

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

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, Neal Dickenson – Fire Chief, Ron Bosler – Police Chief, Matt Harris – Assistant Police Chief, Michael Clary – Economic Development Coordinator and Grants Writer, Emily Bledsoe – Program and Events Coordinator, 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 Kidd and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

1. Lee Logan – Freshwater Coast Foundation

Mr. Logan spoke regarding the Freshwater Coast Foundation and asked for donations to the Foundation.

INTRODUCTION/PRESENTATION

1. Mayor Pro Tem Faye Thomas

Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Mayor Santana Delano Freeman from 107.3 JAMZ Radio Station in Greenville honoring Mayor Freeman as a 2018 Upstate Black History Maker.

2. Steve Warren, U.S. Marine Corp

Mr. Warren was not present but Councilmember Grant spoke regarding Marine training to be taking place in Abbeville.

3. Blake Stone, City Manager and Michael Clary, Economic Development Coordinator and Grants Writer

Introduction of Emily Bledsoe the City of Abbeville's new Special Events Coordinator.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 5-2018: A Resolution Committing The City Of Abbeville, S.C. To Providing A Local Match For A Municipal Association Of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution No. 5-2018 committing the City of Abbeville, S.C. to providing a local match for a Municipal Association of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Resolution No. 6-2018: A Resolution To Appoint Tim Hall, Public Utilities Director As The Alternate Director For The City Of Abbeville To Serve On PMPA'S Board Of Directors.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution No. 6-2018 appointing Tim Hall, Public Utilities Director as the alternate director for the City of Abbeville to service on PMPA's Board of Directors. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

ORDINANCES

First Reading: Ordinance No. 9-2018: 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 Grant and seconded by Councilmember Kidd to approve Ordinance No. 9-2018 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. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 31-2018: Approval Requested – Request approval of the rebid for the purchasing of a hydraulic excavator for the City of Abbeville.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Edwards to approve of the rebid for the purchasing of a hydraulic excavator for the City of Abbeville. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Report No. 32-2018: Information Only – Opera House Movie Night.

Report No. 33-2018: Information Only – FEMA Assistance To Firefighters Grant Award.

CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the three year term of office of Gloria Bond on the Board of Zoning Appeals which will be expiring on November 10, 2018.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to reappoint Gloria Bond to a three year term of office to the Board of Zoning Appeals. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

- 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Susan Jordan on the HPPC (Historic Properties Protection Commission) which will be expiring on November 10, 2018.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Wilson to reappoint Susan Jordan to a four year term of office on the Historic Properties Protection Commission. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

- 3. Mayor Freeman spoke regarding the Police Department's situation training held on September 11, 2018.**

Mayor Freeman spoke regarding the Police Department's situation training held on September 11, 2018 stating that it was a good training.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

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. Consult with the City Attorney regarding street closures.**
- 2. Legal Matters – Discussion of utility services to other governing bodies. (Blake Stone, City Manager)**
- 3. Discussion of Public Safety – Ordinance related to block parties. (Blake Stone, City Manager)**

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 Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:43 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber M. Price
City Clerk