

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019**

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.

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

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner**

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 Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Presentation of Proclamation

Mayor Freeman presented a proclamation to LaSean Tutt, Founder/CEO of Dreams With Open Arms, Inc. in Calhoun Falls S.C. The Proclamation proclaims the month of May 2019 as “Step Up & Be Safe Month.”

2. Presentation of Proclamation

Mayor Freeman presented a proclamation to Elder W. Cunningham, III of United House of Prayer, Abbeville, S.C., commemorating the one hundred year establishment of the United House of Prayer in America.

ORDINANCES

Second Reading: Ordinance No. 6-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Approving the Amendment of the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget to facilitate the financing of the Hydroelectric Plant Walkway.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance No. 6-2019 approving the amendment of the 2019 fiscal year budget to facilitate the financing of the Hydroelectric Plant Walkway. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Second Reading: Ordinance No. 7-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds for a Total Not to Exceed \$350,000 and Providing for Publication of Notice for Interim Financing for the Hydroelectric Plant Walkway Upgrade.

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Ordinance No. 7-2019 authorizing the issuance of bonds for a total not to exceed \$350,000 and providing for publication of notice for interim financing for the Hydroelectric Plant Walkway Upgrade. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 4-2019: A Resolution Approving The Application to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program For The Use Of Financing The Upgrades To The Waste Water Treatment Facility In The Amount of \$710,000.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Resolution No. 4-2019 approving the application to the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for the use of financing the upgrades to the waste water treatment facility in the amount of \$710,000. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Resolution No. 5-2019: A Resolution Approving The Signing of a Performance Contract Between the City of Abbeville and Artisan Entertainment LLC.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 5-2019 approving the signing of a performance contract between the City of Abbeville and Artisan Entertainment LLC. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 15-2019: Information Only – Spring Festival Vendor Selection Process.

CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS

City Council received and acknowledged as information the Monthly City of Abbeville Department Activity Reports for April 2019.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. Discussion of deer population within the city limits of the City of Abbeville. (Councilman Jackson)
2. Discussion of electronic monthly reports for City Council meetings.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Annie Belle Tisdale on the (HPPC) Historic Properties Protection Commission which expired April 14, 2019.

Councilmember Jackson nominated Annie Belle Tisdale to fill the four year term of office on the (HPPC) Historic Properties Protection Commission. With no objections the nomination **passed** unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

1. Receive Legal Advice for the City Attorney. (Animal Control Facility)
2. Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements. (Parks and Recreation)

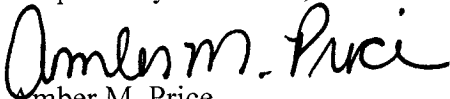
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UP

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 8:35 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Amber M. Price
City Clerk