

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, and Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

Media Present: Henry Green – **Press and Banner** and Aleks Gilbert – **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 Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – none

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

1. Introduction of 2019 Small Business Grant Recipients

Community Development Director introduced the 2019 Small Business Grant Recipients.

ORDINANCES

First Reading: Ordinance No. 8-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Ordinance 1-2006, the Historic Properties Protection Ordinance, as Revised in 2012, to Better Develop the Design Review Process and to Include Updated Responsibilities for Commission Members.

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Ordinance No. 8-2019 amending Ordinance No. 1-2006, the Historic Properties

Protection Ordinance, as Revised in 2012, to Better Develop the Design Review Process and to Include Updated Responsibilities for Commission Members. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

First Reading: Ordinance No. 9-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Ordinance No. 9-2018, the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget to Account for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the Fox Theatre – Opera House Grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance No. 9-2019 amending Ordinance No. 9-2018, the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget to Account for the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant and the Fox Theatre – Opera House Grant. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 6-2019: A Resolution Approving the Signing of a Professional Service Agreement Between the City of Abbeville and the Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 6-2019 approving the signing of a professional Service agreement between the City of Abbeville and the Upper Savannah Council of Governments. Councilmember Thomas abstained from voting. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

Resolution No. 7-2019: A Resolution Approving the Application for Financing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project through the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority.

A motion was made by Councilmember Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Resolution No. 7-2019 approving the application for financing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project through the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 16-2019: Information Only – Hydro Electric Plant Penstock Gate Update.

Report No. 17-2019: Information Only – New Wilson Hill Park Sign Update.

Report No. 18-2019: Information Only – Dumpster Enclosure Around McGowan Avenue.

Report No. 19-2019: Information Only – Tourism Advertising Grant Award for \$4,600.

Report No. 20-2019: Approval Requested – Approval Requested to Approve Bid for Hydro Electric Plant Walkway Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 20-2019 approving the bid for Hydro Electric Plan Walkway Project. 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 May 2019.

NEW BUSINESS –

- 1. Discussion of Streamlining the City's Point of Contact for General Information and Directory Needs. (Mayor Freeman)**

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

- 1. Discussion of Employee Evaluation (City Manager)**
- 2. Discussion of Employee Compensation (Compensation Survey)**
- 3. Receive Legal Advice from City Attorney for the Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property and the City's Position in Adversarial Situations.**
- 4. Discussion of Negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.**
- 5. Discussion of a proposed purchase of property.**

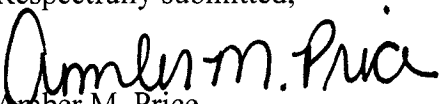
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

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 8:56 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Amber M. Price
City Clerk