

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Staff Absent: Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Gambrell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday August 10, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Proclamation – Recognizing the 155th Anniversary of Historic St. James A.M.E Church and declaring September 22, 2022 as Historic St. James A.M.E. Day.

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2022 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES AND THE COLLECTION OF FEES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Ordinance 10 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C. AMENDING CITY OF ABBEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-26, AND CITY OF ABBEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE II, SECTION 14-26 TO UPDATE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF EXPIRED TERMS.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Ordinance 11 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022 FIRST READING

AN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC AUTHORIZING THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER #108-00-00-111 FROM R-10 TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Ordinance 12 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2022 FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C. AMENDING CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS AND ORDINANCE NO. 3-1987 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH UPDATED LANGUAGE FOR THE IMPOUNDMENT OF ANIMALS

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 13 – 2022. After discussion concerning response times and the current provision of animal control services in the City the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 5-2022

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EXPENDITURE OF CITY FUNDS AS A REQUIRED MATCH FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE ABBEVILLE CITY CHESTNUT PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution 5 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Report No. 24-2022 Approval Requested

Upper Long Cane Waterline Project RFQ

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Report 24 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 25-2022 Approval Requested

Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report 25 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 26-2022 Approval Requested

Abbeville Promise Final Contribution

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Report 26 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Report No. 27-2022 Information Only

Adams Drive Park Update

Report No. 28-2022 Information Only

First Street Park Playground Grant

Report No. 29-2022 Information Only

Haigler-Harrisburg Waterline Principal Loan Forgiveness

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Robbie Weichmann on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on October 10, 2020. (Mr. Weichmann does not wish to serve again)

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell to appoint Gruff Herman to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments were given.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to enter Executive Session. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of appointment to a public body - Housing Authority Appointments

Discussion of appointment to a public body - Board and Commission Training Attendance

Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, receipt of legal advice – Downtown Development, Animal Control Services

Discussion of a proposed sale or purchase of property – Section of North Main Parking Lot

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:45 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk