

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022**

Members Present: Mayor Trey Edwards, Mayor Pro-Tem Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr
Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, James Jackson, A. Faye
Thomas, Mathew H. Gambrell, Jason Edwards

Members Absent: Councilmembers John Sutherland, Louise Aikens

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 Absent:

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 Jackson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on Wednesday September 14, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of New Housing Authority Director – Larry Haqq

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2022 SECOND 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 Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 12 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2022 SECOND 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 Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 13 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2022 FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C., AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7-2021, THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BUDGET TO ACCOUNT FOR INCREASED REVENUE COLLECTION, GRANTS, AND THE SALE OF LAND

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Ordinance 14 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Report No. 30-2022 Information Only

North Main Waterline Project Schedule

Report No. 31-2022 Information Only

Raymond and Johnson CTC Paving Project

Report No. 32-2022 Information Only

Hogs and Hens Festival

Report No. 33-2022 Information Only

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Award

NEW BUSINESS**Discussion of sale of section of N. Main Parking Lot**

City Manager Stone updated Council on the process for the potential sale of a section of the North Main parking lot. Currently the City is waiting on an appraisal to be completed.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Jim Grant on the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Mr. Grant resigned from the board due to his appointment as a Municipal Judge).

No nominations were put forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**Bertha Crawford – Potential Business at 305 Main Street South**

Ms. Crawford discussed her objections to the potential business to be located at this location. She noted that the door of the business would be towards Poplar or Penny Street, not South Main.

Dr. William Boone, Executive Director UCMAC – UCMAC Utility Fees and Contributions

Dr. Boone discussed the contributions of UCMAC to the City's Utility System over the past 15 years and the role of UCMAC in the community. He requested that Council provide a donation of some sort or a proclamation outlining the contributions of UCMAC.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body.
(Annual Review & Housing Authority Appointments)

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

Receipt of legal advice – Business License Denial/Revocation

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Greeson 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