

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Mathew H. Gambrell, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas

Members Via Phone:

Members Absent: Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr, Louise Aikens

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Executive Assistant/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Via Phone: Public Utilities Director Tim Hall

Staff Absent: None

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner** N/A - **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 Crawford to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –

LEGISLATIVE**ORDINANCES****1. ORDINANCE NO. 1-2021: Second Reading**

Second Reading An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 14 – Planning And Development Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adopt The Provisions Of The Bailey Bill Concerning A Special Tax Assessment For Rehabilitated Historic Property And Various Matters Related Thereto.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to Approve Ordinance No. 1-2021. An Ordinance of The City of Abbeville, South Carolina Amending Chapter 14 – Planning And Development Of The City Of Abbeville Code Of Ordinances To Adopt The Provisions Of The Bailey Bill Concerning A Special Tax Assessment For Rehabilitated Historic Property And Various Matters Related Thereto.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**1. Report No. 14-2021: Approval Requested**

Lake Secession Lot

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Report No.14 – 2021, Lake Secession Lot. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Edwards recused himself from this vote due to familial ties with an interested party.

2. Report No. 15-2021: Approval Requested

Additional Hydroelectric Turbine Repair Costs

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No.15 – 2021, Additional Hydroelectric Turbine Repair Costs. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

3. Report No. 16-2021: Approval Requested

Adams Drive Sidewalk

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No.11 – 2021, Adams Drive Sidewalk. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report No. 17-2021: Information Only**
Mini-Park Renovation Update

5. **Report No. 18-2021: Information Only**
Lawncare Management Analysis

Following this report, a motion was made by Mayor Edwards and Seconded by Councilmember Thomas to have Lawncare Management done in house as opposed to subbing it out to a contractor. This motion passed 5-2.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discussion:** Discussion for Special Meeting for Appointments for Committees.

Mayor Edwards noted the community clean up day on March 20th and the Blessing Project during this time.

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 8:00 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
City Clerk