

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Trey Edwards, 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, Mike Antoniak – Public Works Director and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

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

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 regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, and the Special City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**OATH OF OFFICE**

- 1. Councilman Elect Trey Edwards sworn into office by Ed Strickland, Associate City Judge for the City of Abbeville.**

Trey Edwards was sworn into office as Councilman by Ed Strickland, Associate City Judge.

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Blake Stone, City Manager - Introductions**

City Manager Blake Stone introduced Mike Antoniak as the new Public Works Director and Laura Snelling as the new Chief Financial Officer.

## **2. Ron Bosler, Police Chief - Introduction**

Police Chief Ron Bosler introduced Dwane Balchin, a new City Police Officer.

## **3. Mayor Santana Delano Freeman – Presentation of Proclamation**

Mayor Freeman presented a proclamation to LeSean Tutt, Founder/CEO of Dreams With Open Arms, Inc. in Calhoun Falls, S.C. The proclamation proclaims the month of May 2018 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Abbeville, South Carolina.

## **4. Chad Charles, Director Habitat for Humanity**

Director of Habitat for Humanity Chad Charles presented the role of Habitat for Humanity and other housing non-profits in community revitalization.

## **ORDINANCES**

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 5-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Amending The Definitions & The District Regulations Section In The Zoning Ordinance To Address The Evolving Housing Market.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table Ordinance No. 5-2018 amending the definitions & the district regulations section in the zoning ordinance to address the evolving housing market. Councilmembers Grant, Wilson, Crawford, Edwards, Jackson, and Greeson voted in favor. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Thomas and Kidd voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 6-3.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 1-2018: A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Creating The Abbeville Brownsfield Taskforce To Assist With The Environmental Protections Agency Brownsfield Grant Application.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Kidd to approve Resolution No. 1-2018 creating the Abbeville Brownsfield Taskforce to assist with the environmental protections agency Brownsfield Grant Application. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant, Greeson, Thomas, Kidd and Edwards voted in favor. Councilmembers Wilson, Crawford, and Jackson voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 6-3.

**Resolution No. 2-2018: A Resolution Of The City of Abbeville, S.C. Approving The Rural Development Loan & Grant Application For The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 2-2018 approving the rural development loan & grant application for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL****Report No. 19-2018: Approval Requested – Non-Binding Letter Of Interest For PMPA Contract.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve the non-binding letter of interest for PMPA contract. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Report No. 20-2018: Information Only – The City of Abbeville has been awarded the S.C. Department of Transportation Grant Award in the amount of \$398,680.00.**

**Report No. 21-2018: Approval Requested – Special Events Permit from the Abbeville/Greenwood Jaycees requesting that the West side of the Square and the turn arounds on the North and South ends of the Square be closed from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for the Bargains On The Bricks fundraiser for SC Jaycees Camp Hope. In case of rain we are requesting approval for the following Saturday on June 16, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the special events permit from the Abbeville/Greenwood Jaycees requesting that the West side of the Square and the turn arounds on the North and South ends of the Square be closed from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 for the Bargains on the Bricks fundraiser for SC Jaycees Camp Hope. In case of rain we are requesting approval for the following Saturday on June 16, 2018 from 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS –**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to move the June City Council meeting from June 12, 2018 to June 19, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Bill Williams who resigned from the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission).

No nominations were made.

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 –**

1. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property (Plantation Drive, Parcel I.D. 122-10-04-023).
2. Discussion of the development of security personnel (Gang Mitigation Taskforce discussion).

**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 Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:17 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber M. Price  
City Clerk