

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
ELECTRONIC CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**

Members Present: Mayor S. Delano Freeman, Councilmembers Louise Aikens, Christopher R. Crawford, Jason Edwards, James R. Grant, Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr., James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, Trey Edwards.

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland – Assistant City Manager, Ashley Suttles – City Clerk, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney.

Staff Absent: None

Media Present: None

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 Crawford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the Emergency City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/ INTRODUCTIONS –

1. **Sheryl Medders (McKinley Cooper & Co., LLC)**
Audit Presentation

Ms. Medders gave a presentation of the City's comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

1. **Report No. 15 -2020: Information Only**
May Covid – 19 Update
2. **Report No. 16 -2020: Information Only**
South Carolina Parks and Recreational & Tourism Undiscovered Grant
3. **Report No. 17 -2020: Information Only**
Second Harvest Food Bank – May 1st
4. **Report No. 18 -2020: Information Only**
High School Graduate Banners

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Discussion of Rental Properties**
(Councilman Trey Edwards)
2. **Discussion of City of Abbeville's Attendance to Summer MASC Meeting**
(Blake Stone City Manager)

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

1. **Receipt of Legal Advice**
(Calhoun Falls Water Bill)
2. **Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements**
(Communication Tower Behind Public Utilities Office)

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 Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley K. Suttles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ashley K. Suttles
City Clerk