

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019**

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

Staff Present: R. Blake Stone – City Manager, Fran Anderson – Assistant City Manager, Amber Price – HR 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 Jackson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Grant and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. With no objections the **motion passed** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None.

ORDINANCES

First Reading: Ordinance No. 12-2019: An Ordinance of the City of Abbeville, S.C. Amending Ordinance 9-2018, The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, As Amended, To Account For A Transfer Within The Hospitality Fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thomas and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve Ordinance No. 12-2019 amending Ordinance No. 9-2018, The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, As Amended, To Account For A Transfer Within The Hospitality Fund. With no objections the **motion passed**.

FORMAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Report No. 35-2019: Information Only – Electrical Distribution Update.

Report No. 36-2019: Information Only – WWTP Pre-Bid Update.

Report No. 37-2019: Information Only – Christmas Parade Update

Report No. 38-2019: Information Only – SCMIT Risk Management Award - 2019**CITY ACTIVITY REPORTS**

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

NEW BUSINESS –

1. **Discussion of the E. Pickens Street closure during the Hogs and Hens Festival.**
2. **Special Events Permit** – A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve a Special Events Permit to close a portion of Washington Street on November 16, 2019 for a Christmas Themed Vintage Market.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. **Consideration of appointment to fill the four year term of office of Susan Jordan on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).**

Councilmember Edwards nominated Stephen Marnier. With no objections Stephen Marnier was appointed to fill the four year term of office of Susan Jordan on the Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC).

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. **Discussion of City of Abbeville Services – Animal Control.**
2. **Discussion of the City of Abbeville’s Position in Adversarial Situations.**
3. **Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements – VFW Building.**

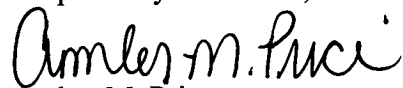
EXECUTIVE SESSION – POSSIBLE ACTIONS AND FOLLOW UPS

No actions were taken following the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss a motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to adjourn the City Council meeting at 8:26 p.m. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Amber M. Price
City Clerk