

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR & ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

Members Present: Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Trey Edwards, Benjamin P. Greeson Jr., James R. Grant, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas.

Via Phone: None

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, Thomas E. Hite, III - City Attorney

Via Phone: Laura Snelling – CFO

Media Via Phone: Henry Green – 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 Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember T. Edwards to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS

1. 2020 Small Business Grant Awards
(City Manager, Blake Stone)

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE NO. 9-2020: Emergency Ordinance

An Ordinance continuing The State Of Emergency in The City Of Abbeville, Providing Emergency Procedures For Meetings, And Temporarily Suspending Certain Procurement Rules During The Continuance Of Such Emergency.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve An Ordinance continuing The State Of Emergency in The City Of Abbeville, Providing Emergency Procedures For Meetings, And Temporarily Suspending Certain Procurement Rules During The Continuance Of Such Emergency. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 8-2020: Second Reading

An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Entitled“ An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance No. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto” To Adjust The Date Of The First Payment Due Thereunder.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Entitled“ An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2020, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$425,000; Amending Ordinance No. 2-2008; And Other Matters Relating Thereto” To Adjust The Date Of The First Payment Due Thereunder. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

3. ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020: First Reading

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 11 – Nuisances, Article I. – In General, And Article II. – Exterior Property Maintenance.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember T. Edwards to approve An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 11 – Nuisances, Article I. – In General, And Article II. – Exterior Property Maintenance. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Grant, T. Edwards, and Aikens voted in favor and Councilmembers Thomas, Crawford, and Jackson voted in opposition.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020: First Reading

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Ordinance 11-2019 To Account For The Changes To The Cost Of Secondary Roll Carts.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Ordinance 11-2019 To Account For The Changes To The Cost Of Secondary Roll Carts. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 24 -2020: Approval Requested**

Mill Village Waterline Bids

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No. 24-2020 approving the Mill Village Waterline Bids. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

2. **Report No. 25 -2020: Approval Requested**

Information Technology RFQ

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Report No. 25-2020 approving the Information Technology RFQ.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table Report No. 25-2020. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

3. **Report No. 26 -2020: Approval Requested**

Civic Center Event Hall RFQ

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 26-2020 approving the Civic Center Event Hall RFQ. With no objection the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

4. **Report No. 27 -2020: Information Only**

Chestnut & Wilson Hill Bathroom Update

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Citizens Inquiries about a Face Mask Ordinance.
(City Manager, Blake Stone)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

1. Discussion of Personnel Matters. (City Manager Review)
2. Discussion of the Appointment of Committee Members.
3. Discussion of the Proposed Sale of Property.
(Lake Secession Property).

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 Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:37 p.m. The **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley K. Suttles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk