

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Matthew H. Gambrell, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, John Sutherland

Members Via Phone:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Mike Clary – Executive Administrator/City Clerk

Staff Via Phone:

Staff Absent: Laura Snelling, CFO, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner** N/A - **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

OATH OF OFFICE

Councilman-Elect John Sutherland was sworn into office by William McNeil, City Judge.

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2-2021: Second Reading

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter II – Administration, Article II. – City Council, Division 2. Meeting And Rules Of Procedure Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adjust The Meeting Times For Regular City Council Meetings.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to Approve Ordinance No. 2-2021.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and Seconded by Councilmember Jackson to amend the Ordinance to the 2nd Wednesday at 7PM. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Councilmember Greeson and Seconded by Councilmember Crawford to pass the ordinance as amended. The Ordinance passed unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021: Amendment 1st Reading

An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 14 – Planning And Development Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adopt The Provisions Of The Bailey Bill Concerning A Special Tax Assessment For Rehabilitated Historic Property And Various Matters Related Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to Approve Ordinance No. 1-2021 as amended. The amendment passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of David Bacon on the Planning Commission which expired on February 14, 2021 (Mr. Bacon was unable to be reached by Staff).

Councilmember Jason Edwards nominated David Bacon. After presentation and discussion, Council voted unanimously to reappoint David Bacon to the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to table the other two terms of office on the Planning Commission until the next scheduled meeting.

Mayor Edwards discussed the Community Clean-up day on March 20 and the positive response. Councilman Jackson noted the need to pick up bags after the cleanup. Councilman Sutherland noted that more signage may be helpful. Mayor Edwards also noted that a City "Adopt a Road" Program may be useful.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 6:42 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
City Clerk