. COVID has slowed down things so much. Mayor Piazza stated that the last time Kathy reached out to them, she was told that our FEMA representative was pulled and sent to Texas for the ice storm. Mayor Piazza stated there is some good news in the report and it is good to see our businesses doing well. All departments across the board are doing their job and doing their due diligence.*

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 March 16, 2021 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  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Gerald Gaspard, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion  
Wayne Landry, Former City Councilman  
Tommy Picard, QSA  
Joseph Hebert  
Pastor B. K. Stevens

*Mayor Piazza asked Pastor B. K. Stevens to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked for a moment of silence for retired Police Lieutenant David Hardy who recently passed away. Mayor Piazza led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of February 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on January 19, 2021 and February 2, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments on any agenda item prior to action. There were none.*

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to enter into a public hearing for comments pertaining to two proposed ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Public Hearing**

*Mayor Piazza stated the first proposed ordinance is an ordinance to amend Section 5-236, limitations on programmable electronic signs and Section 5-273, freestanding signs. The second ordinance is to incorporate unincorporated "Island 3" into the City limits of the City of Abbeville. Both of these were discussed at the last Ordinance Committee meeting held on March 2, 2021. Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments on the first ordinance. There were none. Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments regarding the second ordinance. Mayor Piazza stated*

*that Island 3 is on the corner of the By-pass and Coulee Kinney. It is the southwest corner. There are no residents there and no voters there. The property owners do not live in Abbeville. One property is owned by an estate and the other property is owned by someone who does not live in Abbeville. There were no public comments on the ordinance.*

-04 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to reconvene the regular meeting from the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

***Plaisance/White***  
***Ordinance 21-01***

*An ordinance amending Section 5-236, limitations of programmable electronic signs, and Section 5-273, freestanding signs.*

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

*YEAS: 5(B. Broussard, T. Broussard, Touchet, Plaisance, White)*  
*NAYS: 0*  
*ABSENT: 0*  
*ABSTAIN: 0*

*Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.*

***Plaisance/Touchet***  
***Ordinance 21-02***

*An ordinance incorporating unincorporated "Island 3" into the City limits of the City of Abbeville.*

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

*YEAS; 5(B. Broussard, T. Broussard, Touchet, Plaisance, White)*  
*NAYS: 0*  
*ABSENT: 0*  
*ABSTAIN: 0*

*Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to proclaim April 5-9, 2021 as National Community Development Week. The motion carried unanimously.

***B. Broussard/White***  
***Resolution R21-14***

*A resolution referencing the benefits of Community Development Block Grants and the negative impacts which it would cause by funding cuts.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

***B. Broussard/T. Broussard***  
***Resolution R21-15***

*A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an act of dissolution to terminate the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Abbeville and Herod Village for a 0.144-acre tract of land that was used to provide additional parking for McKinley Scott Park because the subject property is inconsistent with the plans to develop the greater tract by Bethel's Place, Inc.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to authorize Sellers and Associates, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications for “North and South Hollingworth Drive and Cypress Street” milling and overlay. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the repair to a firetruck in the amount of \$7,381.80 payable to Terry’s Diesel. The motion carried unanimously.

-08 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to grant a variance, because of age, from the mobile home ordinance for a 2000 mobile home already moved to 1206 Felicity Street without the proper permits. The owner is required to acquire all necessary permits after the fact and pay any penalties and to allow all inspections before utilities may be granted. The motion carried unanimously.

*Councilwoman Terry Broussard stated to Mr. Joseph Hebert that his property located at 1011 Vernon had been discussed earlier during a special City Council meeting and she granted him 90 days to see about his property. There is a tree on the house and it cannot stay like it is.*

-09 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve a Class A Liquor Permit for Calabria Italian Restaurant located at 124 Concord Street pending receipt of the health department inspection. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

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

Therefore, the motion carried.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve a Class A Liquor Permit for El Paso Mexican Restaurant located at 1132 Veterans Memorial Drive. The motion was put to a vote and the vote thereupon was as follows:

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

Therefore, the motion carried.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve a special event permit for the Williams Scholar Academy Family Appreciation Day to be held on March 27, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM at LaFitte Drive-In Park and to waive the special event permit fee. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza stated the agenda items have changed. It says departmental reports and updates. After a discussion with a couple of the Council members he made this change. Things change and the Council changes. In the past we had a lot of retired Council people that spent a lot of time at City Hall. Nowadays, we have a lot of Council people that work. Some even work out of town. So, he felt strongly that the Council is informed as much as possible as to what is going on in the City and in all the other departments. It is difficult for him to relay all this on a day-to-day basis.*

*He doesn't want to disturb the Council people at work. Councilman Plaisance has the opportunity to come by City Hall and they get to discuss things. He sees what is happening on a day-to-day basis. This will also allow the public to know what is going on too. An open line of communication between everyone is very beneficial. This will help us make better decisions on a day-to-day basis. He has asked everyone on the list to provide a detailed update.*

**Gene Sellers, Engineer**

- *Discussed the two projects at the airport that were recently approved. One is currently under construction and the other one will begin soon. These are grant funded and will not cost the City anything.*
- *We are assisting Kathy with the Hurricane Delta reimbursement.*
- *We applied for a capital outlay grant for the Lime Backwash project at the Water Treatment Plant. The project cost is \$960,000 and it will be considered in this upcoming legislative session.*
- *We also have another application for sewer improvements on the west end of town. This is a \$1,000,000 project. This is through LCDBG. If awarded, the funding would begin in 2022. If it doesn't qualify this time, you can reapply.*
- *The plans for the Streetscape Project-Phase 2 have been submitted. As with the first phase, it is taking them a long time to review those plans.*
- *We received quotes on the Main Street drainage outfall project and the contract has been awarded. The contract documents have been submitted to the Mayor for execution.*
- *We received quotes for the cleaning of the concrete lined coulee. The contract has been awarded and the documents are ready for the Mayor's signature. We will have to coordinate that work with the drainage board so it may take longer.*
- *We have received grant funding for ½ of the Walking Trail at LaFitte Drive-In Park. It appears we will also receive the other ½ of the funding.*
- *They will begin plans for overlay of Hollingsworth Drive and we should have those prepared so the Council can authorize acceptance of bids.*

**Richard Primeaux, Engineer**

- *He does the building code enforcement for the City for commercial and residential properties.*
- *He does the sewer outfall permit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He is updating the MS4 permit update which is due in June. We are about ½ complete.*
- *He does the debris management during hurricanes to meet FEMA requirements.*
- *He discussed the Flood Reduction Project. The contract is on the Mayor's desk. We will begin the project on May 12, 2021 and we will have a pre-construction meeting on March 31, 2021.*

**Clay Menard, Public Works Director**

- *The water leak on South State Street was repaired on March 6, 2021. The Street Department and the Water Department worked together, broke the road, found the leak, repaired it and backfilled it. One it has settled and has been compacted completely, it will be overlaid. We will continue to maintain it until it settles as required as part of the permit obtained from DOTD.*
- *The gear box at the Water Plant is broken. We spent \$40,000 three years ago to repair it. We are working with Griner Drilling and Sellers and Associates to repair it or get a new gear box so that it will last a lot longer than three years. It does not affect water production.*
- *There is a water line that cuts through the property where Harmony Park is located. We will relocate that line. The customer it affects has agreed to this. We will do that once all*

*Louisiana One Call's are marked. We also removed a tree and will haul in dirt as weather permits.*

- *The electrical contractor will be setting up the control devices inside for the splash pad. We also need to pour sidewalks there too. Bayou Fencing has ordered the fence to put around the perimeter of the splash pad.*
- *The electrical department is continuing to work on street lights. We will have a two-man crew contracted crew that will come in to assist street lights, set poles, services and transformer work. Supplies are hard to come by because of the two hurricanes. The lights at Sellers Field were ordered in January but still have not yet come in. Tommy Picard stated that QSA may have some fixtures they can use.*

Tommy Picard, Park Director

- *Thanked everyone for the opportunity to be here.*
- *Had 60 kids registered for basketball. The season starts March 27, 2021 and ends May, 2, 2021. The games are played in Henry. We will also do a summer league and the kids that played will be able to play for free. We hope to play those games at Abbeville High School in the summer. The summer league will be from mid-June to football.*
- *We formed a baseball committee. Our representative is Chase Lege for Abbeville. He has helped us a lot. He would like the 13-14 year olds to play at Sellers Field. That is his plan.*
- *They partnered with Roderick and Rodney Darby concerning golf. We would like to do a fish rodeo at LaFitte Park. We also would like to have an Abbeville Recreation First Annual Tennis Tournament. We hope to start flag football and soccer.*
- *Coca Cola has agreed to donate a new scoreboard for Theriot Field, Sellers Field, Irby Luquette Field and Vorhoff Field. We will also work on getting a scoreboard for the football field. In exchange, we have to buy Coke products from him. They will also supply banners as needed.*
- *He is working on facility usage concerning the cost. We have some people who want to use the field. Tommy thinks they should have to join the league in order to use the facilities. It is only \$65 per child.*
- *Tommy asked that each Council member give him \$500 from the discretionary funds to pay referees for games. That way we can let some kids play for half-price from Abbeville.*
- *If you get any complaints, please call him and let him know.*
- *Would like the bleachers at Luquette to be repaired or replaced.*
- *Needs a building behind the Recreation Center to store equipment.*
- *We will work on Williams Park weekly.*
- *We will hire Kip to fertilize. We will have to purchase the chemicals. He does a good job.*
- *Requested a list of the contract grass cutters.*

Mayor Mark Piazza

- *He met with Councilwoman White, Allie, Lynn Guillory and Anne Falgout last week. He wanted to make sure that Allie was networking with the Chamber of Commerce and with Economic Development and sharing our website information. Allie will attend the Chamber and FUEL meetings and functions. She is doing a great job with our website and in getting information out to the public on social media.*
- *Had a meeting with Richard Minvielle, Ike and Sarah Alpough. We have completed the asbestos survey on all of the 23 properties that we have on the list. The next step is to go out for bids to demolish some structures and remediate the structures that have asbestos. We have two separate bids going out. One is the ones that don't have any asbestos. That is 7 of those. That bid should be out soon. The other properties that have asbestos will have to go through remediation before we can tear them down. That is 11 of the properties. We will request a bid to remediate the asbestos then we can do demolition.*

*This is a long process and this is the first time the state has offered this grant. Hopefully by the summer we will see of these properties removed. He will send the lists to the Council.*

- *He discussed personnel issues. The department that we are really having some issues with is our electrical department. We have two employees out on extended sick leave. He is not sure if one of them will be able to come back. He is having some real health issues. The other employee that has been out sick last year, is very close to coming back. We hope to get him back in a month or two. A third employee is scheduled for surgery and will be out for an extended time. That will leave us with only one lineman. That is very scary but we have lined up an electrical contract crew and they will be on standby to come out in the event of an outage. We have also lined up a contract crew to come in and do tree trimming. They will begin in April. This will be trimming in the main transmission lines as we do every year. We hired an apprentice lineman 2/ lineman 1. He is a very skilled and trained apprentice lineman that is right on the verge, in his skill level, of becoming a lineman. We feel like within the next six months, that he is trained well enough to become a lineman. He started work yesterday. He has been working with a contract crew doing linework, working on transformers, working hot, getting in the bucket and doing all the things that linemen do for several months now. He was tired of being on the road all the time so he was willing to come work for us. We have another gentleman that has completed lineman school in Crowley and he is coming at the end of the month for an interview. We are soliciting people in that crew every day. Councilman Touchet stated that we need to change our mindset and give the Mayor the authority to see what other companies are paying their electrical workers so that we can pay them what they are worth. Mayor Piazza stated we hired a couple of employees in the Street Department. One is full-time and the other one is provisional. We are still one short. This is for the two temporary positions we fill in the summer to assist with grass cutting. We also hired an employee at the sewer plant.*
- *We have a problem at the airport. We held the airport project because of the hunting season so we are doing two projects at one time. One is the taxiway and the other one is the aprons and runway. The contractor for phase one, the overlay of the runway, showed up and started to put asphalt down and some bubbling occurred. He stopped and they did some testing and some boring and other things. They started again and more bubbling occurred. The engineers came out and for some reason it is causing some shifting in the runway. They reported it to FAA and FAA told them to stop the project. We had a Zoom call to inform the FAA what the problem was. FAA came back and said they don't have any more money to fix the problem and we may have to eliminate some of the project and just do the runway. In the meantime, the runway is closed. FAA and our engineers and our airport FBO met with the FAA people yesterday to see what was going on and to come up with some solutions. The bottom line is that they don't have any solutions or the money to fix the problem. The airport runway is closed indefinitely. FAA guarantees us that they will come up with some solutions as expeditiously as possible. At this point in time, we don't know if we can move forward. We are in limbo with the project.*
- *He doesn't know if this is a done deal and he doesn't know any of the specifics. He saw the City of Abbeville's name on a list to receive \$4.4 from the federal government as part of the American Rescue Plan. This is the COVID stimulus relief plan. He heard from LMA that it was based on population so the big cities got a lot more money. The parishes and school board and other governmental bodies are supposed to received funds too. From what he understands, we will get one-half this year and the other half next year. The money is supposed to be allocated to replace the revenues you lost last year based on COVID. We did lose a substantial amount of money in our utility system, not in our sales tax fund. We also had two hurricanes and we are out of pocket \$1.2 and we don't know*

*if or when we will get that. They are telling us initially to replace the money that you lost in revenue and your reserves. The second option to utilize the money is supposed to be for critical infrastructure needs. What is critical infrastructure needs? He has no idea because we haven't received any guidelines about that. To him, critical infrastructure is roads, sewer plants, water plants and things like that.*

- *He will try to move the City Council meetings back to City Hall on May 4, 2021.*

**Bill Spearman, Police Chief**

- *As of today, just before the meeting the department answered 1810 calls since the beginning of the year.*
- *We are 9 officers short. He has 5 that he is trying to replace. He has two officers out since they were involved in the officer involved shooting where they were shot at. They have not returned to duty because they haven't received their physical as far as talking to somebody. He has one officer on COVID leave and another officer that returned after 4 weeks of sick leave but has missed the qualification and now has to go through an 8-hour course for qualification. They will try find somebody to do that.*
- *They are working on the JAG grant and LHSC grant.*
- *Councilman Touchet asked Chief Spearman if he had 9 vacancies. Chief stated no he had 5 vacancies, the two officers are out after the shooting. Councilman Touchet asked why they couldn't come back. Chief Spearman stated they need a fit for duty evaluation. Councilman Touchet asked when do they get that. Chief Spearman said that would happen as soon as they can find a way to get them. We are fighting with the insurance and workers comp. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman if they have reached out to other departments to see who they use and how they do it. Chief Spearman said they have an employee fitness program. He asked Ike for the name of program. Ike stated it is the Employee Assistance Program. The City of Abbeville has just engaged with our insurance carrier to add that to our list of available services. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman when he says "they have that". Who is they? Chief Spearman said other municipalities of cities. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman to name one. Chief Spearman answered Lafayette. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman to name one our size. Councilman Touchet asked Chief Spearman if Crowley has a program. Chief Spearman said they do. Chief Spearman stated that we did not have one in place. Ike stated that with our standard hospitalization policy, there is access through the internet, through their portal to get psychological counseling, grief counseling and all those other types of counseling that deal with mental issues. That is available to every one of our employees and our employee's family. This has not been accessed by these two officers. They wanted to know about the employee assistance program. He and the Mayor met with Lloyd Campisi. Lloyd pushed it through UMR to have available on April the 1st an employee assistance program for all City employees at a very nominal cost to the City. The people that do this program and are going to be doing this for us in April, have already tried to reach out to the officers to get them whatever assistance they need now in anticipation of the plan being up and running on April 1. Things are happening. We are trying to get any assistance for them that they need. Councilman Touchet asked if there is any way we can get something done tomorrow. Ike answered yes and that is through our regular insurance and there is \$20 co-pay just like anything else. He doesn't know what the issues are there and he does not want to speculate. Councilman Touchet said it occurred on the job so why are they having to pay. Ike stated that we don't have workers compensation claims yet. Workers Compensation only provides psychological assistance if you are suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. In order to be determined if you have post-traumatic stress disorder, you have to go through a series of test and subject yourself to a couple of days' worth of analysis before that can be determined. Workers' compensation has attempted*

to reach both of the officers. Councilman Touchet asked Chief Spearman if he can tell them to come back to work tomorrow. Chief Spearman answered no. What if they have psychological issues then they come out here and do something without being psychologically evaluated to make sure they are ok? Being shot at is a traumatic experience. Councilman Plaisance asked Chief if this has been assessed by a critical management team. Chief Spearman stated that we reached out to a psychologist but the problem is that unless they do our pre-employment screening, they don't want to see them. Councilman Plaisance stated he is talking about the critical incident management team. Don't they meet with them. Chief Spearman stated they did that but the officers still feel that they need more than what they have been offered. Councilman Plaisance asked Chief Spearman if he can't get them in a position where they can come back to work and function. Chief Spearman stated that is above his pay scale. It needs to be done by a doctor or a professional. Councilman Touchet stated that Lloyd needs to get on this ASAP. Ike stated he already has. Councilman Touchet stated then he needs to do more. He needs to do whatever it takes to provide the services so that we don't have two people getting paid and not working. Do what you have to do, can we do that? Chief Spearman stated they are looking at the department paying all the deductibles to get this going. We are all doing our part.

- Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman to repeat how many calls they received since the beginning of the year. Chief Spearman stated 1810 calls. Mayor Piazza asked what the majority of the calls are. Chief Spearman stated they vary from everything like alarm calls, shoplifters, accidents, shots fired and domestic abuse batteries. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman if he has a way of tracking the types of calls. Chief Spearman answered yes but they did not have time to do it. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman to provide a break down in the future of the types of calls and the most reoccurring type of calls. Chief Spearman stated they run a lot of medicals. Mayor Piazza stated he would also like to know, in the future, about traffic stops and traffic citations issued and how many traffic tickets are issued in one month. Chief Spearman stated it would depend on the number of calls we get.
- Councilwoman White asked Chief Spearman where we are with the additional camera. Ike stated that he has that. Mayor Piazza stated that they worked on that last week. As a matter of fact, he did talk to the Lieutenant last week about the placement to make sure we still want to place them in the six places that the Chief originally said. He is working on that list. Chief Spearman asked for clarification from the Mayor about this. Mayor Piazza stated he is speaking about the six new cameras that we are waiting on Ike to sign the contract that hopefully will be signed this week by he and the Chief. Where do you want to put those? Chief Spearman stated the poles have already been marked and the boxes are up all we need are the cameras. Mayor Piazza stated we are waiting to sign the contract since Ike has been negotiating with their attorney. We are close to having it in a place where we can sign it soon. Hopefully this week.

#### Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- Assistant Chief Ralph Hutchinson retired February 17, 2021 after 33 years. Captain Jason Harmon moved up to his spot and Firefighter Beau Barras moved up to the Captain's spot. Assistant Fire Chief Byron Perry went on vacation until July 13, 2021 and then he will retire. That position will be taken by Captain Doris Langlinais and Firefighter Jace Hebert will take the Captain's spot. That leaves one position open now and we have five people that we will be interviewing within the next two weeks. We cannot hire anybody to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Byron until his official retirement date of July 13, 2021. An applicant has to be a citizen, have a valid driver's license, have to have a high school diploma and he has a committee consisting of one woman and four men that interview



them to find the best candidate. We have to send every one of them to LSU for training since they are not already trained. We do not do our own schooling. We are working on getting a training center to be located at LaFitte Drive-in Park in the back. It will take a while to get this done but we are pursuing that. He has two people on extended sick leave.

- The aerial truck is out of service for two weeks. It has to go to the shop for repairs
- Out of the 39 employees in the department, 18 have taken the COVID vaccine. They are fully vaccinated.
- Since February 15, 2021 they have ran 76 calls. Because of COVID we are not running simple medical calls. In those calls, we have had 5 structure fires. All five of these were in the City limits. We have had 12 false alarms outside the City limits and 25 inside the City limits. We have had 10 automobile accidents inside the City limits and none outside. We had 5 medical calls outside the City limits and 15 inside. The automatic aid utilizing the parish tanker, we have had 6 of those.

#### Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- Discussed cameras. Crime Fighters of Louisiana have been providing our cameras in the City and all over the area. They ran into a problem with the Fire Marshal so they had to put everything on a back burner. Apparently they have gotten that situation resolved and he has been in communication with their attorney and he is making some minor adjustments to the cooperative endeavor agreement. This is the contract by which the City will acquire six more additional camera locations that will be placed in the City.
- Discussed workers compensation. He and Councilman Broussard will be meeting with the workers compensation carrier in the near future because in mid-May we will be starting our next comp year. We are over halfway finished with the existing year. He presented a graph showing the costs per accident for the first year, the second year and thus far this year. The first year it was about \$50,000 per accident, the second year it was \$18,000 per accident and so far, this year it is \$2,500 per accident. The safety program is working. We know that LWCC will be issuing a dividend check this year and we don't know how much it will be but we hope it reflects the good work we have done here.
- The final topic pertains to the cats and dogs ordinance. The Vermilion Parish Police Jury has requested that each municipality adopt the animal control ordinance that they have adopted. He reviewed theirs and ours and did a comparative analysis of all the municipalities in the parish. He sent out requests, months ago, to all the City attorneys to see if we could get together and work on this. Nobody ever got back with him. He has been instructed by the Mayor to go back and look at his work and make a recommendation to you at a future meeting.

#### Councilman Francis Plaisance

- When, where and how are we going to deal with the old Schwegmann's? He has been pursuing this for 8 years. What can we do? Mayor Piazza suggested that Ike send a letter to the owner and request an update.

#### Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- On March 20, 2021 at Soulful Eats, Mr. Darby will be feeding the community. It begins at 11:00 AM. Everything was donated by several businesses. She thanked Mr. Darby for doing this.
- Wished Councilwoman Roslyn White a "Happy Birthday".

#### Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- Nice to see the businesses that are coming to our City.

- *Champagne's has purchased Robie's. They will keep the employees and keep that commerce going. He is happy for Bobby and Jim and their family that has run that for generations. That is good news for our City.*
- *We started this meeting this afternoon and it was nice to see two high school games at Sellers and Theriot Fields.*
- *The tennis courts are filled with people. He and the Mayor have been in communication with the contractor and he will finish the new tennis courts very soon.*
- *The first Farmers' Market of the year is this Saturday.*

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 April 6, 2021 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, Francis Touchet, Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem and Roslyn White

Members Absent: Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

Also, Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney  
Jude Mire, Fire Chief  
Bill Spearman, Police Chief  
Clay Menard, Public Works Director  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Richard Primeaux, Engineer  
Tommy Picard, QSA  
Judge Laurie Hulin  
Bridget Winters, Vermilion Charter Foundation  
Murphy Guilbeaux, Vermilion Charter Foundation

*Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Murphy Guilbeaux to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Judge Laurie Hulin to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mayor Piazza stated Ms. Bridget Winters was present tonight to discuss the Vermilion Charter Foundation. Ms. Winters stated she is here tonight with Mr. Murphy Guilbeaux. They represent the Vermilion Charter Foundation. The Vermilion Charter Foundation is a non-profit board of community members who will govern the proposed Vermilion Charter Academy which will be a Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade public school that will be built in the North Vermilion area. Because it will be a public school, there is no tuition or fees associated with enrollment. Core content will be taught from a tier one curriculum that is aligned with state standards. Services for students with exceptionalities and SPED identifications will be offered. Teachers will be qualified and will set yearly goals and will be evaluated. This school will be in a state-of-the-art facility that will be built at no additional costs to taxpayers. As a public charter school, many of the curriculum offerings will be determined by the families who attend the school. A one size fits all educational model will never be used. The needs of the individual students will be addressed with interventions and innovative teaching methods. Before and after school care and tutoring may be available at no additional cost to parents. Our foundation has hired Charter Schools USA. They are an outstanding and competent educational service provider who will manage this school. Charter Schools USA has 90+ schools in 5 states. Closest to us, they manage the Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy and the Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy, both in Lafayette Parish. Their foundation would like to positively impact and be a part of the solution when addressing the overcrowding and projected growth in the North Vermilion Community. They can make an impact both educationally and economically. All the schools in the North Vermilion area are at their designed capacity and there has been a need for many portable buildings to be added to the campuses to accommodate the needs of the growing student population. These portable buildings were meant to be a temporary solution but they have now become a permanent fix.*

Campuses in the area have anywhere from 10 to 20 classrooms in portable buildings. In April of 2020 demographer, Mike Hefner, presented the Vermilion Parish School Board a detailed document entitled, "Five Year Student Population Projection Report". According to this report, Cecil Picard Elementary will grow from its current 880 students to 1,121 students by the 2025-2026 school year. North Vermilion High will house some 780 students in a school built for 375 students under roof. According to projections, the North Vermilion area will see an additional 840+ more students within the next 5 years. We are all aware of the safety and security issues posed by overcrowding as well as the accelerated wear and tear on a facility. We should never accept overcrowding as an effect on the educational experience of any student. The Vermilion Charter Foundation along with Charter Schools USA, submitted an application to the Vermilion Parish School Board yesterday. We want to become a collaborative partner and open and operate a public charter school by August 2022. The Vermilion Parish School Board has until the end of June to render a decision. We are awaiting a favorable outcome because we do believe that the Vermilion Charter Academy can offer students quality educational opportunities and choice for parents leading to a win-win for everyone involved. Councilman Touchet stated the process is that anyone who wants to open a charter school has to go to the local school board and that decision will be either for the charter school to be a part of the system or it will not. If the school board in June says yes then they will draw the lines for you and you will be a part of their system. If they say no, you will go to the BESE board and BESE will either give you the thumbs up or down. That is when you will be able to open up your doors. Here is the issue, we have our own charter school that will be here in Abbeville. This will give us two charter schools competing against each other. Ms. Winters stated that is a good analogy of how the process works. If there was a plan in place to alleviate the overcrowding as well as the projected growth there would not be a need for Vermilion Charter Foundation to submit an application to open a school. Their goal is to help in the North Vermilion area only. That is our purpose for being. We will make sure that the largest percent of our population comes from the North Vermilion area. If we cannot draw those numbers that are necessary to keep us in compliance then we will be allowed to bring other kids from Vermilion Parish but they will not be the priority. Mr. Guilbeaux stated they do not want to be a Type 2 they want to be a Type 1. Type 2 opens up to the state. Youngsville has a waiting list of 800 people. The distance between Youngsville and Maurice is close. We want to dictate the percentages to alleviate the overcrowding situation. Mayor Piazza stated the two proposed charter schools are being built for two completely different reasons. We just recently found out that the federal government has allocated to all different segments of the governmental realm, millions of dollars. We haven't received the check yet but from what we understand Abbeville will receive about \$4 million dollars. Francis (Touchet) told us Lafayette School Board will receive a lot of money too. We have just found this out. With this funding coming from the federal government perhaps there is money there to build this school and add on to the North Vermilion area where it is needed. Mr. Guilbeaux stated they personally sat down with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent and talked to them to see if there was a plan in place. If there is one, then we don't need to be doing this. They did not have a plan. It is a wash. It is projected there will be 800 kids coming into the school system and we are building this school for 800 kids. He hopes they understand that. We would love to do a Type 1 and be in conjunction with the School Board. Councilman Touchet stated that the Vermilion Parish School Board is getting \$13 million. Ms. Winters stated when they began this, there was not a plan in place. During this journey, we have spoken with members of the school board several times to say that. We can guarantee if that application is favorably accepted, within 8 months we can have a school up and running. It won't cost any taxpayers in the North Vermilion area anything. They haven't given us any assurance that they can build a school by August 2022 to help with the situation that is going on there. Councilwoman White asked where the school will be located. Mr. Guilbeaux stated they are looking at 5 or 6 properties that have been proposed. Ms. Winters stated that Charter Schools USA is using a development company that they use for all their schools. It is called Red

*Apple Development Company. Because they are the experts at development, we are going to have to listen to their recommendations as far as the site choice. We are not sure of the exact location right now. We have looked at land everywhere. Mr. Guilbeaux stated he doesn't live there but he is here to do what is right. The growth is there. If they rezone, people will move to where they want their kids to go. Rezoning is not the answer. The school board gets a certain amount of money per child. If the kids go to this school, those funds will go to that school. If we have 800 students then that MFP money will come to the school. That is used to pay the expenses.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of March 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 and March 16, 2021 special City Council meeting, the March 2, 2021 Committee meeting and the March 2, 2021 regular City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to deviate from the agenda to move item #9 under new business to item #1 under new business. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mayor Piazza asked if there were any public comments on any agenda item prior to action. Ms. Marilyn Mitchell asked for clarity on agenda item #4 under new business. Ike Funderburk stated that the Vermilion Parish School Board donated property that is known as Williams Park to the City with the intent that it would always be used for recreational purposes. With Bethel's Place coming in, the School Board is amending all of the donations that it made. They had given one to us, one to the Police Jury and one to Herod Village. This will take out the restrictive covenants so that if Bethel's Place acquires the property, they will not be burdened with that reservation. Ms. Mitchell asked if it will remain Williams Park. Mayor Piazza answered yes.*

*Judge Laurie Hulin stated she is here in support of item #9 (moved up to item 1). Her neighborhood is Fairview, Oak, Hollingsworth and the end of Main Street. It is a common walk and exercise path. We are asking for the Council to do something about the speeding on that route.*

*Councilwoman White stated she put the item regarding speeding and measures to deter speeders on the agenda. We get a lot of complaints about that. Many people have asked about speed bumps. She wanted to open the floor for discussion. Chief Spearman stated we are trying to do it but it is all over town. He would have to put people everywhere. We trying to put up patrols but he doesn't have a traffic officer. If he can put a guy up somewhere he does. Councilman Plaisance says he understands that. The reason people don't speed through Maurice is because they know they will get a ticket. People have to pay those tickets. Would giving more tickets are increasing the fines help? It would take a while for people to get that mentality. People are speeding all over the City. There is no fear of consequences. Ike stated the fines are up to the judge. In 2020, 1919 traffic citations were issued by the Police Department. They are issuing tickets. Of those tickets, almost 96% of them have been paid. Chief Spearman stated that in the last two weeks the department has issued almost 50 citations. Councilman Touchet asked about speed bumps. What is the reason they are not allowed? Ike asked the fire chief to explain what happens to fire trucks when there are speed bumps. Chief Mire stated it is not a good thing. They lose the bottom of the truck. It messes up all the steering. Mayor Piazza asked if we really want our ambulance and fire trucks to have to slow down for every speed bump while they are going to your house when you are having a heart attack? He doesn't. Chief Mire stated it caused a lot*

of damage to the fire trucks. Councilman Plaisance asked if the Police Chief could set up a dummy car. Chief Spearman stated they can. Mayor Piazza stated on a street like Fairview, there should be some signs that say "No Thru Traffic". That might help. Judge Hulin stated that is a very good suggestion in theory but after the hurricane we had a lot of trees and power lines down and road blocks were put up. People were getting out of their cars and moving the road block. They were driving through our yards. She is having a hard time understanding the easy dismissal of speed bumps. She knows that they work. She has patrolman in her neighborhood all the time. The problem is that the Chief has priorities. If we can find another solution other than putting a patrolman, it would be greatly appreciated by the members of her neighborhood. Chief Spearman stated people drive around the road blocks put up by the police department too. When Chris Hardy is out of school, he will put him on traffic. Mayor Piazza stated that ultimately this fall on Chief Spearman's shoulders and he can make those recommendations. Chief Spearman stated the Sheriff's office has signs that tell you your speed and flash slow down. We could put those in the neighborhoods. Councilwoman White would like us to look into speed bumps in the small residential areas. She has seen those in Lafayette and they work. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Mire if the fire department in Lafayette runs medical calls. Chief Mire stated not like we do. Mayor Piazza stated you cannot compare us to Lafayette. Find other cities our size that run major medical calls with their fire department like we do. Richard Primeaux stated that the State has a program for traffic calming methods. They have grant money available for these types of devices like Chief Spearman was talking about. There may be some other traffic calming devices too. Councilwoman White asked if we should increase our fines? Chief Spearman stated when he worked for the Marshal's office, a lot of people can't pay their court costs and fines so they put down a down payment. Ike stated court costs are between \$160 to \$180 and the fine is insignificant. The Judge has no control over the cost of the court because the legislature has mandated that costs be made in certain amounts and then be divided up into different agencies, including the City for processing and handling the criminal justice system. Councilwoman White stated that this conversation is not a reflection that the police department is not doing their job. They are doing a wonderful job. It was just to get us all together to discuss this problem and come up with solutions. Mr. Gene Sellers stated he could get the requirements that Lafayette uses for speed bumps.

-04 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to grant a variance from the setback requirements for Mr. Tony Boudreaux for a building located at the corner of Maude and Bernadette. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R21-16**

*A resolution adopting the annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit engagement of government entities for the auditing of Fiscal Year 2020.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**T. Broussard/White**  
**Resolution R21-17**

*A resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute a cooperative endeavor agreement with Crime Fighters of Louisiana, LLC.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**Touchet/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R21-18**

*A resolution amending the donation of 4.468 acres from the Vermilion Parish School Board to the City of Abbeville to remove the restrictive covenants.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**T. Broussard/Touchet**  
**Resolution R21-19**

*A resolution ratifying the appointment of J. Isaac Funderburk as the Alternate Director on the board of directors of Louisiana Energy and Power Authority.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve a liquor license for Champagne's Supermarket located at 604 S. State Street contingent upon approval by Sellers and Associates, Inc., of the list of required signatures. The motion carried unanimously.

