

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019**

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

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Anderson – Assistant City Manager, Amber Price – HR Director and City Clerk, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, Tim Hall – Public Utilities Director and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Aleks Gilbert – **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 Thomas.

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, July 9, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

1. Natalie Howland – City Resident

Natalie Howland spoke regarding support from City Councilmembers.

2. Susan Jordan, HPPC Member

Susan Jordan spoke regarding proposed Ordinance No. 8-2019.

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Gerard Ridzon, Cardno

Gerard Ridzon with Cardno spoke on a Downtown Revitalization Plan for the City of Abbeville.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading: Ordinance No. 8-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Ordinance 1-2006, the Historic Properties Protection Ordinance, as Revised in 2012, to Better Develop the Design Review Process and to Include Updated Responsibilities for Commission Members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to untable Ordinance No. 8-2019 amending Ordinance No. 1-2006, the Historic Properties Protection Ordinance, as Revised in 2012, to Better Develop the Design Review Process and to Include Updated Responsibilities for Commission Members. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Greeson, Grant, Crawford, Jackson and Aikens voted in favor. Councilmembers Thomas and T. Edwards voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 6-2.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Grant to table Ordinance No. 8-2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

First Reading: Ordinance No. 10-2019: An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of A Not Exceeding Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2019a, Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Ordinance No. 10-2019 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of A Not Exceeding Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2019a, Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina and Other Matter Relating Thereto. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

First Reading: Ordinance No. 11-2019: An Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 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 Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approved Ordinance No. 11-2019 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 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

Resolution No. 9-2019: A Resolution Committing The City Of Abbeville To Providing A Local Match For A Municipal Association Of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant And Following Its Procurement Policy When Securing Services And Products With Grant Funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 9-2019 Committing The City Of Abbeville To Providing A Local Match For A Municipal Association Of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant And Following Its Procurement Policy When Securing Services And Products With Grant Funds. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**Report No. 24-2019: Approval Requested – Agreement for the Detention of Juveniles.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No. 24-2019 approving the Agreement for the Detention of Juveniles. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Report No. 25-2019: Information Only – Solid Waste Collection Services Update.**Report No. 26-2019: Information Only – ALERRT Training Course****CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for July 2019.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Discussion of the Wilson Hill Park bathrooms improvements.**
2. **Discussion of City email addresses for City Councilmembers.**

OLD BUSINESS –

1. **Fireworks Festival Follow Up Discussion.**
2. **Consideration of appointment to fill the three year term of office of Kathryn Harcarik on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). Kathryn recently resigned from the board.**

Councilmember Grant nominated Tom Coughlin. With no objections Tom Coughlin was appointed to fill the three year term of office of Kathryn Harcarik on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

1. **Discussion of the Expansion of City Services (Water and Sewer Services).**
2. **Discussion of Contractual Matters (Annexation).**
3. **Discussion of Contractual Matters (PMPA Contracts).**
4. **Discussion of the Purchase of Property by the City of Abbeville.**

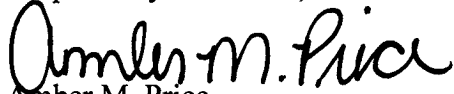
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

No actions were taken following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:20 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber M. Price". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Amber M. Price
City Clerk