

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**

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

Members Via Phone: Mathew H. Gambrell

Members Absent:

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

Staff Via Phone:

Staff Absent:

Media Present: Henry Greene – **Press and Banner** N/A - **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember J. Edwards.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, and June 2, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

1. Retiree – Wayman Smith

The Mayor presented Retiree Wayman Smith with a plaque and thanked him for 32 years of service.

2. Retiree – Eric Moats

The Mayor thanked Eric Moats for his 33 years of service. (Mr. Moats was unable to attend the meeting)

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 30-2021: Information Only**

Recent Grants Update

2. **Report No. 31-2021: Approval Requested**

Highway 72 Waterline Engineering Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Report No. 31 – 2021, Highway 72 Waterline Engineering Agreement. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Report No. 32-2021: Approval Requested**

Vending Machine Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Report No. 32 – 2021, Vending Machine Agreement. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of James Hoppers on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on October 10, 2020.

2. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Sally Cooke on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on October 10, 2020.

3. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Deborah Sutherland on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on

December 12, 2020.

4. Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of John Robert Alexander on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on January 10, 2020.

Mayor Edwards requested that all commission members wishing to be reappointed come to the next City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Jim Grant spoke about the Bell Ringing at First Baptist to honor Cancer Survivors.

Asia Tate spoke about the Black Excellence Expo to be held at Chestnut Street Park in June.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Aikens and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:27PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk