

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019**

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**Members Present:** Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, Trey Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas. Absent was Augustus E. Wilson.

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Amber M. Price – Human Resources Director and City Clerk, Ron Bosler – Police Chief, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Media Present:** Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Aleks Gilber – **Index Journal**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Freeman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** – None

**CITY JUDGES OATH OF OFFICE**

**William McNeil, Chief Judge, Carolyn Brownlee, Associate Judge and Ed Strickland, Associate Judge**

Thomas E. Hite, III, City Attorney administered the Oath of Office to William McNeil, Chief Municipal Judge, Carolyn Brownlee, Associate Municipal Judge, and Ed Strickland, Associate Municipal Judge for a two year term of office.

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

- 1. Mary Chase Ford, Executive Director for the Abbeville Housing Authority presented the Housing Authority Annual Report to City Council.**

**ORDINANCES**

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 13-2018: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Bond Anticipation Note By The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of The Proceeds Of A Sale Of Not Exceeding Three Million Seven Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (3,725,500) Principal Amount Combined Public Utility System Revenue Bond Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to table Ordinance No. 13-2018 authorizing the issuance of a bond anticipation note by the City of Abbeville, South Carolina in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of a sale of not exceeding three million seven hundred twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (3,725,500) principal amount combined public utility system revenue bond of the City of Abbeville, South Carolina. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 14-2018: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville Relating To The Recovery Of Collection Costs As A Part Of Delinquent Debts Collected Pursuant To The Setoff Debt Collection Act.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Ordinance No. 14-2018 relating to the recovery of collections costs as a part of delinquent debts collected pursuant to the setoff debt collection act. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 15-2018: An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of A 1.27 Acre Lot Located At 316 Cambridge Street In The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina At A Price Not To Exceed \$36,500.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ordinance No. 15-2018 authorizing the purchase of a 1.27 acre lot located at 316 Cambridge Street in the City of Abbeville, South Carolina at a price not to exceed \$36,500.00. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**First Reading: Ordinance No. 1-2019: An Ordinance Of The City Of Abbeville, S.C. Establishing A Code Of Ethics For Public Officials And Staff That Provides A Clear Guideline For Expected Conduct.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve Ordinance No. 1-2019 establishing a code of ethics for public officials and staff that provides a clear guideline for expected conduct. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

## FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

**Report No. 1-2019: Approval Requested – Request approval for the purchasing of the Police Chief's new truck.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the purchasing of the Police Chief's new truck. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

## CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for December 2018.

## NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Consideration of appointments to fill the four year term of office of Sandi Hood, Lilla Ray and Steve Davis on the Planning Commission which will be expiring on March 10, 2019.**

Councilmember Jackson nominated Sandi Hood to be reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four year term. With no other nominations council voted unanimously to reappoint Sandi Hood to a four year term of office on the Planning Commission.

No nominations were made to fill the four year terms of office of Lilla Ray and Steve Davis on the Planning Commission so the consideration of appointments will remain on next month's agenda.

- 2. Discussion of the City's proposed Code of Conduct.**

## OLD BUSINESS –

- 1. Consideration of appointment to fill the three year term of office of Steve Maxwell on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Steve resigned from this Board on Monday, November 5, 2018.**

No nominations were made to fill the three year term of office of Steve Maxwell so the consideration of appointment will remain on next month's agenda.

- 2. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Roy Smith on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC). Roy recently verbally resigned from this board.**

No nominations were made to fill the four year term of office of Roy Smith on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC) so the consideration of appointment will remain on next month's agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to go into Executive Session. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

1. **Discussion of the proposed contractual arrangements for the Civic Center.**
2. **Discussion of the City's position in adversarial situations.**

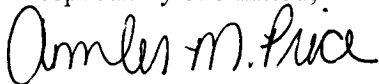
**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

**No actions were taken following the Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to adjourn the City-Council meeting at 8:42 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber M. Price  
City Clerk