

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, H. Doyle Kidd, A. Faye Thomas and Augustus E. Wilson.

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Amber M. Price – Human Resources Director and City Clerk, Ron Bosler, Police Chief, Neal Dickenson – Fire Chief, Lee Hesson – Codes Enforcement Officer, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Media Present:** Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Conor Hughes – **Index Journal**

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 Wilson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, and the Special City Council Meeting and Work Session held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

- 1. Paul Burgin, Mackey McCaslan, Bob Shirley, Lamar West, Sandi Hood, Pete Gingerich, Susan Jordan, and Earlene Boggero –**

All spoke on the purposed rental ordinance.

**ORDINANCES**

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 3-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Authorizing The Implementation Of Rental Permitting And Accompanying Standards That Will Serve To Maintain Public Safety And A Minimum Quality Of Life Standards Within The City.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table Ordinance No. 3-2018 authorizing the implementation of rental permitting and accompanying standards that will serve to maintain public safety and a minimum quality of life standards within the City. Councilmembers Greeson, Wilson, Crawford and Jackson voted in favor. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant, Kidd and Thomas voted in opposition. The **motion failed** 4-4. A motion was then made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Kidd to approve Ordinance No. 3-2018 authorizing the implementation of rental permitting and accompanying standards that will serve to maintain public safety and a minimum quality of life standards within the City. A motion was then made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table Ordinance No. 3-2018 authorizing the implementation of rental permitting and accompanying standards that will serve to maintain public safety and a minimum quality of life standards within the City. Councilmembers Wilson, Greeson, Thomas, Crawford and Jackson voted in favor. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant and Kidd voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 5-3.

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 4-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Authorizing The Land Lease Agreement Between The City of Abbeville and the Celco Partnership For Real Property Located At 310 Cambridge Street, Abbeville, South Carolina For The Use Of A Cell Tower.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance No. 4-2018 authorizing the land lease agreement between the City of Abbeville and the Celco Partnership for real property located at 310 Cambridge Street, Abbeville, South Carolina for the use of a cell tower. The **motion passed** unanimously.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 12-2018: Approval Requested – Special Events Permit requesting approval for road closures (N. Main, S. Main, Square, Trinity, W. Pickens and Washington) on Wednesday, May 2 – Sunday morning May 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Abbeville 2018 Spring Festival.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the special events permit requesting approval for road closures (N. Main, S. Main, Square, Trinity, W. Pickens and Washington) on Wednesday, May 2 – Sunday morning May 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the annual Abbeville 2018 Spring Festival. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Report No. 13-2018: Information Only – Santee Cooper Grant award.**

**CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for February 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- 1. Discussion of the National League of Cities Service Line Program. Dennis Lyon with the National League of Cities would like to attend the April City Council meeting if City Council is interested in pursuing this program for our community.**
- 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year terms of office of Caroline McGee, Aubrey Cheek and Bill Williams who have resigned from the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission).**

Councilmember Kidd made a nomination to appoint Karen Sherwood to fill the remainder of the four year term of office of Carolina McGee to the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission). All councilmembers voted in favor of this nomination.

Councilmember Grant made a nomination to appoint Katherine Harcarik to fill the remainder of the four year term of office of Aubrey Cheek to the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission). All councilmembers voted in favor of this nomination.

No nomination were made to fill the four year term of Bill Williams.

- 3. Consideration of appointment to fill the unexpired 5 year term of office of O.H. Reid who recently passed away. Mr. Reid's term on the Housing Authority Commission would have expired on March 10, 2020.**

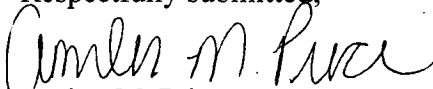
Councilmember Wilson made a nomination to appoint Oirrika Jackson to fill the remainder of the five year term of office of O.H. Reid to the Housing Authority Commission. All councilmembers voted in favor of this nomination.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:08 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber M. Price

City Clerk