*Lieutenant Lester Luquette asked for permission hold an "Anything over Rice" cookoff on May 29, 2021 at LaFitte Drive-In Park. It would raise funds for a scholarship in the honor of Lieutenant David Hardy. Officer Trent Guidry stated the benefit would be hosted by the FOP Organization, Lodge 48 and not the Abbeville Police Department. Lieutenant Luquette also invited members of the City Council to be judges for the cookoff. It is in the planning phase right now so the times have not yet been decided.*

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to grant permission for the FOP Organization, Lodge 48 to hold the "Anything over Rice" cookoff at LaFitte Drive-In Park on May 29, 2021 and to waive any fees that we normally have. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plaisance/T. Broussard**  
**Resolution R21-20**

*A resolution to authorize Councilwoman Roslyn White to complete an application for submittal to Louisiana Economic Development for the Louisiana Development Ready Community Program to develop a ten-year vision and a five-year community and economic development strategy for the City of Abbeville.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Councilwoman White began a discussion to request that Chief Spearman establish and follow protocol for notifying the Mayor of shootings and other emergency events within the City. This is one of these things you don't know you need until a situation happens. We are all aware that we had a situation in the City last week and the police did an excellent job of responding to it. The response time was very quick and they were able to apprehend the suspect within an excellent amount of time. What she did see is that a lot of people were reaching out to her and the Mayor to know if it was safe for them to go out. We didn't have any communication with the department. Now that this situation has passed us and we are all together, and not in a heat of*

emergency, we can discuss how to have better communication between the Chief and the Mayor so that we don't have to reach out to the police force and we can reach out to the Mayor for the information. That way we can give the information to the public when they request it. Chief Spearman stated he notified his PIO, like he always does, and they put it on TV. He rode around on his PA system to notify the neighborhood to go in and then he went back after it was done. Councilwoman White asked Chief Spearman if he or his designee could contact the Mayor directly. Chief Spearman stated what he would like to do is bring them (the Mayor and Council) out and put up a crime scene and let you work it so you can understand that we are getting calls from Sheriff's deputies, every newspaper and every news outlet. We don't have time to pick up the phone and do that. What we need to do is that he and the Mayor need to sit down together to discuss this and then we can come up with a plan. We don't need to discuss it right now. Councilman Touchet asked if the PIO could call the Mayor? Chief Spearman stated that could be included in the discussions. Mayor Piazza asked how does the TV and other news people find out about it. Chief Spearman stated from his PIO. Mayor Piazza stated that the PIO has time to call them but they don't have time to call the Mayor? The Mayor should be called first. You should give me enough respect for my office. He has earned it with the 20 years in office to make him be the first phone call when you have a shooting in Abbeville that police officers are involved in. He doesn't know about it and the TV stations are on the scene before he even knows about it? Chief Spearman stated they did not contact the TV on that because they were too busy calling the State Police. They found out from Facebook. Councilman Plaisance stated the Mayor needs to be notified immediately. A simple text or call is all that is needed. Councilwoman Broussard stated that she would be able to better inform her constituents if the information came directly from the Mayor. Councilwoman White stated she understands that in the heat of the moment, that is not where your mind is and that is not where your mind should be. That is why we are having this conversation tonight so that you can establish a protocol so that moving forward he is notified first before anyone and we know what is going on and you can handle your business and we are not bothering you. We need to have this in place now so that going forward we don't have this issue again. Mayor Piazza stated that it seems like he is the last person to find out. He is not watching TV or sitting next to a scanner. He is getting phone call after phone call. Chief Spearman stated he sometimes is not notified either. Mayor Piazza stated we are elected, just like you are, to keep the public informed as best as we can. Our phones are ringing off the wall when some of these events are happening. We cannot give the public accurate information unless you tell us what is going on. That line of communication has to be open and remain open. Councilman Touchet stated the Mayor needs to know. Councilwoman Broussard stated that a lot of misinformation takes place. Open communication would help that. Councilwoman White stated she understands you are busy Chief, but the Mayor has to be informed. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Spearman to come up with a plan and put it in writing. Chief Spearman stated he would like the Mayor to come by his office to discuss this. Mayor Piazza stated he thinks Chief Spearman has some other issues that he wants to discuss besides the notification of the Mayor when there is a shooting in Abbeville. Chief Spearman answered no. Mayor Piazza stated to Chief Spearman that he can pick up the phone any time and call him to discuss any issues. Chief Spearman stated he doesn't have any other issue but this. We can come up with a protocol. He feels like he should call the Mayor if someone takes out a transformer or a utility pole and the power will be out or if there is a leak at the Water Plant of chlorine. Those are things the Mayor needs to know. He doesn't remember any other time when the Mayor was notified of a shooting. Unfortunately, this is new territory. Councilman Plaisance stated he expects the Mayor to be informed. He needs to know. Mayor Piazza stated he and the Council have been especially interested in shootings because we have had a rampage of shooting within the last couple of years. It is happening in their neighborhoods. They want to know what is happening. They want him to know so he can tell them so they can tell their constituents. Chief Spearman stated he will call the Mayor every time he gets something. Mayor Piazza stated good. Mayor Piazza stated he is in his office every



day. Chief Spearman stated he would like the Mayor to come to his office. Mayor Piazza stated he would go to his office.

Bill Spearman, Police Chief

- Has 3 officers on extended sick leave. The other two are now getting help from psychologists. Councilman Touchet wanted them to come back to work so he made a motion (see below). Ike stated that the officers have to be cleared by a professional to come back to work or else the City can have exposure for things that may take place after they return to work. We have to get them cleared for duty before they come back. Councilman Plaisance asked Chief to speak to the psychologist. Councilman Touchet asked if they could just work in the office. Chief Spearman stated they do not have light duty. Councilwoman White asked when their appointments are. Chief Spearman stated within this week or next week. Councilman Touchet asked if those officers could be trained to work dispatch. This would save money since you are paying people to come from outside. Maybe when the budget comes up, we will look at those things and we will do something about the budget. We can't do anything other than the budget. We control the budget and if you have that much money to spool out then we don't need to give you that money. That is just being creative to use the employees to be put in situations that I wouldn't have to pay any additional funds. Chief Spearman said he would see what he can do. Mayor Piazza stated the motion is not appropriate because it has to be an agenda item. Councilman Touchet stated that people take advantage of certain situations. Councilwoman White stated that within two weeks we will have a better idea so that we won't put the City at any additional risk and we will give them the time to get their minds right to come back to work. Lieutenant Jason Hebert stated that they already feel like they are not being taken care of when something happens. Chief Spearman is trying to take care of these officers. We want them to come back to work and we have been fighting to get them insurance and we are doing everything we can. We are really trying. We can't just bring them in and put them anywhere. If we could we would. We are worried that they come there and something bad happens. That is our concern. We have to take care of these guys. As soon as we can get them back to work, they will be at work even if he has to ride with them that first day to make sure they are alright.
- We have installed a new program that is working well. It is a patrol list.
- We have one lady going through our hiring process right now. She will be a great asset but she hasn't trained yet. We have two others looking to be hired but they have to take the Civil Service exam first.
- Discussed several calls and explained what each call meant on a report that he distributed to the Mayor and Council.
- Their equipment is starting to get old. They are not making batteries or cartridges for the tasers. Taser International is now charging \$1,163.09 for the Taser with one cartridge. They are charging \$71.06 for the battery. They are charging \$73.67 for a new holster. That is a cost of \$1,307.82 per taser. To outfit the whole department with new tasers would cost about \$36,000. That is something they are looking in to. Motorola doesn't make our radios anymore. We will need to buy radios. We are looking into grants for this. Chief Spearman would like a three-year contract for the tasers. Councilwoman White would like an inventory of tasers report at the next meeting.
- In two weeks, we had 330 calls and issued 48 citations. We have picked up 18 guns so far this year.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to make the two officers that were involved in the shooting come back to work pending the recommendation of the psychologist. **After the discussion above the motion was withdrawn.**

Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *Discussed the 2020 census. The federal government thought they would be able to deliver the census on April the first. Because of the pandemic they are running behind. They are running about 4 months behind. We hope to get the numbers by September. If the population is within 5% of the same amount you won't have to move districts. We will prepare the reapportionment plan if it is needed. It has to be done before qualifying for the 2022 election.*
- *On April 20<sup>th</sup> the contractor will begin the Main Street Outfall repair project and once that is completed, they will move onto the Cleaning of the Concrete Coulee project.*
- *They are 90% finished with the plans for the Hollingsworth overlay project.*

Richard Primeaux, Engineer

- *The notice to proceed will be issued next week for the Flood Reduction Drainage project. They will start on Second Street first then they will go to Lafayette Street then down to Franks Alley. They will keep at least one lane open when they do the Second Street project. They will work almost seven days a week so they will be made aware of the church services on Sunday.*
- *We have received an extension on the discharge permit because they have requested additional parameters.*

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *City Court has jurisdiction on civil cases. In the year 2020, 292 civil suits were filed in City Court. We had almost 1,500 criminal cases and almost 1,000 have been resolved. There were almost 2,000 traffic tickets and 96% of them have been resolved (pled).*
- *We have some vacancies on some boards and commissions. On the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board, we have one vacancy. The Mayor has already sent out letters to all of the civic organizations to ask them to suggest people to serve. When we get those letters back, we will be able to put that on the agenda and the Council can pick someone from that list. There is one vacancy on the Abbeville Planning Commission. That is a District C nomination and that term will end on 1/17/2022 since it is filling the term of a member that has resigned. We have two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Board. One appointment is for the Councilman at Large and the other one is District D. Mayor Piazza asked Tommy to recommend some names. Councilwoman White asked if there are any restrictions. Ike stated that we try to get someone from the community but there are no real restrictions.*
- *We should receive the LWCC dividend on or about April 30, 2021. We don't know how much it will be.*
- *House Bill 334 was filed by Ryan Bourriaque. That is our piece of legislation to include all of our islands into the corporate limits. It will be referred to the committee on Municipal and Parochial affairs. The session begins on the 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *Has located a contractor that does small projects. State Street has settled enough and is ready to be overlaid. We are dressing that street twice a day. The reason we are having issues with that is because of the speed of the motorists. We have a City made speed bump on that road and it is not deterring many of the motorists. People that do care slow down and others go through it and there is limestone flying everywhere. We have 10 other road cuts but that overlay will be done first.*
- *The contractor will be coming on Friday to work on the sidewalks at the splash pad and the church.*

- *The water line that was causing a problem at Harmony Park has been moved, the trees have been taken care of and we are starting to haul dirt into the low areas.*
- *The tree trimming contractor started yesterday. They will trim the trees off the main power lines as Stewart dictates. They will chip the debris so we will have mulch available.*
- *Sellers and Associates have reached out to a contractor concerning the gear box at the Water Plant. He hopes to have a quote by the next meeting.*
- *The contractor for the Flood Reduction Project was looking for a piece of property in order to store their equipment and materials. They will utilize the old electrical substation on S. Louisiana. It is close to one of the areas and is fenced in and is locked.*

Tommy Picard, Park Director

- *We made a schedule. We have 90 kids from Mount Carmel that came back that weren't there before. That helps us. We will have 30 games here. We will be playing Broussard and Kaplan. All our games will be played here, not at QSA. It will be 13 and 14 year old kids so all the games will be played at Sellers Field. We will take off 10 feet of the grass and then we will grow it back when we are finished.*
- *We have to find a way to get the word out to kids. He will get with Shirley to put a mailout in the utility bills. We will put banners all over too.*
- *We need security for all games.*
- *We need a new tractor and a new lawn mower. Mayor Piazza asked Tommy to get prices together and submit those to him for the lawn mower. Tommy stated they will put a new spray tank on the 4-wheeler. Would like a new tractor in the next budget year.*
- *We are playing in Abbeville this weekend because one of the goals fell last weekend in Henry. It will be repaired.*
- *We can hire up to 10 kids in the summer. Five people here and five in Erath. He has the applications and the information. It is ages 16-24 and they have to meet a certain criteria.*
- *Discussed what they made first weekend of basketball. Friday night they made \$206 at the gate, concession they made \$251, Saturday they made \$330 at the gate and \$889. We made \$2,000 in concession and at the gate \$879. Security costs them \$144, gate personnel \$224, concession workers \$592, referees \$795 and score keepers \$346. It cost them \$2,100. We loss \$286. Mayor Piazza stated you used to be able to get a lot of volunteers to work concession.*
- *We have 150 kids playing basketball and we will have a summer league too. It will be free for the kids that are already registered.*
- *We have the following registered for baseball: 5-6 years old, one team about 12 kids, 7-8 year old- we have one team, 9-10 year old- we have one team, we have no 11-12 year olds team, one team in the 13-14 year olds, we have a girls team ten and under and we have a girls team 14 and under.*
- *We started working on the fields today. Wanted to take the fence down since it has been surplused.*
- *He wants one inch of cement under the bleachers of Theriot Field and in the football field. It would be expensive but it would pay for itself in the long run. We would not have to cut the grass we would just have to clean the cement. He has been begging for that for a long time and a storage building too. Mayor Piazza asked Clay to get with Tommy to see what needs to be done and to come back with a cost estimate for the cement.*
- *Councilwoman White asked Tommy to put sand around the merry-go-round at Parker Hebert Park.*

Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant

- *She did an audit of our social media when she first started working here and our numbers were low because you really didn't post much. She has an assessment of those numbers*

available for the Mayor and Council. She did another audit back in March and the numbers are way up. Our engagements are up 329%, especially with the Black History month campaign that we did. A lot of people are checking in with the weather updates and outage updates. Normal engagement back in January was 17% and about 9 people interacted. Now our numbers are up. For the Black History month posts we received 52 comments and things like that. She shares our events with Vermilion Updates page too so that they will come to our page as well to look at our list of events. She tries to cross promote. She sent out a pdf that can be completed in order to keep her updated on anything that is going on in each Council Members district. You can also let Nicole know and she can inform me. Spring Fest is this weekend and she posted it yesterday and will post about it again Friday.

- She is planning a weekly post on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will have a theme for those.
- She is waiting for the new Italian restaurant to let her know when they will open so she can promote them too.
- She is working with tax and permits to consolidate and simplify forms for permits. That way people will be less confused when they go to the website. Everything will have a packet. She is working with the website developer too on this.
- Her and Councilwoman White are in the process of learning a new program that sends out emergency texts. It is called Nixle and it was paid for by Vermilion Parish so it is free to us. We had to make a log in and sign up for it. It gives us a number and you can text a keyword and our constituents can sign up for it. It is free. Whenever we have outages, community events, emergencies and other things like that we can inform them. It is in real time. For those that only have a house phone, it can call them. She is still learning all the ins and outs with it. She is working with Homer Stelly to learn about the program.
- Her degree is in Public Relations and she took a class on Crisis Communication Planning and you can develop a master plan on how to develop each situation and protocols on how to get in touch with each individual person that needs to be informed. It is all laid out in paper form so if anything happens and the media calls you, you already have a statement ready to respond. Everything is already ready and everybody is on the same page. You have the same line of communication each time. She has written three crisis communication plans.
- Councilwoman White stated we currently have 4,488 people following our page and our engagement is reaching 30,000 people in the last 28 days and posting engagements are at 5,257.

#### Mayor Mark Piazza

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> test strip on the runway was completed on Friday at the airport. The test strip came back ok. The smoothness cannot have any raised elevation on it that is higher than .25 of an inch. We only had one and it was .24. We made it by the skin of our teeth and that saved us a lot of time and a lot of money. They think the first test strip didn't bond well because they had just completed the crack sealing and the seal coating. They gave it a couple more weeks to harden up and that worked. It is smooth and it met FAA guidelines and standards. Monday and Tuesday of this week they did all the patching that needed to be done. The actual overlay will start tomorrow and their anticipated completion of the runway is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. That includes the temporary striping. FAA will not approve it or open the runway until the temporary striping is complete. The gentleman from Omega called him and they have some airplanes that are stranded here and they can't move them to another airport. Their season starts on April 12<sup>th</sup>. We are working with Omega to try to get them out of there. He thinks FAA will at least let them take off and move to another airport once the asphalt is down and approved without the striping.

- *He attended the Municipal Employees Civil Service Board meeting Wednesday of last week. The board voted to give the Civil Service Director 30 days to report back to work permanently or they will terminate her and hire someone else. Carlton Campbell contacted her to notify her and she probably will not come back so they will be in the process of looking for another Civil Service Director. He spoke to her today and she is not coming back.*
- *Kathy felt like Denise Mire has been trained and is working efficiently enough in the Accounting Department to cross train with Mary Rogers in the Payroll Department. Mary has no help whatsoever. She is the only person in payroll. If Mary takes a week's vacation, then we are not getting paid. Denise is cross training with Mary so she can take some time off from time to time. She hasn't been able to take any of her days because payroll never stops. We have payroll every week.*
- *We did interview a second apprentice lineman last week. He called us back and declined the job not because of the pay but because he has accepted a job as a truck driver and he felt like he would prefer that type of work. We did hire one guy a month ago and he is working. We are still looking for an apprentice lineman. Clay has been in contact with the SLCC instructor in Crowley who does the lineman class. There may a couple potential students attending the class right now. There was another gentleman that Stewart was going to contact.*
- *We hired Paul Tomino, provisionally, to work at the Street Department and to help out in the parks. He started Monday.*
- *We also hired Guy Poche at the Wastewater Plant and he has been helping out in the Lift Stations to assist them if Robert has to be out.*
- *The tree trimming did start this week. Stewart will have them on the 34.5 first and then do some additional tree trimming from there. A lot of times people call and say the branches are on the power line and you go over there and it is telephone and cable lines. It is not even in the electrical wires. They will not trim around cable and telephone lines. They will only trim around power lines. Even when it comes to power lines, if it's a secondary line and not a primary line, they will not trim around it because they can't electrocute you. The secondary line is the big thick one that goes to security lights. They are not a primary. The primary lines are the three at the very top. That is what they will prune and that is what causes the outages. A branch falling on a secondary will not cause a power outage. If you have areas, please let him or Clay know.*
- *The tennis courts came out spectacular.*
- *We will bid out the first 6 houses for the demolition program on April 27, 2021. It won't be complete until July. They are starting the asbestos procedures on the rest of the houses then we will be able to demolish those. He hopes to get Richard Minvielle at the next meeting to give a more thorough report.*
- *This is Easter week and the kids are out of school. He drove by every park today at 3:00 PM and it is a beautiful day. At Gertie Huntsberry, he did not see a soul, at Hebert Park there were 5 small kids on the playground equipment, at Mouton 0, Lafayette Park had 5 small kids there playing on the playground equipment, Godchaux has three or four groups of 2 or 3 kids and there were people on the walking trail, at McKinley Scott there was 0, at Williams Park there was 0, LaFitte Park was closed, Motty Park had 0 and Comeaux Park was packed. They had kids on the skateboard park, they had ladies playing tennis, they had walkers, they had people hanging out at the pavilion, they had people on the swing sets and playground equipment behind the skateboard park, they had a softball game at Vorhoff, they were practicing at Sellers and tonight they had a game. The park was full all afternoon. This park is very active and all areas are used. The bigger parks don't have more playground equipment but the atmosphere is more spread out and there is a wide-open area so people feel more comfortable coming here. They feel safer here*

*than they do at other parks. He rides this town everyday and he sees which parks are being utilized and those that are not being utilized. He has never seen anybody at Motty Park.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *He still has one open position. On April 20, 2021 he has 7 applicants they will interview and hopefully the first meeting in May he will present one individual to hire. They will not start school until August so they will not be working for us until December. We will be short for a while. We have two on extended sick leave.*
- *The firetruck on Maude just got out of the shop and it is back in the shop. We are having engine problems.*
- *We got a 16-foot boat that was donated to us. We picked it up this week. It can go in 10 inches of water so if it does flood, we will be able to utilize it.*
- *Each shift has been going to the airport the last two weeks for hands on training.*
- *We ran 7 structure fires in the last two weeks. We had an 80-year-old on Graceland that had smoke inhalation and went to the hospital. The others were outside the City limits. We had 2 grass fires, 14 fire alarms, 2 trash fires, 1 CO2 detector that was going off that we had to check, 3 auto accidents, 6 medicals, 3 heavy lifts that we assisted Acadian Ambulance and 3 reports of people not breathing and we had to do CPR.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *Check out LaFitte Park because the walking trail has been staked off by the engineers. It is exactly 6/10<sup>ths</sup> of a mile. It is beautifully laid out. He and the Mayor are working with Wildlife and Fisheries because the Mayor would like to see public fishing get started. We are working in conjunction with them that would open it up for fishing. The plan is to have the dog park closed on Friday and that would be the fishing day and Saturday and Sunday would be the dog park days. The area for the dog park is right down to the bank and we don't have the fishing pier yet. We will paint the building in front. It will be red with white doors. Charlene knows someone that will do artwork on the doors. The first big event was two weeks ago and it was a large group and they had a great time.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *Asked Clay about the bids on the trailer that is supposed to be demolished on Prairie. Clay stated that the tax and permit department is responsible for soliciting bids and presenting those. Mayor Piazza stated that he believes she is receiving bids now and we will award that at the next City Council meeting.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *We had a great time with Representative Alexander Green and Congressmen Clay Higgins who came to visit our City. We had a groundbreaking ceremony. Pastor August brought a bus with his church members.*
- *The Fun Day for Williams Scholar Academy in LaFitte Park was very nice.*

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 April 20, 2021 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, Brady Broussard, Jr., Terry Broussard, 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 Department Lieutenant  
Allie Horton, Digital Media Assistant  
Gene Sellers, Engineer  
Kim Touchet, Engineer  
Tommy Picard, QSA  
Brac Salyers, Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries  
Ben Rivera and Colton Daigle, LWCC  
Marilyn Mitchell  
Lance Broussard

*Mayor Piazza asked Lieutenant Jason Hebert to lead those assembled in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Chief Jude Mire to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

*Mayor Piazza stated the Street Maintenance Foreman position is hired by the Council because it is a department head position. The Council has the choice of authorizing the advertising of the position either promotional only or open and promotional. Promotional only will only allow those already in the department to apply. Open and promotional allows all departments as well as those not employed by the City to apply. The foreman that is there now has not given an exact date of resignation but he did tell him that he was resigning in June and then recently he said he is probably leaving at the end of May. It will take about one month to complete the entire process. The advertisement has to appear 15 days prior to the close of the request for applications, applications have to be reviewed and testing has to be done.*

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and Mr. Francis Plaisance to authorize open and promotional advertisement for the soon to be vacant position of Street Maintenance Foreman in the Street Maintenance Department and request a list of eligibles. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Brac Salyers with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries discussed the Abbeville Family Fish Fest to be held on May 8, 2021 at LaFitte Drive-In Park. It would be held from 7:00 AM to Noon. He and Francis Plaisance started this conversation back in 2015 about a hole in the ground. Here we are six years later and the pond is stocked with blue gills, regular sun fish, largemouth bass, channel catfish and grass carp. Then the hatchery guys brought some nice catfish they had left in a couple of ponds. They brought blue catfish and the bass that they brought were offspring taken from large females and large males spawning. These were 46 of those that were four to five pounds*

*each. This will be a fun event. He wants to see a lot of kids out there fishing and catching fish. The week before the event the outreach program in Baton Rouge will bring an additional 1,000 pounds of channel catfish. We want the kids to catch a fish and leave having such an awesome time that they want to continue fishing. We really want everyone to catch a fish. Bring them out even if they never have ever fished in their life. We will have a few rod and reels for the very young kids. The older kids will have to bring their own. We will have stations and will teach them how to cast, how to tie a knot and how to bait a hook. They will practice casting into an inflatable. We will also have arts and crafts for them. They will be able to learn the species of fish. They will be able to take pictures with the LDWF mascot, "Robbie the Redfish". We released a press release about the event. We will also have a fish cleaning station and if we have time may be able to fry some too. Ages 16 and older will need a basic fishing license. That license is good until June 2021. You can order your fishing license on your cellphone. We will set a courtesy limit of 5 catfish per person for that day only. Councilman Plaisance stated that Allie has prepared a flyer for the event and she did a great job. Free food will be provided by Mr. Lance Broussard. Tommy has provided us with 6 banners from Coca Cola. There will be free prizes for the kids. Brac stated they would like everyone to register their children 15 years old and younger on the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries website for the event. The first 100 kids registered will receive a goodie bag. Their name will be entered into the raffle for door prizes. Mr. Lance Broussard asked Brac if a fish could be tagged because he would like to donate that person who catches that tagged catfish \$500. It would be for that day only. Brac stated he would definitely look into that and get back with him Councilman Plaisance stated the dog park will be closed that day. Mayor Piazza stated that Councilman Plaisance started this endeavor 10 years ago. He remembers when Councilman Plaisance first came up with this idea to have the park and have the opportunity to fish, Mr. Richard Putnam, Judge Rick Putnam's Father, wrote a letter to editor of the Abbeville Meridional, complimenting Councilman Plaisance, the Mayor and the City Council for this endeavor. He said in that letter to the editor that "every child should have an opportunity to learn how to catch a fish". It has taken a while but they will have that opportunity.*

-02 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to deviate from the agenda to add a discussion regarding repairs to the pavilion at McKinley Scott Park. The motion carried unanimously.

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

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to enter into a public hearing to receive comments regarding a proposed amendment to Section 2-9 of the code of ordinances: Designation of Municipal Officers and Appointment of the Same. The motion carried unanimously.

*Ike Funderburk stated that we are amending this section to remove the Park Director from the list of designated officers. Ms. Marilyn Mitchell asked if this is the same thing that was discussed previously. Ike stated it is.*

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

***Touchet/Plaisance***  
***Ordinance 21-03***



*An ordinance to amend Section 2-9, Designation of Municipal Officers and Appointment of same. This will remove the title of Park Director for the list of designated officers.*

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

*YEAS: 5(Plaisance, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, White)  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0*

*The ordinance was adopted unanimously.*

-05 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to accept the resignation of Eric Adcock from the Abbeville Planning Commission and to appoint Nikki Vidos to fill that vacancy as the District C appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to appoint Bridget Levy as the District D appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. To appoint Glenn Frederick as the Councilman at large appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously.

*Mr. Ben Rivera stated the quote for the renewal of LWCC coverage is \$441,511. This is an increase as a result of past claims. Councilman Broussard stated that we have had over \$280,000 in dividends over the past few years. This is a credit to the Mayor, the City Council, the supervisors and our safety advisors. Our EMOD is trending down by 12% for 2023. Mr. Colton Daigle stated the dividend you will be receiving this year is \$113,634.*

-08 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to renew the LWCC contract for coverages from May 19, 2021 through May 19, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize advertisement for bids for the Hollingsworth Drive/Cypress Street Road Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize Sellers and Associates, Inc. to prepare the reapportionment plan after the completion and receipt of the 2020 census. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract from bids submitted for the demolition of the structure located at 1807 Prairie Avenue to the low bidder, Acadiana Shell & Limestone, at a cost of \$4,250.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-12 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to award the contract from bids submitted to remove the fallen tree on the 1800 Block of Charity to Roland Brailey at a cost of \$450.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-13 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to award the contract from bids submitted for the removal of a large tree from the fence, repairing of the

fence and clean-up of the property located at 901 E. Vermilion Street to Roland Brailey at a cost of \$1,600.00. The motion carried unanimously.

-14 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve estimate for partial payment number 1 in the amount of \$310,854.25 payable to Elliott Construction, LLC for the Rehabilitation of the Runway and Partial Taxiway Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-15 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve amendment 1 of the contract between the City of Abbeville and Terracon Consultants, Inc. to provide an accredited asbestos inspector for the City of Abbeville's LCDBG Clearance Program. The motion carried unanimously.

-16 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to authorize sales tax expenses to complete Phase 1 of the McKinley Scott Park Pavilion. This is to elevate the pavilion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Gene Sellers, Engineer

- *The outfall repair on Main Street was delayed because of the rain we received. They will begin that on Monday.*
- *The coulee cleaning project has been delayed because the outfall repair project has been delayed. They will begin that after the outfall repair project is complete.*
- *At the airport, there was seepage in the cracks when the first testing of the existing runway occurred. They had a second phase testing and they still have some issues. It delayed them about one month. They are now starting to do the overlay.*
- *We started the plans and specifications for the walking trail at LaFitte Drive-In Park. We should be finished in about two weeks. Then we will have to submit those for approval. DOTD will review the plans. The survey stakes can be removed for the event on May 8<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Phase 2 Sidewalk Project plans were submitted six month ago and they are now just being reviewed by DOTD.*
- *We will receive bids for the Hollingsworth Drive overlay in about 5 weeks.*

#### Kim Touchet, Engineer

- *Will start on the Flood Reduction Project on Monday. They will begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We will be in contact with the Fire Chief regarding the lane closures. The contact is for 135 days and the Second Street portion will take about one and one-half months. We may have to shut down some lanes but they should be back opened at night.*

#### Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *Has put together an RFP to request electrical contractors for emergency disasters as we do with the debris contractors. He reached out to the City of Alexandria to provide a template for this. FEMA has given us problems in the past because we didn't have contracts in place with electrical contractors so hopefully that will help us.*
- *All known expenses for the two hurricanes have been submitted to the insurance company. Mayor Piazza asked about how long should it be before we hear something. Mr. Ben Rivera stated he hopes to get an offer within the next two weeks.*
- *We received our first directive regarding the American Rescue Plan money and we have made sure we can comply with that directive. By the 10<sup>th</sup> of May the State should have the money and they have 30 days to disburse it to the governmental bodies.*

Tommy Picard, Park Director

- *The baseball season began last week but we couldn't play because of the rain. We did play Sunday and there were a lot of people here. People were parked everywhere. He requested "No Parking" signs to be placed along the circle. Mayor Piazza stated that we will not put up permanent "No Parking" signs but Tommy could let us know when he has a tournament and we can handle it then.*
- *Luquette and Delcambre are ready and now we are moving on to another field. We will dedicate Wednesdays to McKinley Scott Park and Williams Park.*
- *Do you want to order the panels for the football field? Lawrence is supposed to play there and Harvestime is supposed to start playing football. Mayor Piazza asked if that was part of the hurricane damage. Tommy answered yes. Mayor Piazza stated that we will need three quotes for the fence and then put that on the next City Council meeting agenda. Tommy thinks Harvestime or Lawrence or Steve have offered to put it up.*
- *Any non-Abbeville Recreation should pay a fee to use your facilities. We have a team from North Vermilion that gave us \$250 last year and \$250 this year to use the fields. Broussard charges \$30 per hour or \$1,500 per year per team. Mayor Piazza stated we have gone back and forth with this over the years. Sometimes we charge and sometimes we don't charge and it depends on who it is. The bottom line is that some of these parents and coaches that have travel ball teams that don't play in our league and that they need somewhere to practice. They want to practice here and they don't want to pay because they are citizens of Abbeville and they feel like they shouldn't have to pay. Then you have some teams that are not all from Abbeville. The question is do we want to charge and then we have to stick to our guns when the decision is made. We will get some complaints from some people. Councilman Broussard stated there is a designated field for practice. That is Badon Field. When you get push back that they don't want to practice on Badon then the City needs to put their foot down. We have a recreational program with a director and we have dedicated a field for practice and that should be the practice field. That needs to be coordinated with the recreation office. Mayor Piazza stated that was a solution in the past and anybody can go practice there. It is not a regulation field but it is a good field to practice. Some teams don't want to use that field they want to use the better groomed and better manicured fields and don't want to pay. Tommy stated they will make Badon look better. Councilman Plaisance stated we can make a rule offering them Badon for free and then if they don't want to use that field then they have to pay or join the league. We need to hold them to that. Councilman Broussard stated that we are the only place on Earth with free everything. The tennis ladies pay \$6 per hour to play in Lafayette. Mayor Piazza asked if anybody has a problem with Tommy establishing a price to practice for these teams and that we will support him in whatever decision he makes? Tommy stated they can join the league and practice anywhere in Abbeville or Erath. They will have insurance and get a uniform. That is \$65 per child. Plus, they get to play more games.*
- *Tommy asked about the equipment being used by the high school. He thinks they should furnish their own equipment. Councilman Touchet stated that every school has lawn mowers and weed eaters. Are we putting ourselves in a liable situation if they get on our equipment and they do something on our fields. That is the most important thing. Councilman Plaisance stated we need to set some rules down and stand by them. Councilman Touchet stated they need to understand that they need to use their own equipment because we cannot put ourselves in a position of liability. Mayor Piazza asked Ike to look at the third-party usage agreement to see if we need to tweak it.*
- *QSA will pay to change the locks at the park. We will change the cores and give the keys to Clay and City Hall. He wants all locks to be the same for all the parks. That way he will only need one key. He will give the cores to Clay that belong to the City and if something*

*happens, the City can put their cores back in. Councilman Broussard and the Mayor Piazza were ok with the idea.*

- *He contacted two people about getting a building behind the recreation center. One will not give us a quote because everything is backed up. He went off on what Jake is doing. He is building a building at his office. It is 30 X 15 and it is costing him \$18,000 for the building and the slab. He contacted one of those companies in Lafayette that have those storage containers. A 40 X 8 container, delivered, is \$3,200. He would like to buy two. One to put the equipment and one to put tools in. That would be \$6,400. There would be no slab needed. No one can break into them. He would designate the other buildings for Harvestime and Abbeville High to put their equipment in.*
- *Asked about the policy of people selling stuff at the pavilion. Mayor Piazza stated you cannot use public property for private gain. They cannot do it.*
- *Bell's Sporting is closed. Can we open an account with BSM? There are other places that are cheaper. Can we open an account with everybody? One is Epic Sports.*
- *Asked about cement underneath the bleachers. Mayor Piazza stated that Clay is supposed to measure it and get quotes.*
- *We need two portable mounds. They are \$1,900 per mound. Mayor Piazza told him to get three quotes.*
- *Councilman Broussard stated the bathrooms by the tennis courts have not been getting opened in the morning. It has to be done. Tommy is afraid somebody is hiding in that bathroom and that would be scary. Councilman Broussard stated he is under the impression that the bathrooms get locked at night and they are unlocked in daylight. He asked him to get Aurris to do it. Mayor Piazza stated we should have a keypad on the gates of the tennis courts and they could call to reserve the courts. Councilman Broussard stated the lights should be on a timer. Mayor Piazza stated we can get timers. We have had those before. Councilwoman White stated that we have talked about charging an entrance fee for the new tennis court. It doesn't have to be much but it needs to be something to make them accountable to use it. We can sponsor the schools. The private ladies recommend that and everywhere else they go they have to pay. It is about keeping people out who don't want to play tennis. Councilman Broussard stated we should put cameras too to catch the vandals.*
- *He asked for security guards for the games on the schedule games list that he had distributed. Councilman Touchet told Tommy to give a copy of the schedule to the Police Chief.*

#### Mayor Mark Piazza

- *Thanked Ben Rivera for his hard work.*
- *We will receive bids on 4/27/2021 at 11:00 AM for the 6 houses in Phase I for the LCDBG Clearance Program. We will award the bid at the 5/4/2021 City Council meeting.*
- *The airport is scheduled to open Friday 4/23/2021. They will complete the runway asphalt overlay tomorrow and it takes two days to put down the temporary striping. If they can't get the temporary striping down then it will have to wait until Monday and we may not be able to open it until Tuesday or Wednesday. The asphalt has to cure for one month then they can put down the permanent striping.*
- *The Omega Protein planes that were stranded at the airport were able to take off Sunday.*
- *MedXcel will be closing on April 30, 2021. This is where we do our employee drug testing. Councilman Broussard will be coming back with a proposal to move our program.*
- *He and Councilwoman Broussard met with the Street Department employees and Clay. The consensus of Clay, Marlon, Richard and the lead men in the crew is that they can be more productive if the entire crew spends the entire day in one district instead of half the crew being separated between two districts. They can do a better job. The concerns of*

*the Council is rain. We will work the schedule where it may not be a set schedule. We will let you know what day your district will fall on. We will try to coordinate those days more efficiently with our grass cutting contractors. That way the entire district will be cut all on one day. It is worth a try. He is loosening up on the overtime. Friday will be catch up day. We started this new schedule yesterday. Richard will also provide a list of work he is doing each week.*

Bill Spearman, Police Chief

- *Had 396 calls since last meeting.*
- *We are 5 short and have one going through the hiring process.*
- *Had a homicide on Friday and over the weekend we arrested the suspect. We utilized the camera system to assist us in locating the suspect. It took less than a week.*
- *They assisted the Sheriff's Office with a suspect that was at a local hotel and wanted for armed robbery. We found out that APD also had warrants for these individuals when they were arrested. We arrested them on our charges of attempted first-degree murder.*
- *We had a subject for home invasion and simple burglary and we located him and arrested him. He is in jail.*
- *During the last week we have worked one homicide, one suicide and one death by overdose.*
- *Councilwoman Broussard thanked the Chief for the extra patrols.*
- *Councilwoman White stated she gets a lot of people complaining about traffic being stopped on the highway because of people waiting to turn into Popeyes. Chief stated they try to take care it very quickly and he has also contacted DOTD and they have put signs up.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *Have two on extended sick leave.*
- *Will be interviewing 4 candidates on Friday and 1 on Monday. Will bring the candidate to the next City Council meeting.*
- *The fire truck at Maude is back in service.*
- *We had a structure fire at 604 Thomas and the 100 block of Miles. We had 15 false alarms, 5 medicals, 4 vehicle accidents and 1 vehicle fire. We also had one trash fire and one power line. Mayor Piazza asked Chief to break it down inside and outside the City limits. He also asked Chief to bring a map showing their response area to the next City Council meeting.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *Calabria Italian Restaurant is now open downtown.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *There is a chicken wing place opening up on Charity Street.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza  
Mayor



**CLEARANCE PROGRAM  
PHASE I - DEMOLITION  
FOR THE  
CITY OF ABBEVILLE**

PROJECT NUMBER: 866-02  
BID DATE: APRIL 27, 2021 AT 11:00 A.M.

PHASE I HOUSING DEMOLITION	Stallion Oilfield Services 500 Jacquelyn Street Abbeville, LA 70510	Vermilion Shell & Limestone 107 South Henry Street Abbeville, LA 70510	Acadiana Shell & Limestone 935 South Henry Street Abbeville, LA 70510	Glenn Lege Construction 1339 Fortune Road Youngsville, LA 70592	
UNIT D-2 - 608 East Oak Street	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 10,220.60	
UNIT D-3 - 1507 Franks Alley	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 7,725.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 10,595.00	
UNIT D-5 - 516 Dutel Street	\$ 7,508.00	\$ 6,775.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 10,167.30	
UNIT D-8 - 304-A Duroq Street	\$ 7,508.00	\$ 6,275.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 11,181.30	
UNIT D-13 - 1602 Timber Trail	\$ 8,394.00	\$ 7,950.00	\$ 8,900.00	\$ 14,326.00	
UNIT D-17 - 204 South Lamar Street	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 6,596.20	
150 Cubic Yards of Usable Soil	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,800.00	No Bid	\$ 2,250.00	
150 Cubic Yards of Topsoil	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 5,250.00	\$ 2,962.50	
Total Base Bid Proposal	\$ 48,310.00	\$ 50,850.00	\$ 58,150.00	\$ 68,298.90	

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

**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION GRANTING THE AUTHORITY  
TO THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND  
SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
ALONG WITH ADOPTING CERTAIN POLICIES, PLANS & PROCEDURES  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FY 2021  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
FOR A SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abbeville has been awarded a Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for a sewer collection system rehabilitation project in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Community Development Block Grant Program which is administered by the Louisiana Division of Administration, Office of Community Development involves a significant amount of documentation, reporting, along with compliance with other federal regulations, statutes, and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, for this Community Development Block Grant Program and any future Community Development Block Grant Programs, the City of Abbeville desires to comply with these requirements, statutes and procedures.

**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 the Contract Agreement with the Louisiana Division of Administration, any amendments or extensions thereof, the environmental review record and all necessary documents, all of the necessary reports, studies, plans, certifications, assurances, contracts, change orders, requests for information and any other documents required in connection with this Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following officials and employees are hereby authorized to sign Request for Payment forms under the Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program and that Lynn LeBlanc is hereby authorized to witness and certify that the below mentioned officials and employees actually sign the authorized signature card for the Fiscal Year 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mark Piazza  
Francis Touchet, Jr.  
Nicole H. Nguyen  
Kathleen S. Faulk

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby appointed to coordinate the Section 504 efforts and act as the Accessibility Compliance Officer and perform all necessary tasks as associated with this position and that the Section 504 Policy Statement which includes Complaint Procedures for Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act previously adopted on July 7, 2009 is still in effect for this FY 2021 LCDBG Program and any other active Community Development Block Grant Programs and shall remain in effect for future Community Development Block Grant Programs until amended by the City Council of the City of Abbeville.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby appointed as the Antidisplacement/Relocation Officer and that the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan adopted on June 5, 2018 is still in effect and will be utilized for this FY 2021 LCDBG Program and any other active Community Development Block Grant Program and shall remain in effect for future Community Development Block Grant Programs until amended by the City Council of the City of Abbeville.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the "Procurement Procedures Relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program" are to be followed by any employee responsible for procurement of services, supplies, equipment or construction obtained with Community Development Block Grant Program funds and the "Procurement Procedures Relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program" adopted on June 5, 2018 is still in effect and will be utilized for this FY 2021 LCDBG Program and any other active Community Development Block Grant Program and shall remain in effect for future Community Development Block Grant Programs until amended by the City Council of the City of Abbeville.

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

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, Kathleen S. Faulk, Secretary/Treasurer of the City of Abbeville, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the City Council, on May 4, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present.

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KATHLEEN S. FAULK  
SECRETARY/TREASURER  
CITY OF ABBEVILLE

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MARK PIAZZA  
Mayor

KATHLEEN S. FAULK  
Secretary - Treasurer

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## SECTION 504 ASSURANCE

The City of Abbeville does hereby assure the Office of Community Development, Louisiana Division of Administration, that, as a recipient of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds, all activities of this grant will be operated in compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

As a local government with 15 or more employees the City of Abbeville further assures the Office of Community Development, Division of Administration, that it has appointed Mark Piazza, Mayor as the designated Section 504 Coordinator (24 CFR 8.53), and adopted an updated Section 504 Grievance Procedure on July 7, 2009 (24CFR 8.53), and posted at the Abbeville City Hall a public notice that as a means of providing for continuing notification of participants, beneficiaries, applicants, and employees that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicap in its federally assisted programs (24CFR 8.54).

## FAIR HOUSING ASSURANCE

The City of Abbeville does hereby assure the Office of Community Development (OCD), Division of Administration, that, as a recipient of the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant funds, that there have been no findings made by, or open complaints with the HUD Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) Office or the Louisiana Attorney General.

The local government shall notify the Office of Community Development at any time during the grant, if a complaint is filed.

May 5, 2021

DATE

MARK PIAZZA  
MAYOR

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Councilman at Large

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**RESIDENTIAL ANTIDISPLACEMENT  
AND  
RELOCATION ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATION**

The City of Abbeville hereby certifies that it is following a Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan and that it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 as required under S570.606(a) and HUD implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 42; the requirements in S570.606(b) governing the residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan under Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; the relocation requirements of S505.606(c) governing displacement subject to Section 104(d) of the Act; and the relocation requirements of 505.606(d) governing optional relocation assistance under Section 105(a)(11) of the Act.

May 5, 2021

DATE

MARK PIAZZA  
MAYOR

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**RESOLUTION NO.: R-21-\_\_\_**

**BE IT KNOWN AND REMEMBERED**, that pursuant to a public notice, a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of Abbeville was held on the 4th day of May, 2021, commencing at 5:30 o'clock p.m. at City Hall, Abbeville, Louisiana, where the following resolution was moved, duly seconded, passed and adopted, to-wit:

**WHERE AS**, because of the failure of the property owner to pay taxes on the immovable property identified by the assessment number designated on Exhibit C hereof, the property was the subject matter of a tax sale on the date reflected on Exhibit C; and

**WHERE AS**, no one bid on the subject property and it was therefore adjudicated to the Vermilion Parish Police Jury, as reflected by the Act of Adjudication, attached hereto as Exhibit D; and

**WHERE AS**, the subject property is located within the corporate limits of the City, which has maintained and filed liens on said property as reflected in Exhibit E;

**WHERE AS**, the City is desirous of obtaining ownership of the subject property in order to recoup the funds it has expended over the years, and the Police Jury is desirous of divesting itself of any claim to ownership of said property and the potential liability attributed thereto;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council, acting as the governing authority of said City, that Mayor Mark F. Piazza be, and the same is hereby authorized to appear on behalf of the City to do and perform all acts necessary, including, but not limited to executing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Vermilion Parish Police Jury to accomplish the goals established herein.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 4th day of May, 2021.

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Hon. Mark F. Piazza, Mayor

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Mr. Francis J. Plaisance  
Councilman at Large

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Ms. Roslyn R. White  
Councilwoman District A

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Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr.  
Mayor Pro-Tem/Councilman District B

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Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr.  
Councilman District C

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Ms. Terry Y. Broussard  
Councilwoman District D

## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kathleen S. Faulk, the duly qualified and appointed Clerk of the City of Abbeville, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly approved at the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Abbeville held on May 4, 2021.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Abbeville, Louisiana on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2021.

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Kathleen S. Faulk, City Secretary/Treasurer

PROJECT ESTIMATE

CONTACT: BRIGGS, TIM  
CUST #: 190890928

SALESPERSON: BROWN, BRITTLYN  
SALES #: 3120118

PROJECT NUMBER: 646741366

DATE ESTIMATED: 10/20/20

QTY	ITEM #	ITEM DESCRIPTION	VEND PART #	PRICE
180	489092	2-4-16 TC TREATED #2 PRIME(796 11633		3342.60
TOTAL FOR ITEMS				3342.60
FREIGHT CHARGES				0.00
DELIVERY CHARGES				0.00
TAX AMOUNT				<del>349.30</del>
TOTAL ESTIMATE				3691.90

3342.60

This Quote is valid until 11/19/20.

MANAGER SIGNATURE

DATE

THIS ESTIMATE IS NOT VALID WITHOUT MANAGER'S SIGNATURE.  
THIS IS AN ESTIMATE ONLY. DELIVERY OF ALL MATERIALS CONTAINED IN THIS  
ESTIMATE ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY FROM THE MANUFACTURER OR SUPPLIER.  
QUANTITY, EXTENSION, OR ADDITION ERRORS SUBJECT TO CORRECTION. CREDIT  
TERMS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY LOWES CREDIT DEPARTMENT.

LOWES IS A SUPPLIER OF MATERIALS ONLY. LOWES DOES NOT ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE  
OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, OR GENERAL CONTRACTING. LOWES DOES NOT ASSUME  
ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, OR CONSTRUCTION; FOR THE  
SELECTION OR CHOICE OF MATERIALS FOR A GENERAL OR SPECIFIC USE; FOR  
QUANTITIES OR SIZING OF MATERIALS; FOR THE USE OR INSTALLATION OF MATERIALS;  
OR FOR COMPLIANCE WITH ANY BUILDING CODE OR STANDARD OF WORKMANSHIP.

Fence Metal 8594.30  
Wood 3342.60  
Labor 6500.00

Tim Briggs

Total 18436.90 labor \$6500.00

# IDEAL STEEL

**BUILDINGS & COMPONENTS**

1289 Smede Hwy Broussard LA 70518  
 Phone #: (337) 560-9667 Fax #: (337) 560-9345

**BAYOU BUILDINGS**  
 BY IDEAL STEEL

QUOTE  
**119331**

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 INVOICE DATE

Customer Info:  
**COUNTER SALE**

Notes

QUOTE NO 119331 QUOTE DATE 10/20/2020  
 PROJECT NAME BRIGGS  
 TERMS 25% Down Balance COD  
 SALES PERSON Aube', Kory  
 CUSTOMER NO CS  
 PO NO JOB NO  
 PICK UP

**COUNTER SALE**

Pick Up

*\* Quoted price is valid for 10 days \**

QTY	DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT
355	PBR 26 GA Siliconized Polyester	Fern Green 6'-0"	\$6,262.20
52	IDCT 26 GA Header Trim	Fern Green 20'-0"	\$1,549.60
3250	#14 x 1 1/2" Self Tap Long Life ZAC	Fern Green	\$520.00
1750	#14 x 7/8" SD Long Life ZAC	Fern Green	\$262.50

*15% restocking charge on all returned items  
 No returns on custom items  
 Ideal Steel is a Building Component Supplier  
 Check local Building Code/Engineer before ordering*

TOTAL MATERIAL	\$8,594.30
FREIGHT Pick Up	\$0.00
SALES TAX 7.95%	<del>\$663.25</del>
ORDER TOTAL	<del>\$9,277.55</del>
LESS PAYMENT	\$0.00
BALANCE DUE	<del>\$9,277.55</del>

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THANK YOU

8594 30



2545 SE Evangeline Thruway  
Lafayette, LA 70508-2167  
PH: (318)505-8557

SOLD TO \*\*\* emailed \*\*\*  
ABBE01 CITY OF ABBEVILLE \*\*\*\*\*  
KATHY FAULK  
101 N STATE ST  
P.O BOX 1170  
ABBEVILLE, LA 70511

SHIP TO  
PTI LAFAYETTE  
SE EVANGELINE

CASE 580SL SN: JJG0191703 HR 3122.0 W:00  
Sold By: RCHAML PO #: Date 4/22/21 SALES QUOTE RQ00024  
Ship By: Tax #: PRT: 5 Open

Quote Summary

A THIS QUOTE IS TO REPAIR OIL LEAKS ON MACHINE 8401.79  
\*\* TOTAL 8401.79

Tax D Qty Description -----\* Price Amount

A THIS QUOTE IS TO REPAIR OIL LEAKS ON MACHINE

THIS QUOTE INCLUDES REMOVING AND REBUILDING 9 HYD  
CYL. ON MACHINE  
2- BACKHOE SWING CYL.  
2- STABILIZER CYL.  
1- REAR BOOM CYL.  
1- REAR BUCKET CYL.  
1- REAR ARM CYL.  
2- FRONT LOADER CYL.

NOTE; WHEN CYL. ARE BEINGING REMOVE PINS MAY BE STUCK IN  
BORE OF CYL. AND WILL NEED TO BE CUT OUT AND THAT MAY  
REQUIRE EXTRA LABOR AND PARTS THAT ARE NOT ON THIS QUOTE

NOTE; THIS QUOTE DOES NOT INCLUDE THE TRAVEL AND LABOR  
FOR GOING TO ABBEVILLE TO INSPECT UNIT FOR LEAKS (\$505.00)

PC-PARTS COUNT				OIL	TRANS		
00000	3	CAS	73341724			96.15	288.45
PS-PART SHOPCUS				KIT	SEALS		
00000	2	CAS	122535A1			105.04	210.08
00000	2	CAS	84155085			69.69	139.38
00000	2	CAS	1543275C1			27.63	55.26
00000	1	CAS	1542919C4			60.36	60.36
00000	1	CAS	1542923C2			114.13	114.13
00000	1	CAS	84154316			43.85	43.85
00000	2	CAS	1543260C1			115.14	230.28

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*Mayor,  
quote to repair hydraulic  
cylinders on Street Dept.  
backhoe. Thanks.*

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*Cray*

PAY THIS AMOUNT



2545 SE Evangeline Thruway  
Lafayette, LA 70508-2167  
PH: (318)505-8557

SOLD TO \*\*\* emailed \*\*\*  
ABBE01 CITY OF ABBEVILLE  
KATHY FAULK  
101 N STATE ST  
P.O BOX 1170  
ABBEVILLE, LA 70511

SHIP TO  
PTI LAFAYETTE  
SE EVANGELINE

CASE 580SL  
Sold By: RCHAML PO #:  
Ship By: Tax #:

SN: JJG0191703 HR 3122.0 W:00  
Date 4/22/21 SALES QUOTE RQ00024  
PRT: 5 Open

Tax	D	Qty	Description	Price	Amount
			SC-LABOR CUST	** TOTAL PS-PART SHOPCUS	853.34
			SS-SHOP SUPPLY	** TOTAL SC-LABOR CUST	6480.00
00000			SHOP SUPPLIES		30.00
			TA-HAULING/U		
00000		1	HAULING UNIT TO LAFAYETTE	375.00	375.00
00000		1	HUALING UNIT BACK TO ABBEVILLE	375.00	375.00
			** TOTAL TA-HAULING/U		750.00
			* SEGMENT SUBTOTAL		8401.79

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\*\* SUBTOTAL 8401.79

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Charge Sale

Phone: (337) 898-4219  
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PAY THIS AMOUNT

\$8401.79









**BID ON CUTTING AND REMOVING A FALLEN TREE ON HOUSE AND  
CUTTING ALL GRASS & WEEDS ON PROPERTY**

To: TONY LANDRY  
402 BERTHIER ST  
ABBEVILLE, LA 70510  
[Landrytony62@yahoo.com](mailto:Landrytony62@yahoo.com)  
[Clarice\\_landry@yahoo.com](mailto:Clarice_landry@yahoo.com)

From: City of Abbeville, Permit Department

Location of Job: **206 Alleman St**

Scope of Work:

- To cut **THE FALLEN TREE AND REMOVE FROM HOUSE & CUT GRASS & WEEDS FROM PROPERTY.**
- To haul all debris from cleaning to Solid Waste facility
- To leave lot completely clear of all RUBBISH and DEBRIS.

Bid Amount: \$ 999.00

Bid Due by: **Friday, April 30, 2021 BY 3:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY:**

\*\*\*ONCE JOB IS COMPLETE, CITY INSPECTION WILL BE DONE BEFORE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE TO CONTRACTOR\*\*\*  
PROPERTY MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEARED OF ALL DEBRIS FROM CLEAN UP BEFORE PAYMENT IS MADE TO CONTRACTOR.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT DEBRIS CAN NO LONGER BE PLACED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR PICK-UP. CONTRACTORS CAN NO LONGER REQUEST A BIN FROM SOLID WASTE FOR DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS. ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE WITH SOLID WASTE (898-4338) FOR DISPOSAL. **PLEASE INCLUDE CHARGES FOR THIS IN YOUR BID.**

  
Signature

**T & T Asphalt, Inc.**  
**1105 Wilfred Champagne Road**  
**St. Martinville, La. 70582**  
**Phone: (337) 394-3643 Fax: (337) 394-3645**  
**E-Mail: tandtasphalt@gmail.com**

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**PROPOSAL**

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Date: 4-15-21

To: City of Abbeville  
101 N. State St.  
P.O. Box 1170  
Abbeville, La. 70510

Fax

Attn: Mr. Clay Menard  
Email: cmenard@cityofabbeville.net

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We propose to furnish labor, tools, equipment and materials to complete the following work:

Patch Work: 204 Eleazar 9' x 13' x 8"

1. White and waterloo, State and Maude, 812 South Lamar – 5' x 1' x 2' x 8", God Chaux and Marmont – 12' x 12' x 8", 604 East St. Victor – 6' x 8' x 8", 1<sup>st</sup> (Maude) and South Jefferson. Price to dig-out 8" and replace with 8" of asphalt. Price per ton is \$250.00 per ton. 50 tons it takes to patch.

Price: \$12,500.00

*Mayor,  
Cost to fix road cuts.  
Clay*

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**THIS PROPOSAL IS GOOD FOR 15 DAYS**

All material is guaranteed to be specified. All work to be completed in a workmanship manner to standard practice. Any alteration or deviation from the above specifications involving extra costs, will be executed only upon written orders and will become an extra charge over and above this estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

**AUTHORIZING PERSONS SIGNATURE:** Wayne J. Theriot

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The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified.

**ACCEPTED:**

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_