

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas.

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Trey Edwards.

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Community Development Director

**Staff Absent:** Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Media Present:** None Present

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Freeman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Crawford.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**ORDINANCES**

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 1-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C., Approving The Financing Of The Construction And Equipping Of Certain Improvements To Sewer Facilities Of The City Of Abbeville, Through The Borrowing Of Not Exceeding Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$948,620)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance No. 1-2020 An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C., Approving The Financing Of The Construction And Equipping Of Certain Improvements To Sewer Facilities Of The City Of Abbeville, Through The Borrowing Of Not Exceeding Nine Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$948,620)

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to amend Ordinance No. 1-2020 to update the language as follows:

Appendix "A", Page 2 of 3 will be updated to include the following language: (Subject to change prior to closing; the total maximum amount of the SRF Loan will not change).

With no objections the motion to amend Ordinance No. 1-2020 was **passed** unanimously.  
With no objections Ordinance No. 1-2020 as amended was **passed** unanimously.

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 2-2020: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance No. 2-2208; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Ordinance No. 2-2020 An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance NO. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 3-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Chapter 2- Administration Article III: Officers And Employees Sec 2-182- Signatures On Checks Of The Code Of Ordinances To Update Personnel Authorized As Banking Signators For The City.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Ordinance No. 3-2020 An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Chapter 2- Administration Article III: Officers And Employees Sec 2-182- Signatures On Checks Of The Code Of Ordinances To Update Personnel Authorized As Banking Signators For The City. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 4-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 2 – Administration Article III: Officers And Employees Sec. 2-103- Bonds Of The Code Of Ordinances To Update Assigned Personnel Positions Required To Be Separately Bonded.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 4-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 2 – Administration Article III: Officers And Employees Sec. 2-103- Bonds Of The Code Of Ordinances To Update Assigned Personnel Positions Required To Be Separately Bonded. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously

1. **Resolution No. 2-2020**

First Amendment To Joint Use Pole Agreement Between The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Frontier Communications Of The Carolinas LLC.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2-2020 Approving First Amendment To Joint Use Pole Agreement Between The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Frontier Communications Of The Carolinas LLC. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

2. **Resolution No. 3-2020**

A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Approving The Of Base Bid Of \$3,840,000 From Harper Corporation For The Long Cane Creek WWTP Upgrades Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Resolution No. 3-2020 Approving A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Approving The Of Base Bid Of \$3,840,000 From Harper Corporation For The Long Cane Creek WWTP Upgrades Project. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 5-2020: Information Only – Business Development & Grant Update.**

**Report No. 6-2020: Information Only –Housing Authority Streets Update.**

**Report No.7-2020: Approval Requested – Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Rebids.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Report No. 3-2020 approving Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Rebids. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Vendor 5 (Contract Building Systems), Option A – 2 Restrooms for \$101,375.00. Councilmembers J. Edwards, Crawford, and Aikens voted in Favor. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Greeson, Grant, Thomas, and Jackson voted in opposition.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to table Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Rebids. Mayor Freeman, and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Grant, Thomas, Jackson, and Aikens voted in favor and Councilmember Crawford voted in opposition.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Jason Walker on the Planning Commission Board which will be expiring on March 8, 2020. (Mr. Walker does not wish to serve again.)**

With no nominations will remain on next month's agenda.

- 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the five-year term of office of Oirraka Jackson on the Housing Authority Commissioners Board which will be expiring on March 13, 2020. (Ms. Jackson has stated she would be willing to serve again if reappointed by City Council)**

Councilmember Grant nominated Oirraka Jackson to be reappointed for a five-year term of office on the Housing Authority Commission.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to table the nomination. Mayor Freeman and Councilmember J. Edwards voted in favor and Councilmembers Greeson, Grant, Thomas, Crawford, Jackson, and Aikens voted in opposition. The motion failed 6-2. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Greeson, Grant, Thomas, Crawford, and Jackson voted in favor and Councilmembers J. Edwards and Aikens voted in opposition to reappoint Oirraka Jackson to a five-year term of office on the Housing Authority Commission. With a vote of 6-2 Oirraka Jackson was reappointed for a five-year term of office on the Housing Authority Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the four-year term of office of Judy Hall on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). Hall recently resigned from the board.**

With no nominations will remain on next month's agenda.

- 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the five-year term of office of Caroline Cobb on the Housing Authority Commissioners board. Cobb recently resigned from the board.**

With no nominations will remain on next month's agenda.

- 3. Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of John Robert Alexander on the Board of Zoning Appeals which ended on January 10, 2020.**

With no nominations will remain on next month's agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

**No actions were taken following the Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:59 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley K. Suttles  
City Clerk