

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018**

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, Matt Harris – Assistant Police Chief, Dwane Balchin – Police Corporal and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Patricia Edwards – **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 Kidd and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Jason Walker

Spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 6 – 2018.

INTRODUCTION/PRESENTATION

1. Representatives with West Carolina Telephone Co. –

Representatives Richey and Allison Stone spoke about the Smart Rural Community Award.

2. Presentation on Drug Awareness

Police Corporal Dwane Balchin of the City of Abbeville Police Department gave a presentation on drug awareness.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 6-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Authorizing The Creation Of Open Beverage Zones During The Hogs & Hens BBQ Festival.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve Ordinance No. 6-2018 authorizing the creation of open beverage zones during the Hogs & Hens BBQ Festival. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Greeson, Kidd, Wilson and Edwards voted in favor. Councilmembers Grant, Crawford, Jackson and Thomas voted in opposition. The **motion passed 5-4.**

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 23-2018: Information Only – The City Manager and Police Chief plan to attend the August Abbeville Housing Authority Meeting pertaining to crime prevention.

Report No. 24-2018: Approval Requested – Requesting approval for the City Manager to sign the Memorandum Agreement for the Detention of Juveniles that the City has with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ).

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve for the City Manager to sign the Memorandum Agreement for the Detention of Juveniles that the City has with the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Report No. 25-2018: Information Only – Social Media Moderation Policy Update.

CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Recognition of Councilmember Faye Thomas

Mayor Freeman recognized Councilmember Faye Thomas for her appointment as Chairwoman for Upper Savannah's Council of Government. Her term of office began on July 1, 2018 and will expire on June 30, 2020.

2. Presentation by Councilman Trey Edwards

Councilman Trey Edwards gave a presentation on alcohol being sold in Abbeville on Sundays. A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to have a workshop to discuss a referendum regarding Sunday alcohol sales for both retail establishments and restaurants. The workshop will be held at 6 pm followed by a special meeting at 6:30 pm. Councilmembers Grant, Greeson, Thomas, Wilson, Kidd, Crawford, Edwards and Jackson voted in favor. Mayor Freeman voted in opposition. The **motion passed 8-1.**

3. Presentation by Cardno regarding Brownfields

Gail Jeter gave a presentation regarding information about Brownfields.

OLD BUSINESS – none

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

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

1. Followup on City Manager's Evaluation.

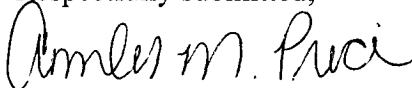
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

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 Edwards to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:48 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber M. Price
City Clerk