

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021**

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

Members Via Phone:

Members Absent: Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr

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: 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 Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on June 9, 2021. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Proclamation – Mike Bedenbaugh for his work to Restore the Historic Trinity Church.

Presentation – Caroline Gaddis, Anderson Brew

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2021 Second Reading

An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Establishing Loitering And Failure To Stop Regulations To Encourage Effective Policing Within The City Limits.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Mayor Edwards to approve Ordinance 5-2021. A motion was then made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to amend Ordinance 5-2021; the motion failed 3-5 with Councilmembers Aikens, Crawford, Thomas, Jackson, and J. Edwards opposed. A motion was then made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to table Ordinance 5-2021; the motion failed 3-5 with Councilmembers Aikens, Crawford, Thomas, Jackson, and J. Edwards opposed. Council then voted on Ordinance 5-2021 unamended with the original motion to approve failing 3-5 with Councilmembers Aikens, Crawford, Thomas, Jackson, and J. Edwards opposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-2021: First Reading

An Amendment Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, SC authorizing the rezoning of one property at 540 West Greenwood Street from R-6 to General Commercial.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Ordinance 6-2021. After brief discussion a motion was made by Mayor Edwards and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to table the Ordinance until further information could be obtained. The motion passed unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 33-2021: Information Only

Spring Festival Economic Impact Report

Community Development Director Austin Walker presented the Spring Festival Economic Impact Report.

Report No. 34-2021: Approval Requested

Chestnut Street Park Bathroom Bid

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report No.34 – 2021, Chestnut Street Park Bathroom Bid. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Creation of Additional Thoroughfare in The City (Mayor Edwards)

Mayor Edwards discussed that the City is in discussions with the developers of the Village and Oakland Apartment Complexes to create an additional thoroughfare between the two complexes.

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Jennifer Creswell on the Historic Properties Protection Commission which expired on April 11, 2021. (Ms. Creswell does wish to serve again.)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to reappoint Jennifer Creswell. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mayor Edwards to table nominations, the motion was not seconded.

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. (Mr. Hoppers does wish to serve again)

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to reappoint James Hoppers. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

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. (Ms. Cooke does not wish to serve again)

With no appointments the motion was tabled.

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. (Ms. Sutherland does wish to serve again)

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to reappoint Deborah Sutherland. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Keisha Parker on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expires on July 18, 2021. (Ms. Parker does wish to serve again)

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to reappoint Keisha Parker. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to enter Executive Session. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:34 PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously**.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk