



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM

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

AGENDA

NOTICE POSTED: November 18, 2019 at 4:00 P.M.

REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

PERSONNEL

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mrs. Debbie Garrot to discuss events happening on December 7, 2019.

MINUTES AND APPROVAL OF BILLS

1. To approve the minutes from the following: Committee meeting held on October 15, 2019, the Personnel interview held on November 5, 2019 and the regular City Council meetings held on October 15, 2019 and November 5, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Hearing for the condemnation of 608 E. Oak Street with property owners or his designee.
2. To approve the quotation from Bayou Fencing & Supply, Inc. for Lafitte Park "Dog Park" - Councilman Francis Plaisance.
3. To appoint one member to the Municipal Civil Service Board for the expired term of Victoria Nunez.
4. Urgent care contract with Abbeville General Hospital-Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

OLD BUSINESS

1. To approve a resolution adopting salary increases and new pay plans for the 2019 Sales Tax.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION OR REVIEW

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

ADJOURN

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

The Mayor and Council of the City of Abbeville met for personnel interviews on November 5, 2019 at 5:15 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor, presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Bill Spearman, Police Chief

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

-01 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to enter into executive session to interview an applicant for the Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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 October 15, 2019 at 5:00 P.M., at the regular meeting place, the Council Meeting Room located at 101 North State Street, with the Honorable Mark Piazza, Mayor presiding.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Steve Moosa, CPA

Mayor Piazza stated we are here for two Committee meetings. The first committee is the Ordinance Committee chaired by Councilwoman Terry Broussard. He turned the floor over to Councilwoman Broussard.

Councilwoman Broussard stated we are here today for the Council to consider the amendment of the code of ordinances to add Section 5-400, et sequa, Multi-Family Dwelling Facility Security Requirements. She asked Ike to explain the ordinance. Mr. Funderburk stated that this is a brainchild of Councilwoman Broussard, the Mayor, the Police Chief and people who own apartment complexes. They are working hand in glove to make this a safer place to live and do business. In doing so they are making communication available through a denser population and the police department. The method they are using to do this is security cameras and security officers on the premises. This was presented originally to the Planning Commission where we had two apartment complexes present. Mayor Piazza sent out letters to every apartment complex and a copy of the proposed ordinance. He invited them to the Planning Commission meeting. We only had two that showed up. No one can say they were blindsided on this. One is impacted by this and the other one was a small facility that will not be impacted. The nuts and bolts of it is the owners of these complexes that are affected will place cameras that will be communicated directly to APD not just to their security people. The Police Chief has reported that Live Oak has already taken the steps forward to meet the requirements of the ordinance. By having access to the video at APD, if we have a crime reported at one of these facilities, APD can go back to the cameras and pull up the events. They can download this and preserve it as evidence. This is a huge step forward in making apartment complexes safer and more profitable for the owners because they will not have the high crime. Mayor Piazza said this was the brainchild of the Police Chief. He asked several of us to attend events held by the chief regarding this. The event was called "Thee Save the Children" event. There were several things and ideas that were kicked around by our community and this was one of them. Kibbie Pillette was there and voiced some concerns about the community and large amount of people in a small area. Ike has done a very good job composing this ordinance. Christopher with Live Oak Manor was at the Planning Commission meeting and was in favor of this. This is something that is affordable and it will help APD and will help them (Live Oak) to have a nicer facility. This will help curtail crime. We only have one facility in class V and that is the large one on Rodeo Rd., Stonebridge. We only have two in class IV and that is Live Oak and North Abbeville Subdivision. Coulee Kinney Apartments is in class III because they are smaller than the other ones. Class IV and V are the only classifications that require security personnel on the premises. Ike said the effective date of this is January 1, 2020 and they are required to become compliant on that date. The Police Chief can send out officers to inspect and impose penalties. It is a civil penalty between \$250 and \$500. Councilman Plaisance stated this is a step in right to the right direction. Mayor Piazza said a lot of these facilities already have cameras in place but they weren't working so if they are inspected annually then we can be assured that their cameras are working. This guarantees that they will have them inspected annually. The one facility that is not in here is the Abbeville Housing Authority because they are regulated by HUD.

-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 November 5, 2019 to adopt an ordinance to add Section 5-400, et sequa, Multi-Family Dwelling Facility Security Requirements to our code of ordinances. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza stated the next committee to meet is the finance committee. This committee is chaired by Councilman Francis, Jr. He turned the floor over to Councilman Touchet. He asked Mr. Steve Moosa to provide an update of the 3rd quarter budget. Mr. Moosa stated the analysis compares the 2018 time period and the 2019 time period. The first page is a revenue analysis. Sales tax is only short about 1% of budget. 2018 was a strong year because of some one-time payments in those figures. However, we are right in line with 2017. We should be okay in that category. Water revenue is off by \$9,000 and sewer revenue is off by \$12,000. Electrical service revenues are about 1% when comparing to the year before. The kilowatt hours sold are just a little less than the previous year. We will see how the fourth quarter rolls out. The next sheet is the payroll analysis. We are overbudget in the General Fund by 1.3%. This is due to the overtime by several departments. The overtime in the police department may be due to the shortage of personnel. In the Utility System Fund we are underbudget by 6.21%. All in all, you are only .83% under budget in all funds combined. The next sheet is an expenditure analysis. In the General Fund you are .9% over budget and in the Utility System Fund you are 3.3% underbudget.

-02 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to accept the budget report as presented. 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 Absent: None

Also, Present: Jude Mire, Fire Chief
Bill Spearman, Police Chief
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Stewart Head, Electrical Superintendent
Lee Schexnaider, Wastewater Plant Superintendent
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Richard Primeaux, Engineer
Ronald Darby and Wayne Touchet, Police Jurors
Dr. Elista Istre and Joey LaRouge, Louisiana Military Museum
Joseph Vallee', Municipal Civil Service Board member

Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ronald Darby to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Wayne Touchet to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

-01 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to not ratify hiring at this time for the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to ratify bills paid in the month of October 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

-03 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve the minutes from the October 1, 2019 personnel interviews, committee meeting and the regular City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza asked if there were any comments on any agenda item at this time. Mr. Ronald Darby stated he wanted to comment on the ordinance that will be adopted tonight. He believes landlords should be added to that ordinance. Landlords should be held accountable for their property. Teenagers are coming into his neighborhood at night. There is supposed to be a curfew.

Mr. Alfred Thibodeaux, Jr., was here to discuss loose chickens. He lives at 707 S. St. Valerie and the chickens have been loose for years. He has taken several videos. This problem has been going on for a long time and it needs to be corrected. We need to fine them. They do not seem to care. Mayor Piazza stated this is the second time Mr. Thibodeaux comes to the meeting. Mr. Funderburk stated that you have to prove ownership of the chickens. If the chicken roosts at your house it is your chicken. He says he will get the video that Mr. Thibodeaux has. If it this is a rental property it would be the tenant. He cannot file charges against somebody when it can't be proven.

He has spoken with Mr. Thibodeaux to request video from him on a couple of occasions. We have conducted hearings and we have opted to bring criminal charges. Councilman Touchet asked if the area where the chickens were kept was secure. Clay stated one side has a chain link fence with an open gate and the other address has no fence. Mayor Piazza suggested that Ike should work with the Police Chief or the Marshal's office. The Chief or Marshal's office should take pictures of both yards of the residences. Also, Ike needs to make sure our ordinance reflects a secure enclosure like our dog ordinance does. We may not have a clear ordinance.

-04 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to make sure 703 and 704 S. St. Valerie have a secure dwelling for their chickens and if not give them time to do so or to get rid of the chickens. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Ms. Terry Broussard and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to approve the placement of a four way stop sign at the intersection of Martin Luther King and South Lyman. The motion carried unanimously.

***Plaisance/White
Ordinance 19-08***

An ordinance to add Section 5-400, et sequa, Multi-Family Dwelling Facility Security Requirements.

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

<i>YEAS:</i>	<i>5(Plaisance, T. Broussard, B. Broussard, Touchet, White)</i>
<i>NAYS:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>ABSTAIN:</i>	<i>0</i>

Therefore, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

Councilwoman Broussard asked if a smaller apartment complex would install cameras would APD monitor the system for them even though it is not mandatory. Chief Spearman stated all they would need to do is provide their IP address for them to do it.

-06 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve payment of estimate for partial payment number one payable to Glenn Lege Construction in the amount of \$41,375.50 for the sidewalk construction along Highway 82 project. The motion carried unanimously.

-07 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to approve the purchase of a server and software from our Arsement and Hayes, LLC in the amount of \$9,810 for the Abbeville Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wayne Touchet stated they wanted to partner with the city to clean up dilapidated properties. We are trying to get capital outlay dollars to assist us with this. We would like to form a committee of two City Council members and two Police Juror members to discuss how to tear these properties down and how to fund it. Mayor Piazza stated sometimes we get bids and we can't afford to tear the properties down so this is where this would help us. Mr. Wayne Touchet stated we want to be a part of Abbeville and this will help bring the crime rate down and bring property values up. Mayor Piazza appointed Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr. and Councilwoman Terry Broussard to the committee. They could work with the Police Jurors on this project and then report back to the

Council. Councilman Broussard stated that the State legislature has made a lot of progress in fighting blighted properties and we have a request in Baton Rouge for funding.

-08 introduced by Ms. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. to authorize the Mayor to request an appraisal and negotiate to purchase 6.76 acres adjacent to the Abbeville RV Park that would include access to Coulee Kinney. The motion carried unanimously.

-09 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to approve change order number one for the Rehabilitation of the Main Hangar project. This change order increases the project total by \$13,916.96. The motion carried unanimously.

-10 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve payment application number two in the amount of \$60,953.66 for the Rehabilitation of the Main Hangar Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-11 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to surplus items from the pole yard for the Public Works Department. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza distributed a packet of proposed pay raises beginning January 1, 2020. The first packet are the municipal employee listings with their current rate and then their proposed pay. The second packet are the increases requested by the Fire Chief. The third packet are the increases requested by the Police Chief. The municipal employees' increases change their classification so this will have to be approved by the civil service board. The packets are what the Council requested and it will be introduced by resolution at the next meeting and then added to the budget. On December 3, 2019 we will have a committee meeting to present the budget. At our December 17, 2019 City Council meeting we will adopt the budget after it has been advertised and available for public inspection. Councilman Touchet thanked the Mayor for putting these figures together. This seems right to him because he has always said that we have places where we need to address certain amounts. If we don't have people who come work in those buckets then nobody is going to have electricity and no one will get paid. We have our superintendent who is having to get into the bucket. If something happens to him, we are in trouble. The Mayor has put additional funds into that particular area. This is the right thing. The Mayor should have the discretion from \$1 to \$10 to put where he feels it is needed. When you look at some of these salaries throughout, the Chief and the Mayor will make less than some of the employees. He would like to see the Mayor's salary somewhere around the West Monroe and Pineville area. He would like to see the Police Chief's salary somewhere around the Hammond area. These increases cannot come out of the new taxes. They would have to come out of the General Fund.

-12 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to accept the salary figures as proposed by the Mayor and to look at increasing the Mayor and the Police Chief's salary with other funds. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Piazza said we had Dr. Elista Istre here with us tonight. She has some very interesting things to tell us about the Military Museum tonight. Dr. Istre wanted to give us an update of the museum. The museum has been here for the last 10 years. The original goal was to provide a museum for veterans and never get kicked out. Over time we have discovered that veterans are not meeting like they used to. She was brought on board to help refocus the museum. We recently went through a whole rebranding. The new logo will be revealed on Monday for Veterans Day. The vision is to provide a walk-through of Louisiana history. We will start with the French and Indian War and then go through the war of 1812 and the battle of New Orleans. The Civil War, World War I, World War II and then all the way up to the present. This will provide Louisiana

history through a military perspective. When we bring in tour buses and tour groups they are eating here and spending money here. This provides an economic impact. As we move forward with this, we are hoping to get partners to help us fund this. The plans are to expand the current building and move into the next hangar for event hosting. The suicide rate for veterans is high and it's not going down. A lot of these men and women are coming back and they have a lot of deep-seeded issues because of what they saw. This will a place to honor our veterans. We will have a place for them. We want them to know they are appreciated. I want to remember their stories. We will hold an open house on November 11, 2019 to interact with the community. We really need partners as we are us now separating from the Secretary of State. We will have no funds coming in now. Councilman Plaisance stated he had not heard anything about this. It is a great idea. What happens to the Silver Star? Will that be phased out? Dr. Istre stated when she conducted interviews with different veterans, a lot of them did not like the term Hall of Fame. The second expansion we plan to call it the Hall of honor instead of the Hall of Fame. We will keep the plaques and install them and then add to that. We hope to add a veteran database to the new website. Mayor Piazza asked what happens to the items owned by the state? Mr. Joey LaRouge said the state would donate those to the city and then we would keep them there. The city takes responsibility of it. The museum has been a struggle. We have cleaned house and have gotten the records straight. You just don't have these people with the extra time. Elista is a historian and a wonderful person. She came up with the concept to tell a story. Millennial's don't want to look at a static tank. The D-Day Museum tells a story. If something doesn't work one way, then you have to go another way. Thank you to the city Council for everything you have done for us. Mayor Piazza said we are back to square one financially. Where do we get the dollars to open it? Joey says we still get a small portion of about \$13,000 per year from the hotel/motel tax. As it stands right now, we will probably have to come ask the city for help. We need to do something to stop the bleeding. We are still bleeding. We need to offset some of the expenses that we have. Mayor Piazza stated museums are a great asset. We have four different entities in our cultural center and to taxes in order to make it run. We have to do a festival to have funding to maintain our Blacksmith Shop Museum. We only open by appointment and other special events. It also participates in the hotel/motel tax. He spoke to someone this week about doing a fly in. In Jennings they just had one with some antique planes and they had a lot of people there. That is something we will have to do. Dr. Istre stated that the Secretary of State's office contacted her today about a grant opportunity. The Secretary of State is willing to work with us. Museums do not make money. They bring in clean dollars. We have to show that the local community is behind it. The museum is open by appointment only right now. We have never charged admission for the museum. At some point we may have to charge admission because it will be worth it. People will pay for it if it's worth seeing.

Mayor Mark Piazza

- Received the wish list from the Park and Rec department, the Fire Chief and Police Chief for the budget. He has met with Lonnie regarding this. The budget is in motion.

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- the Omelette Festival was this past weekend and it was a great success. She wanted to thank everyone with the city. The guys did a great job. It was the largest turnout she has seen in the 10+ years she has worked with that organization.
- This Saturday is hazardous waste collection day from 8 AM to 1 PM at the landfill.
- She is working on updating the city's website. She is working on a pilot program for businesses that she will try to present at the next meeting to give the Council some information.
- If Headstones Could Talk tour is this Friday and there are still a few tickets available.

- *The Christian Service Center is having a community baby shower on November 7th from 11 AM to 2 PM.*
- *The sidewalk Project in her district on North St. Charles Street and State Street are nearly complete. It didn't go as far as she would've hoped but we did eliminate some major trip hazardous areas.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *What happened in your city this weekend and was quite special. He had the privilege of talking to people from Québec, Michigan and California who were spending their dollars in our town. Don't ever forget that tourism is the cleanest economic development.*
- *I hope you are admiring the nearly completed mural on the Cultural Center building. The artist, Robert Dafford, will be here tomorrow to finish it up. He is an internationally recognized artist.*
- *The splash pad is soon coming together. If you go to Comeaux Park you can see the flagging. The children will have access to that. That is a credit to the Rotary club and the city of Abbeville.*
- *This Saturday the Sip and Savor event put on by the Abbeville Rotary club will be at the Erath community center. That is where you spend your dollars on their fundraiser and they put it back in our community.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *she would like to thank everyone for coming out to the meeting and playing a role in what is happening in our great city.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance

- *he had the honor and privilege to sit with Senator Hensgens and witness the promotion of Lieutenant Scott Desormeaux to Commander of the 256. What an honor that was to be able to see that. Four others were promoted. He was told the reason they are doing that is because they were being deployed.*

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

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Jason Hebert, Lieutenant
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney
Clay Menard, Public Works Director
Gene Sellers, Engineer
Corey LeBlanc, Architect
Ben Rivera, Insurance Agent
Colton Daigle, LWCC
Kelly Courville, U. S. 2020 Census
Reverend Wayne Landry, Former City Councilman

Mayor Piazza asked Reverend Wayne Landry to lead the assembly in prayer. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Ike Funderburk to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Piazza stated he and Brady were blessed way back in our high school days by having Sister Camille Anne Campbell as our assistant principal and math teacher. Sister Camille Anne was at Vermillion Catholic from 1969 to 1980 before she went to Mount Carmel Elementary in New Orleans where she served as the principal there for many years. She restored Mount Carmel Elementary after Hurricane Katrina. She still serves as honorary principal and president of the board. She is celebrating her Jubilee anniversary in vowed life which is 60 years as a Carmelite nun. We want to congratulate her and Brady and I will try to surprise her by hand delivering this proclamation to her. We are designating the month of October as Sister Camille Anne Campbell's anniversary. Councilman Broussard thanked the Mayor for recognizing her and all the career educators in the City of Abbeville. They are very important to our community.

-01 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the proclamation for Sister Camille Anne Campbell. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ben Rivera wanted to take some time to thank the city for their partnership with LWCC. You recently received the check in the amount of \$84,345.45 from LWCC. This is a testament to LWCC in working with the City. Mr. Colton Daigle stated this check was excess surplus money that was distributed to the members. They released a \$136,000,000 dividend. Thank you for your partnership with us. We know the Worker's Comp. renewal was a little higher this year and we are expecting another dividend to be released in the spring of 2020. Although it is not guaranteed, it has occurred since 2003.

-02 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Ms. Terry Broussard to ratify bills paid in the month of September 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Piazza said we have Ms. Kelly Courville tonight to discuss the 2020 United States Census. These numbers are very important to Abbeville because there are a lot of laws that govern what we have to do depending on the size of our city. It is important that we have accurate numbers for our census. Ms. Courville stated it is important to partner with our local governments to get the word out ahead of time. In order for the public to understand they have to understand what this means for them. It is a matter of power and money. If we can get a count that is accurate in the state of Louisiana then we can have the right representation in the United States House of Representatives. If you don't have an accurate count you don't have the correct representation there. We want our count to be accurate and complete. The other end of that is money. Over \$675 million is distributed by the federal government each year. This is in the form of grants and public programs. If you have people that are not filling out the census then you are leaving money on the table. If you want us to have the money to repair the potholes in the road and the federal government gives us money for that, then we need an accurate accounting of individuals. The money will follow the number of people. The census is easy. You can do it online or call in or you can complete it by mail. It is safe and the system cannot be hacked. The data is encrypted. Now we are in the address canvassing part of it. If you don't fill out the form someone will come to you. We are asking you to form a complete count committee with trusted voices in the community that people trust. We will train them and they will go out in the community. Mayor Piazza stated after the count, this could affect how the districts are redrawn.

Plaisance/T. Broussard
Resolution R19-27

A resolution in support of the 2020 United States Census.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wayne Landry was seeking a variance from the ordinance pertaining to the location of trash containers. Mr. Landry ask Ms. Sarah, on October 1st, in the Tax Department for a red sticker to put on his trash can so he would not have to move it away from the road. Prior to receiving the sticker, he received a letter stating that the Vermilion Parish Police Jury has to grant the variance because the City cannot. He is requesting the variance because of his back and he would like to leave his trash can on the curb. He does have an excuse from his doctor. Mayor Piazza asked Mr. Funderburk to address Mr. Landry. Mr. Funderburk stated the City of Abbeville had piggybacked on the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's ordinance. It is the Vermilion Parish Police Jury's trash can so the variance must be granted through them. The City of Abbeville does not have the power to grant that so our hands are tied. He presented the ordinances to Mr. Landry and asked him to visit the Vermilion Parish Police Jury for the variance that he needed.

-03 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve the recommendation of the Insurance Committee from their meeting held on October 1, 2019 to approve the purchase of a Crime Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/White
Ordinance 19-06

An ordinance to amend Section 5-83 and 5-84, pertaining to voluntary demolition of buildings by the owner.

The ordinance 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

Therefore, the motion carried unanimously.

Touchet/White
Ordinance 19-07

An ordinance to amend Section 4-1, Definition of a dangerous dog.

The ordinance 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

Therefore, the motion carried unanimously.

-04 introduced by Mr. Roslyn White and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve change order number 3 to decrease the contract by \$10,939.29 for the LCDBG Sewer System Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously.

-05 introduced by Mr. Francis Plaisance and seconded by Ms. Roslyn White to accept partial payment #6 in the amount of \$26,491.59 payable to M. P. Dumesnil for the LCDBG Sewer System Improvements Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Plaisance/White
Resolution R19-28

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and act of acceptance from M. P. Dumesnil Construction Company, Inc. pertaining to the completion of the contract for FY 2019-2019 LCDBG Sewer System Improvements.

The motion carried unanimously.

-06 introduced by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Plaisance to approve pay application number one in the amount of \$102,384.18 payable to L. Michaud General Contractor for the Main Hangar Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Corey LeBlanc stated that we have excess money available in the grant so we are getting prices to replace the panels in the office portion of the building. We will present that at a later date. We are waiting on the response from Danielle about additional funds perhaps being available for this project.

-07 introduced by Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Francis Touchet, Jr. to approve pay application number 14 payable to Minvielle lumber in the amount of \$21,381.05 and the Sellers Group invoices in the amount of \$867.72 and \$1,360. These are all for the Airport Terminal Building Renovation project. The motion carried unanimously.

Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

- *He will be leaving Thursday for a vacation for the next two weeks. Please do not have any emergencies in the next two weeks.*

Clay Menard, Public Works Director

- *He was able to go with the police jury to look at the airport parking lot. The estimated cost to complete the terminal side is \$18,000 in material and to complete the Omega protein side is \$27,500 in materials. The total cost for the project would be \$45,500. Mayor Piazza stated that Councilman Touchet would reach out to the police jury for their assistance with this project.*
- *Councilwoman White asked Clay to see about paving the hole on Concord Street in front of Bernard Duhon's office before the Omelette Festival.*
- *Councilman Plaisance asked Clay about the right of way behind the old Schwegmann's building. Clay stated it is our power line but there is no electricity flowing to it. The property owner is cutting the property but is not cutting that part.*
- *Councilwoman Broussard asked Clay to keep her updated on the MLK project.*

Jude Mire, Fire Chief

- *We had the fire rating last week. I hope to get the numbers in the next two weeks.*

Councilman Francis Plaisance,

- *Recognized Ms. Sandra Marant who was at the meeting tonight.*
- *The Cattle Festival will be hosting a circus at 4:30 PM and 7:30 PM Tuesday night.*

Councilwoman Terry Broussard

- *Thanks to everyone for attending the meeting tonight.*
- *Had a great time at the Cattle Festival banquet. Come out and enjoy it next year.*

Councilman Brady Broussard, Jr.

- *It is good to educate the public on the importance of the census. We all have that responsibility.*
- *The Farmers Market is this weekend.*
- *There is a shortage of personnel in the Electrical Department. We know there are streetlights out and they have been out and will continue to remain out. They are reported and the department has a list. They are doing the best they can with the amount of people in the department.*

Councilman Francis Touchet, Jr.

- *The new sales tax has kicked in so we need to plan for upcoming meetings regarding the raises.*
- *Individuals need to pick up their political signs as soon as possible hopefully before the beginning of November. Mayor Piazza stated we have an ordinance governing that. Councilwoman White stated she would put that on our Facebook page.*

Councilwoman Roslyn White

- *We will have Sounds on the Square Thursday.*
- *Whittington Veterinary Clinic will be holding an anything over rice event on October 19th. All proceeds go to Vermilion Parish animal aid.*
- *The Giant Omelette Festival will be held November 2 and November 3.*
- *The Christian Service Center will hold its second annual baby shower on November 17.*

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

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

Kathleen S. Faulk
Secretary-Treasurer

Mark Piazza
Mayor

MARK PIAZZA
Mayor

KATHLEEN S. FAULK
Secretary - Treasurer

CITY OF
ABBEVILLE
SINCE 1850
~~November 12, 2019~~



To: Mayor and City Council

From: Sarah Alpough
Director of Revenue

Subject: Agenda Item for November 19, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

Dear Mayor and Council:

**SUBJECT: Discussion of the condemnation of 608 E. OAK ST, OWNED BY BERGER HUNT & GAME CLUB
C/O PETER REAUX.**

Please note that this will be placed on the agenda for the November 19, 2019 Council Meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Alpough
Director of Revenue,
Regulatory Codes & Permits

cc: Kathy Faulk, Secretary-Treasurer
Nicole Nguyen, Council Secretary
Ike Funderburk, City Attorney

COUNCILMEN:
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Councilman at Large

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MEMO

TO: Mayor Mark Piazza and Abbeville City Council

FROM: Clay P. Menard, Public Works Director CPM

DATE: October 10, 2019

RE: 608 East Oak Street

The residence at 608 East Oak Street was inspected today and the residence appears to be in the same deteriorated condition today as when the complaint letter was sent on January 15, 2019. All utilities have been secured since June 2019 and the owner has not purchased a demolition permit to date. Based on the inspection done, the cost to repair the structure to current codes outweighs the cost to demolish it. Therefore, this structure should be condemned and should be demolished. Enclosed are the photographs taken of the residence.





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November 13, 2019

City of Abbeville
Attn: Denise Mire

Re: Lafite Park

Scope of Work #1 – Dog Separation:

Furnish labor, equipment, terminal posts, and cement to install 127 ft. of 6 ft. chain link fencing, no barbed wire. We will also furnish and install 1- 10 ft. double swing gate.

Scope of Work #2 – Lift Station:

Furnish labor, equipment, terminal posts, and cement to install 35 ft. of 6 ft. chain link fencing with three strands of barbed wire. We will also furnish and install 1- 4 ft. single gate.

Scope of Work #3 – Panel Attached to Front Fence Along John Hardy:

Furnish and install 1- 6+1 x 8 ft. panel onto existing terminal post. This has already been completed.

Total: \$ 6, 666.55

Scope of Work #4 – Gate for Dog Separation:

Furnish labor, equipment, gate posts, cement, and 1- 6 ft. wide single gate into existing fence line.

Total: \$ 1, 020.00

Scope of Work #5 – Fencing Over Pipe:

Furnish labor, equipment, terminal posts, and cement to install 60 ft. of 6 ft. chain link fencing with three strands of barbed wire. We will also furnish and install 1- 4 ft. single gate.

Total: \$ 3, 092.00

Total Job: \$ 10,778.55

Note: Braces are not included in price above.

All work performed according to ASTM and UL 325 standards and practices. Our company is licensed in the State of Louisiana (#28139) and licensed with the State Fire Marshal's Office to install gate operators and access controls (#F662). We are fully insured, and a certificate of insurance can be furnished upon request.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to bid this project. If you have any questions, please give us a call at our office.

Regards,
Gloria Michel



Abbeville Municipal Employees Civil Service

PERSONNEL MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Tracette Hillman

DATE: November 13, 2019

Re: Vacant Municipal Civil Service Board Seat

Please be advised that Victoria Nunez' term has expired on the Municipal Employee Civil Service board. I reached out several civic organizations in the community for nominees on October 25, 2019, with a deadline of November 6th. Below are the names I received.

Please take the time to review and I will place this item to be addressed on the next City Council meeting November 19, 2019. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Organization	Nominee	Referred by	Notes
Herod Village	Carlton Campbell	Ronald Darby	
Louisiana Cattle Festival	Denise Mire	Francis Plaisance	Current Employee
Louisiana Cattle Festival	Gale Luquette	Francis Plaisance	Not Abbeville Municipality
Knights of Peter Claver	Leona Hillman	Mary Darby	
Women's Club of Abbeville	Dianne Forsythe	Elaine Dill	
Briggs Learning Center	Akemi Briggs	Patsy Mannie	

Qualifications for nominee:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Abbeville corporate limits for five years preceding this nomination
- A qualified registered voter of the municipality of Abbeville
- Not a candidate for nomination or election to any public office
- Not holding any other public or position of public employment

cc: Mark Piazza, Mayor
Kathy Faulk, Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION NO.: R-19-___

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 19th day of November, 2019, 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, on May 4, 2019 an election was held in the City of Abbeville regarding a sales tax proposition, which provided for the levy and collection of an additional 1/2 percent (0.5%) tax as set forth in the proposition;

WHERE AS, seventy per cent (70%) of the votes cast in said election were in favor of the proposition, thus authorizing the levy and collection of the additional sales tax, effective October 1, 2019;

WHERE AS, all funds (after paying the reasonable and necessary cost and expenses of collecting and administering the tax) collected pursuant to this levy are dedicated to provide sustainable raises for the City's fulltime employees, as determined by the City;

WHERE AS, Mayor Mark F. Piazza does hereby recommend the adoption of new salary structures for all the fulltime employees as more completely set forth in Exhibit "A" for Municipal Employees; Exhibit "B" for Police Department Employees; and Exhibit "C" for Fire Department Employees, with said raises to be effective as follows:

Municipal Employees the pay period beginning January 9, 2020;
Fire and Police Employees the pay period beginning January 2, 2020.

WHERE AS, Mayor Mark F. Piazza further recommends that the raises herein granted shall include the longevity pay provided by LSA R.S 33:2212 (F)(2) and LSA R.S. 33:1992(B).

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Abbeville, acting as the governing authority of said city, does hereby accept the recommendations of Mayor Mark F. Piazza, and does hereby adopt the salary structures reflecting the raises generated by the additional 1/2 cent (0.5%) sales tax as set forth in Exhibits A, B, and C, all of which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, (inclusive of longevity pay) with said raises to be effective on the commencement date of the first pay period for each department in 2020, as follows:

Municipal Employees the pay period beginning January 9, 2020;
Fire and Police Employees the pay period beginning January 2, 2020.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 19th day of November, 2019.

Hon. Mark F. Piazza, Mayor

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

Mr. Francis J. Plaisance
Councilman at Large

Mr. Brady Broussard, Jr.
Councilman District C

Ms. Roslyn R. White
Councilwoman District A

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 November 19, 2019.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Abbeville, Louisiana on this ____ day of November, 2019.

Kathleen S. Faulk, City Secretary/Treasurer