

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Absent: None

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner**, Robert Jordan – **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 Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the minutes from the Special City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Proclamation** – Honoring the Late Bridie Paul Clinkscales for being an outstanding citizen and her many contributions to the City of Abbeville.
(Mayor Santana Delano Freeman)

2. **Proclamation** – Honoring Demond Dawson on his good deeds to the Community.
(Mayor Santana Delano Freeman)

3. **Proclamation** – Honoring Fred West Jr. on His good deeds to the Community.
(Mayor Santana Delano Freeman)
4. **Recognition** – Clay Hall, a Lt. with The City of Abbeville Fire Department, recently served 17 months in the Middle East. He is being recognized for his service as a Cpl. with the Charlie Company, 4th Battalion, 118th Infantry Regiment, 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team of the South Carolina National Guard.
(Neal Dickenson, Fire Chief)
5. **Introduction** – Toney Gragg, Jacob Wooten, Austin McClain and Carmen Yerkes, are being recognized as new Police Officers with the City Police Department.
(Ron Bosler, Police Chief)
6. **Presentation** – Recognizing Wesley Gibson with a plaque for his twenty – one years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Abbeville. Mr. Gibson retired on July 31, 2020.
(Mayor Santana Delano Freeman)
7. **Presentation** – Aflac Services for City of Abbeville
(Ronda Williams)
8. **Presentation** – Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration.
(Councilman Jason Edwards & Erica McCier)
9. **Presentation** – Private Solid Waste Collection.
(Jennifer Timmons)

ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 13-2020: Second Reading.**

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to Approve Ordinance No. 13-2020. An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Establishing An Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 14-2020: First Reading**

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Ordinance 11-2019 To Account For The Grants The City Has Been Awarded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to Approve Ordinance No. 14-2020. An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Ordinance 11-2019 To Account For The Grants The City Has Been Awarded. With no objections the **motion passed unanimously.**

RESOLUTIONS

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2020**

A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Approving The Annual Update To The City Personnel Manual.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution No. 5-2020 Approving A Resolution Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina Approving The Annual Update To The City Personnel Manual. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 37-2020: Approval Requested**

Community Video Program Agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 37-2020: Community Video Program Agreement. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

2. **Report No. 38-2020: Information Only**

SC Cares Fund Reimbursement.

3. **Report No. 39-2020: Approval Requested**

General Repairs Bids – Opera House.

A motion was made by Councilmember T. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 39-2020: General repairs Bids – Opera House, Vendor 2 (General Construction Services, \$56,767.00). With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

4. **Report No. 40-2020: Approval Requested**

Sounds and Lighting Bids – Opera House.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve Report No. 40-2020: Sounds and Lighting Bids

– Opera House, Vendor 2 (Custom Audio & Lighting, Inc, \$204,446.84). With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

5. **Report No. 41-2020: Approval Requested**

HVAC Bids – Opera House.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Report No. 41-2020: HVAC Bids – Opera House, Vendor 1 (Home Comfort Systems, \$121,900.00). With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously with Councilman Greeson abstaining.**

6. **Report No. 42-2020: Information Only**

Wilson Hill and Chestnut Street Park Bathroom Update.

7. **Report No. 43-2020: Approval Requested**

McGowan Waterline Project RFQ Approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Mayor Freeman to approve Report No. 43-2020: McGowan Waterline Project RFQ Approval, Vendor 1 (Dunn & Shirley). With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Appointment** - Consideration of an appointment of a representative to the Hospital Board of Directors. (4-year term)

Mayor Freeman nominated Lucia Bishop to be appointed to the Hospital Board of Directors for a four-year term. Councilmember Thomas nominated Fannie Coleman to be appointed to the Hospital Board of Directors for a four-year term.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to table the consideration of appointment to the Hospital Board of Directors until next month's meeting. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

2. **Appointment** – Consideration of an appointment of a representative to the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation Board. (3-year term)

Mayor Freeman nominated Councilmember Jason Edwards to fill the three-year term of office on the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation Board. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS – None

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**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

1. **Discussion** - Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements.
(Supplemental Power Agreement).

2. **Discussion** – Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements.
(Water Service Agreements)

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 Crawford to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:53 p.m. The **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk