

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019**

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

**Staff Present:** Fran Anderson – Assistant City Manager, Amber Price – HR Director and City Clerk, Mike Clary – Community Development Director, Tim Hall – Public Utilities Director, Ron Bosler – Police Chief, Neal Dickenson – Fire Chief, 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 Thomas to approve the minutes from the public hearing and regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –**

**1. Karen Sherwood and Anna LaGrone, HPPC Members**

Karen Sherwood and Anna LaGrone spoke regarding proposed Ordinance No. 8-2019.

**2. Theo Hoppers, HPPC Member**

Theo Hoppers spoke regarding proposed Ordinance No. 8-2019.

#### **PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. Mayor Santana Delano Freeman**

Mayor Freeman presented a Proclamation to Mary Harrison honoring her accomplishments and contributions to the City of Abbeville throughout her lifetime.

**2. Mike Bedenbaugh, Director of Preservation South Carolina**

Mike Bedenbaugh gave a presentation regarding Trinity Episcopal Church.

**3. Mary Stackhouse, SCDHEC**

Mary Stackhouse gave a presentation regarding hepatitis.

**4. Lemuel Patterson, Washington Street Presbyterian Church representative**

Lemuel Patterson gave a presentation to council requesting support from the City regarding history and archives in Washington Street Presbyterian Church.

**ORDINANCES**

**Second 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 J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to untable 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.

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember T. Edwards 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. Mayor Freeman and Councilmembers T. Edwards, J. Edwards, Greeson, Thomas, and Aikens voted in favor. Councilmembers Grant, Crawford, and Jackson voted in opposition. The **motion passed** 6-3.

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 10-2019: An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of A Not Exceeding Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2019a, Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina And Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Ordinance No. 10-2019 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of A Not Exceeding Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) Combined Public Utility System Improvement Revenue Bond, Series 2019a, Of The City Of Abbeville, South Carolina and Other Matter Relating Thereto. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Second Reading: Ordinance No. 11-2019: An Ordinance to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget For The City of Abbeville, South Carolina And Provide for The Levy of Taxes and The Collection of Fees That Are Necessary For Operational and Capital Appropriations.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Crawford and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Ordinance No. 11-2019 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget For The City of

Abbeville, South Carolina And Provide for The Levy of Taxes and The Collection of Fees That Are Necessary For Operational and Capital Appropriations. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 9-2019: A Resolution Committing The City Of Abbeville To Providing A Local Match For A Municipal Association Of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant And Following Its Procurement Policy When Securing Services And Products With Grant Funds.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Greeson and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Resolution No. 9-2019 Committing The City Of Abbeville To Providing A Local Match For A Municipal Association Of South Carolina Hometown Economic Development Grant And Following Its Procurement Policy When Securing Services And Products With Grant Funds. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

## **FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL**

**Report No. 27-2019: Information Only – City Hall Video Surveillance System Update.**

**Report No. 28-2019: Information Only – Opera House Fall Season Update.**

**Report No. 29-2019: Information Only – City of Abbeville & Little River Cooperative Mutual Aid Agreement.**

**Report No. 30-2019: Information Only – Head Gate Update.**

**Report No. 31-2019: Information Only – Hogs and Hens Accessible Parking Update.**

**Report No. 32-2019: Approval Requested – Tax Compliance Procedure.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to approve Report No. 32-2019 approving the Tax Compliance Procedure. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

**Report No. 33-2019: Approval Requested – Mill Village Water Line Bids.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Report No. 33-2019 approving the Mill Village Water Line Bid.

**Report No. 34-2019: Approval Requested – Road Closure for Farm-to-Fork Dinner on Trinity Street.**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Greeson to approve Report No. 34-2019 approving the road closure for the Farm-to-Form dinner on Trinity Street.

**CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- 1. Consideration of appointments to fill the four year term of office of Susan Jordan on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).**
- 2. Councilmember Grant informed council that the US Marine Corps will be in town conducting training from September 27 through October 8 and have requested to use the council chambers on October 7.**
- 3. Assistant City Manager Fran Anderson informed council that services with a new copier company are being explored which could potentially save the city money.**

Will remain on next month's agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS –**

- 1. Discussion of Wilson Hill bathrooms improvements.**

Assistant City Manager Fran Anderson informed Council that new bids are going to be accepted during the next fiscal year to explore the price difference for one universal bathroom versus a separate men and women's bathroom.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION -**

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

- 1. Discussion of the City of Abbeville's position in adversarial situations (Travel Vouchers and Emergency Calls)**

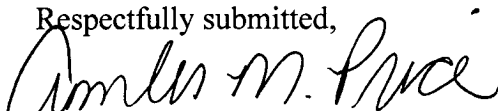
**EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS**

**No actions were taken following the Executive Session.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Grant to adjourn the City Council meeting at 7:56 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amber M. Price  
City Clerk