

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

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

Members Absent: Trey Edwards

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.

Staff Via Phone: Laura Snelling – CFO

Media Present: None

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 Jackson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS -

Mayor Freeman presented a Proclamation to Krissi Raines Of Mental Health First Aid Program, Abbeville, South Carolina, Recognizing September As Suicide Awareness And Prevention Month.

ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020: Second 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 Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford 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.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2020: First Reading**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Establishing An Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Establishing An Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 31 -2020: Information Only**

Zoning Administration.

2. **Report No. 32 -2020: Approval Requested**

Cornerstone Contract of Services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve Report No. 32 -2020 approving the Cornerstone Contract of Services. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

3. **Report No. 33 -2020: Approval Requested**

Phase III Cornice Installation and Opera House Roof Repair Bid.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 33-2020 approving the Phase III Cornice Installation And Opera House Roof Repair Bid. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

4. **Report No. 34 -2020: Information Only**
Census Update.
5. **Report No. 35 -2020: Approval Requested**
Opera House Consultant Approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Report No. 35-2020 approving the Opera House Consultant. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Description Of Executive Session Topics.**
2. **Discussion Of Unoccupied Properties On The Square.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Hogs & Hens Festival.**
(City Manager, Blake Stone)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

1. **Receipt Of Legal Advice Relating To A Potential Claim.**
(Intergovernmental Agreements)

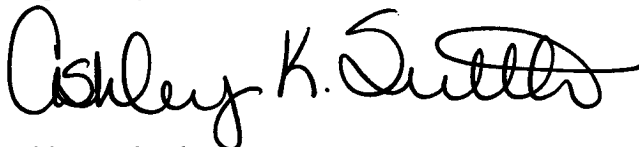
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

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 8:49 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk