

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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, 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 & 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 Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table the minutes from the emergency City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**1. Jason Hite, Local Resident**

Mr. Hite addressed Council with questions and concerns regarding Ordinance No. 7-2020.

**PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS - None**

**ORDINANCES**

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

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 7-2020: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville Declaring A Curfew In The City Of Abbeville Beginning On Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

No action was taken. Ordinance 7-2020 will be removed from the agenda.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 12 -2020: Information Only**  
COVID – 19 Update on City’s operations

**Report No.- 13 -2020: Information Only**  
Enforcement Update – Governor’s Orders

**Report No.- 14 -2020: Information Only**  
Capital Projects Update

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. Discussion of Utility Fees. (Councilman Jim Grant)
2. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Wayne Evans on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which will be expiring on May 10, 2020. **(Evans has stated he would be willing to serve again if reappointed by City Council)**

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to re-appoint Wayne Evans to a four-year term of office on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.  
With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

3. Discussion of Reporting for Census (City Manager Blake Stone)

**OLD BUSINESS –**

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to table all nominations for board appointments until Council can meet again in person. 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 expired on April 11, 2020. **(Mr. Meyers has stated He does not wish to serve again).**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to table all nominations for board appointments until Council can meet again in person. With no objections **motion passed** unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

Executive session was held in a separate meeting via teleconference.

1. Discussion of compensation of the City of Abbeville's employees. **(Councilman Trey Edwards)**

**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 8:12 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley K. Suttles  
City Clerk