

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

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, Trey Edwards.

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner**

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 Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Presentation of Proclamation

Mayor Santana Delano Freeman Presented a proclamation to Michelle Jackson proclaiming the month of March 2020 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in Abbeville.

ORDINANCES

Second 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. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to table 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 **motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to untable 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 **motion passed unanimously.**

A motion was made by Mayor Freeman and seconded by Councilman Grant to amend Ordinance No. 2-2020 to reflect Abbeville First as the Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond holder.

With no objections the motion to amend Ordinance No. 2-2020 was passed unanimously.
With no objections Ordinance No. 2-2020 as amended was passed unanimously.

Second 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 Thomas and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards 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 **motion passed unanimously.**

Second 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 J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Grant 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 **motion passed unanimously.**

First Reading: Ordinance No. 5-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 2 – Administration Article IV. – Boards, Committees And Commissions To Add A General Responsibility Section For All Boards, Committees And Commissions

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance No. 5-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 2 – Administration Article IV. – Boards, Committees And Commissions To Add A General Responsibility Section For All Boards, Committees And Commissions With no objections **motion passed unanimously.**

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 7-2020: Information Only – State Welcome Center Directors Visit

Report No.-8-2020: Information Only – Integrated Resource Plan Reporting Update

Report No.-9-2020: Information Only – Coronavirus Disease Update

Report No.-10-2020: Information Only – Special Events Form Update

Report No.-11-2020: Information Only – Hydroelectric Plant Turbine Update

Report No.-12-2020: Approval Requested – Hospitality Revenue Bond Financial Approval

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Report No. 12-2020 approving the Hospitality Revenue Bond Financial Approval. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to amend Report No. 12-2020, to reflect Abbeville First as the Hospitality revenue Bond holder.

With no objections the motion to amend Report No. 12-2020, was **passed unanimously.**

With no objections Report No. 12-2020 as amended was **passed unanimously.**

Report No.-13-2020: Approval Requested – Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Rebids

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 13-2020 approving the Wilson Hill Park Bathroom Rebids. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Mayor Freeman to untable Wilson Hill Park bathroom rebids.

A motion was made by Mayor Freeman and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to cancel bids for Wilson Hill Park Bathroom.

With no objections the motion to untable Report No. 13-2020, was **passed unanimously**.
With no objections the motion to cancel bids for Wilson Hill Park Bathroom was **passed unanimously**.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Scott White on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which will be expiring on April 11, 2020. (Mr. White has stated he would be willing to serve again if re-appointed by City Council.)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to re -appoint S. White to a three-year term of office on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

2. **Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Mark Meyers on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which will be expiring on April 11, 2020. (Mr. Meyers has stated he does not wish to serve again.)**

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

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).**

Councilmember Grant nominated Jennifer Creswell to fill the one-year term of office on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

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).**

Councilmember Aikens nominated Janie Aikens to fill the one-year term of office on the Housing Authority Commissioners. With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

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. (Mr. Alexander has stated he would be willing to serve again if reappointed by City Council).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to reappoint J. Alexander to a three-year term of office on the Board of Zoning Appeals. With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

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

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

5. **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)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to reappoint O. Jackson to a five-year term of office on the Housing Authority Commissioners. With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

1. **Discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements – Discussion of animal control agreement and Discussion of building purchase (City Manager, Blake Stone)**
2. **Receipt of legal advice from City Attorney – Public relations (Mayor Delano Freeman)**

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 Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:48 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley K. Suttles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'A'.

Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk