

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023**

Members Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, Jason Edwards, John Sutherland, Louise Aikens

Members Absent: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmember Mathew H. Gambrell

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Absent:

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** Robert Jordan- **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday December 14, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Recognition of the retirement and 19 years of service of Chief Judge William H. McNeil

United Way of the Lakelands – Overview of Services

CITY MANAGER REPORTS**Report No. 1-2023 Approval Requested**

City Events and Festivals Road Closures

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report 1 – 2023. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 2-2023 Information Only

Community Development Annual Impact Report

Report No. 3-2023 Information Only

Henry-Hillcrest Waterline Project

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Steven Marner on the Historic Properties Protection Commission. (Mr. Marner does not wish to serve again).

No nominations were put forward.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Horace Brownlee on the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Mr. Brownlee does wish to serve again).

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to reappoint Mr. Brownlee to the Board of Zoning Appeals. With no other nominations the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Sandi Hood on the Board of Planning Commission. (Ms. Hood does wish to serve again).

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to reappoint Ms. Hood to the Planning Commission. With no other nominations the motion passed unanimously.

Sacred Assembly Event Approval

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the road closure request for the Sacred Assembly Event Permit/Road Closure. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Ambassador to National League of Cities

City Manager Stone explained that an inquiry had been made to send a Councilmember as the City's Ambassador to the National League of Cities Annual Meeting. Council took this as information.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were given.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to enter Executive Session. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of matters concerning the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services.
(Residential Garbage Collection)

Discussion of Employment. (Personnel Matter)

Discussion of matters concerning the proposed location, expansion or provision of services.
(Vendor Business Licenses)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk