

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022**

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

Members Absent: Mayor Trey Edwards

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney, Fire Chief Christopher Clemmons

Staff Absent: Laura Snelling – CFO

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on February 9, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

City Manager Blake Stone Introduced Fire Chief Christopher Clemmons to City Council. Chief Clemmons thanked Council and Manager Stone for the opportunity.

LEGISLATIVE

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE. NO. 2-2022 SECOND READING

AN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE TO UPDATE CHAPTER 6 SECTION 7 OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, POLLING LOCATIONS.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Ordinance 2 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE. NO. 3-2022 SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C., AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ordinance 3 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE. NO. 4-2022 SECOND READING

AN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE TO UPDATE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 2-163 OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 4 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-2022 FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C., AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2021, THE 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET ORDINANCE, TO TRANSFER HOSPITALITY FUNDS FOR THE ADAMS DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT

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

CITY MANAGER REPORTS**Report No. 7-2022 Approval Requested****Civic Center HVAC Bids**

A motion was made by Councilmember Aikens and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Report No. 7 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson recused himself from this vote due to a conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS**Fireworks in the City – Councilman Edwards**

Councilman Edwards facilitated a discussion concerning Fireworks in the City of Abbeville. Input from Council included discussion around updating the current ordinance on the books and setting specific times and dates during which Fireworks would be permitted in the City.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Mark Meyers on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on April 11, 2020. (Mr. Meyers does wish to serve again)

No action was taken on this appointment.

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Willie Mae Burnside on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on August 8, 2021. (Ms. Burnside does wish to serve again)

Council unanimously voted to reappoint Willie Mae Burnside to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-year term of office of Catherine Gray on the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals which expired on June 19, 2021. (Ms. Gray does wish to serve again)

Council unanimously voted to reappoint Catherine Gray to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

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)

No action was taken on this appointment.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of appointment to fill the three-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)

Councilmember Sutherland nominated Jim Grant to fill the three year term of office of Sally Cooke on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on October 10, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of appointment to fill the remainder of the four-year term of office of Theodosia Hoppers on the Historic Properties Protection Commission. (Ms. Hoppers resigned from the HPPC on October 28, 2021)

No action was taken on this appointment.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Ray Peck spoke about utilities in the City of Abbeville.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Contractual Matters.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:11PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several fluid, connected strokes that form a cursive name.

Michael T. Clary
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk