

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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, Tim Hall – Public Utilities Director, 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 Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, and the City Council Work Session and Special City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**INTRODUCTION/PRESENTATION**

**1. Mayor Santana Delano Freeman**

Mayor Freeman spoke in honor of Fredric D. “Freddy” Thomas who passed away on Friday, July 27, 2018.

**2. Presentation by Natasha Pinckney, Founder of the Non-Profit Organization J’S Freezone**

Natasha Pinckney made a presentation about her organization and how they assist lower income families, and requested support from the City of Abbeville. She also spoke about the upcoming community event she will be hosting at the Pete Smith Complex on Saturday, August 25, 2018, from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**ORDINANCES**

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 7-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Calling For A Referendum And Ballot Question In Regards To Alcohol Liquor Sales On Sunday By Properly Licensed And Certified Premises.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ordinance No. 7-2018 calling for a referendum and ballot question in regards to alcohol liquor sales on Sunday by properly licensed and certified premises. A motion to amend Ordinance No. 7-2018 was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to have options A & B on the referendum and ballot question in regards to alcohol liquor sales on Sunday by properly licensed and certified premises. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant, Greeson, Thomas, Wilson, Kidd, Edwards, and Jackson voted in favor. Councilmember Crawford voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 8-1.

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 8-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Authorizing The Extension Of The Service Agreement With B&K Carnival Company To Provide Amusement Rides And Food Vending Services For The Annual Spring Festival.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Kidd to approve Ordinance No. 8-2018 authorizing the extension of the service agreement with B&K Carnival Company to provide amusement rides and food vending services for the annual Spring Festival. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 27-2018: Approval Requested – Budget adjustment for FEMA reimbursement.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the budget adjustment for FEMA reimbursement. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Report No. 28-2018: Approval Requested – Special Events Permit from Tim Hall requesting that Trinity Street be closed from 3:00 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018, for the Abbeville County Farmer’s Market “Farm to Fork Dinner”.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the special events permit from Tim Hall requesting that Trinity Street be closed from 3:00 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2018, for the Abbeville County Farmer’s Market “Farm to Fork Dinner”. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Report No. 29-2018: Information Only – Compensation Survey on City employees.**

**Report No. 30-2018: Approval Requested – Request closure of Square on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a parade which will begin at 1:00 p.m. for the dedication of the S.C. Signers Monument on Secession Hill.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve the closure of the Square on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for a parade which will begin at 1:00 p.m. for the dedication of the S.C. Signers Monument on Secession Hill. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers Grant, Greeson, Wilson, Kidd, and Edwards voted in favor. Councilmembers Thomas, Crawford, and Jackson voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 6-3.

### **CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS –**

#### **1. Discussion of the closing of one end of Calvert Street.**

Councilmember Jim Grant discussed closing one end of Calvert Street in the City of Abbeville.

### **OLD BUSINESS – None**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

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

- 1. Discussion of Rural Development Financing options.  
(Debbie Green, Area Specialist with Rural Development)**
- 2. Consult with City Attorney on utility payment.  
(Blake Stone, City Manager)**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve the Rural Development Financing options. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:35 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber M. Price  
City Clerk