

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR & ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020**

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

Via Phone: Jason Edwards, Christopher R. Crawford

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 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 Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the Budget Work Session held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - None

PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS - None

ORDINANCES

1. ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020: Second 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 Greeson and seconded by Councilmember J. 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to Amend Ordinance No. 10-2020 to update the language as follows:

(c) It shall be the duty of the city’s code enforcement officer to serve, or cause to be served, a notice upon the owner of any premises on which a nuisance as described in Chapter 11 – Nuisances, section 11-1 and the international property maintenance code, as adopted within section 5-27 of this Code, is permitted to grow or accumulate in violation of the provisions of this chapter and to demand the abatement of the nuisance within 14 days. In addition, such notice shall warn the owner that the property will be periodically monitored by the city codes enforcement officer for the remainder of the calendar year, **and a secondary violation will constitute a demand to abate the nuisance within 7 days. After the second violation**, no further notice will precede summons for repeat violations for the remainder of the calendar year. A copy of the notice of violation shall be sent to the occupant of the premises as well.(d) If the person served with the notice pursuant to section 11-2., subsection (c), does not abate the nuisance within 14 days **for the first violation, or 7 days for the second violation**, or, if the person previously served has a repeat violation prior to the end of the calendar year, the appropriate city department may proceed to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement and such expense shall be charged and paid by such owner. Bills for the abatement of a nuisance shall be sent to the owner of the property of the premises and shall be due and payable within 30 days. After 30 days, any bill not paid shall accrue interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per annum. In lieu of a city department abating the nuisance, the city manager may bid the work to a commercial contractor.

Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Aikens, T. Edwards, Grant, Greeson, Thomas, and J. Edwards voted in favor. Councilmembers Jackson and Crawford voted in opposition. The motion passed 7-2.

Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Grant, Thomas, T. Edwards, and Aikens voted in Favor of Ordinance No. 10-2020 as amended. Councilmembers Crawford and Jackson voted in opposition of Ordinance No. 10-2020 as amended. The motion passed 7-2.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020: Second 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 Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford 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 objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020: First Reading**

An Ordinance To Adopt The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget For The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Provide For The Levy Of Taxes And The Collection Of Fees That Are Necessary For Operational And Capital Appropriations.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve An Ordinance To Adopt The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget For The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Provide For The Levy Of Taxes And The Collection Of Fees That Are Necessary For Operational And Capital Appropriations. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2020**

Authorizing And Approving The Acceptance Of Certain Loan Assistance Monies From The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; Authorizing The City To Execute That Certain Loan Assistance Agreement Between The City Of Abbeville And The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 4-2020, Authorizing And Approving The Acceptance Of Certain Loan Assistance Monies From The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; Authorizing The City To Execute That Certain Loan Assistance Agreement Between The City Of Abbeville And The South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**1. Report No. 25 -2020: Approval Requested**

Information Technology RFQ.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 25-2020 Information Technology RFQ. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

2. Report No. 28 -2020: Approval Requested

Chestnut & Wilson Hill Bathroom Rebids.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No. 28-2020 approving the Chestnut & Wilson Hill Bathroom Rebids. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Thomas, Crawford, Jackson, T. Edwards and Aikens voted in favor. Councilman Grant voted in opposition. The motion passed 8-1.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to Approved RJ Dean Construction, option A - \$89,470.00 for the construction of two stalled restrooms at each park. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers J. Edwards, Greeson, Thomas, Crawford, Jackson, T. Edwards and Aikens voted in favor. Councilman Grant voted in opposition. The motion passed 8-1.

3. Report No. 29 -2020: Information Only

Solid Waste Management Grant.

4. Report No. 30 -2020: Information Only

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program For McGowan Street.

5. Report No. 31 -2020: Approval Requested

Hydro Electric Plant Turbine Generator Engineer Approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 31-2020 approving the Hydro Electric Plant Turbine Generator Engineer Approval. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Of Hogs & Hens Festival Relating To COVID – 19.
2. Yard Of The Month Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. Discussion Of The Appointment Of Members To A Public Body.
(City Committees)
2. Discussion Of Negotiations To Proposed Contractual Arrangements.
(City Of Abbeville & Calhoun Falls Water Service Resolution Agreement)
3. Discussion Of 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 Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:43 p.m. The **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk