

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

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**Members Present:** Mayor Trey Edwards, Mayor Pro-Tem Benjamin P. Greeson, Jr, Councilmembers Christopher R. Crawford, James Jackson, A. Faye Thomas, Mathew H. Gambrell, John Sutherland, Jason Edwards

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Louise Aikens

**Staff Present:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk,

**Staff Absent:** Laura Snelling – CFO, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Edwards.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Edwards 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 Gambrell to approve the minutes from the Budget Workshop City Council Meeting held on Wednesday June 29, 2022. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**LEGISLATIVE**

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022 SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C. AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3-2021 TO UPDATE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 8 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 9-2022 SECOND READING**

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$800,000) COMBINED PUBLIC UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2022, OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Ordinance 9 – 2022. After brief discussion a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to Amend the Ordinance to reflect the Updated Language. With no objections the motion passed unanimously. Council then returned to the original motion by Councilmember Thomas and voted to approve Ordinance No. 9 – 2022 as amended. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS****Report No. 20-2022 Approval Requested**

Spring Festival Amusement and Concessions Vendor RFP

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Report 20 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**Report No. 21-2022 Approval Requested**

Side Arm Garbage Truck Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember J. Edwards to approve Report 21 – 2022. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**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)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to appoint Mark Meyers to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**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.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comments were given.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline or release of an employee, or an appointment to a public body. (Municipal Judge Appointment & Annual Review)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of appointment to fill the Office of Judge McNeil. Judge McNeil will be retiring in December 2022.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to appoint Jim Grant as an Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Abbeville. The motion passed 6-2 with Councilmembers J. Edwards and Gambrell opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to adjourn the City Council meeting at 9:59 PM. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary  
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk