

**CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023**

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

**Members Absent:** Mayor Trey Edwards

**Staff Present:** Fran Strickland Anderson– Assistant City Manager, Laura Snelling – CFO, Mike Clary – Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk, Thomas E. Hite, III – City Attorney

**Staff Absent:** R. Blake Stone – City Manager

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Greeson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was given by Councilmember Thomas.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Jackson to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting held on May 10, 2023. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS**

Recognition of Ziya Watt – Intern for the City of Abbeville

**LEGISLATIVE**

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE NO. 7-2023 SECOND READING**

AN AMENDMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC AUTHORIZING THE REZONING OF 103 WINGFIELD STREET (TAX MAP 122-02-02-031) FROM R-6 TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve Ordinance 7 – 2023. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-2023 SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C. AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022 TO UPDATE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Thomas to approve Ordinance 8 – 2023. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

**Report No. 15-2023 Information Only**

Rural Development Homeowner Loan and Grant Program

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of appointment to fill the four-year term of office of Annie Bell Tisdale on the Historic Properties Protection Commission. (Ms. Tisdale is willing to serve again).

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson to reappoint Ms. Tisdale to the HPPC. A motion was then made by Councilmember Thomas to close nominations With no objections the motion to reappoint Ms. Tisdale passed unanimously.

**Wheels of Time Car Show Road Closure Request**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Aikens to approve the request. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Text Amendment Application to the City's Zoning Ordinance (Tiny Homes)

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion passed 7-1 with Councilmember Thomas opposed.

Police Department Exterior Design – Revised Historic Options

A motion was made by Councilmember J. Edwards and seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to send the designs to the HPPC for their review. The motion passed 7-1 with Councilmember Thomas opposed.

Dedication of East Greenwood Street (Highway 72)

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the request. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Wags and Wheels Road Closure Request

A motion was made by Councilmember Gambrell and seconded by Councilmember Crawford to approve the request. With no objections the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Several residents spoke concerning Debris Pickup throughout the City and the need to have a follow up process concerning complaints brought before Council.

### **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 7:51 p.m. With no objections the **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Clary  
Deputy Administrative Officer/City Clerk