

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Matthew H. Gambrell, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas.

Members Via Phone: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Neal Dickenson – Fire Chief, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Via Phone: Mike Clary – Community Development Director

Staff Absent: Ashley K. Suttles, City Clerk

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** Robert Jordan - **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards 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 J. Edwards to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. **Presentation** – Recognizing Scott Sutherland’s family with a plaque for his thirty – two (32) years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Abbeville. Mr. Sutherland retired on December 4, 2020.
(Mayor Trey Edwards)

Mayor Edwards presented a plaque to the family of Scott Sutherland for his thirty - two (32) years of service to the City of Abbeville.

2. **Presentation** – Sharon Davis-Norryce and Dr. Trey Moore will discuss the current COVID-19 cases and the roll out plan for vaccinations in the community.

Sharon Davis-Norryce, Dr. Trey Moore, and Cindy Buck -Interim CEO of AAMC, discussed the current COVID – 19 cases and the roll out plan for vaccinations in the community.

OATH OF OFFICE

1. William McNeil, Chief Judge, Carolyn Brownlee, Associate Judge and Ed Strickland, Associate Judge.

Thomas E. Hite, III, City Attorney will administer the Oath of Office to William McNeil, Chief Municipal Judge, Carolyn Brownlee, Associate Municipal Judge, and Ed Strickland, Associate Municipal Judge for a two-year term of office.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

1. **Roger Welborn - Abbeville Hardware**

Roger Welborn spoke regarding an issue with a Firefighter on November 6, 2020, and the Firefighters being instructed not to make purchases there. Mr. Welborn also discussed a personnel issue with communication Regarding the City of Abbeville.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 1 -2021: Information Only**
Information Technology Update
2. **Report No. 2 -2021: Information Only**
Hogs & Hens Economic Impact
3. **Report No. 3 -2021: Information Only**
Public Utilities Credit Card System
4. **Report No. 4 -2021: Information Only**
Bailey Bill Tax Abatement Program
5. **Report No. 5 -2021: Approval Requested**
Mutual Aid Agreement – Police & Sheriff's Department

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 5-2021 approving the Mutual Aid

Agreement – Police & Sheriff’s Department. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Report No. 6 -2021: Approval Requested**

Tie – in Point Land Negotiations

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 6-2021 approving the Tie – in Point Land Negotiations. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Report No. 7 -2021: Approval Requested**

Cooper Sand Dredging Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve Report No. 7-2021 approving the Cooper Sand Dredging Agreement. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Report No. 8 -2021: Approval Requested**

Unit No. 1 Hydro Turbine Generator Repair Bid

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 8-2021 approving the Unit No. 1 Hydro Turbine Generator Repair Bid. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Announcement for Football Championships Proclamation Presentations. January 23rd.**
(Mayor Edwards)
2. **UCMAC Transportation Survey**
(Mayor Edwards)
3. **Capital Projects (Mini Parks)**
(Mayor Edwards)
4. **Mayor Follow – Up with City Council about attending the County Council meeting regarding Animal Control.**

5. Discussion of appointments to Board Openings.
(See Enclosed Board List for Your Information)

The following people spoke before Council regarding the ACPA Board.

1. Jodi Miller
2. Maria Brotherton
3. Taylor Edmunds
4. Audrey Adams
5. Kimberly Broome
6. Joanna Fleming
7. Jordan Clinkscales
8. Mark Meyers
9. Niki Parks
10. Shelley Reid
11. Brad Christie – Erskine College Appointee.

6. Town Hall Meetings
(Mayor Edwards)

7. Spring Citywide Clean-Up

March 20, 2021 Tentative date.

OLD BUSINESS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

A motion was made by Councilmember Aikens and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

- 1. Receipt of Legal Advice from City Attorney (Intergovernmental Solid Waste Agreement) (Position of the Organization in Adversarial Situations - COVID-19)**
- 2. Discussion of Matters Relating to the Proposed Location, Expansion, or the Provision of Services Encouraging the location of businesses in the area served by the City of Abbeville.**
- 3. Appointment of Members to a Public Body**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

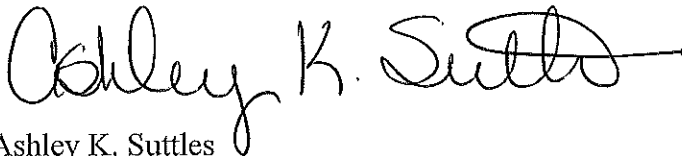
Formation of a Nomination Committee for the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation Board.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to appoint Jason Edwards, Benji Greeson, and Louise Aikens to the Nomination Committee for the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation Board. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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 10:09p.m. The **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley K. Suttles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk