



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025; 6:30 P.M.  
Bennettsville Public Safety Complex**

**Agenda**

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Tyron Abraham
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES
  - A. Regular Council Meeting; Tuesday, November 19, 2024 & January 29, 2025
5. PUBLIC REQUESTS/ PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS
  - A. Employees Anniversaries
  - B. New Hires & Promotions
  - C. Recognition of African American Pioneers in the Community
    - Honorable Glenn Manning, Sr.
    - Dr. Carolyn Prince
    - Honorable Nan Fleming
    - Honorable Patricia Henegan
    - Dr. Harry S. Wright
    - Chief Eugene “Pete” Copeland, Jr. (deceased)
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only)
7. SECOND READING AND PASSAGE IN FULL OF ORDINANCES  
No Business
8. FIRST READING AND ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCES  
No Business
9. PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS
  - A. USDA Grant  
A resolution to apply for a USDA Rural Business Development Grant. The grant funds will establish a revolving loan fund to provide property and/or business owners with funds to renovate and equip brick and mortar storefronts. The fund

will incentive new or existing businesses to locate in the historic downtown business district by providing loans at 2% below the current prime interest rate. The program will increase jobs in our workforce, add to our tax base, and decrease the number of vacant storefronts downtown.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS DISPENSED BY MOTION
  - A. Electric Department Project: Pole Inventory Mapping (<50K)  
The Administration wishes to create a RFP to conduct a pole inventory, tag poles, GPS poles, and place in a mapping file. This will help with identifying and responding to electrical issues.
11. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items Only)
12. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
  - A. Planning Commission (No Cases)
  - B. Board of Architectural Review/Tree Committee (No Cases)
  - C. Board of Zoning Appeals
    - Case #: Tiny Home (Delayed)
13. COUNCIL COMMITTEES
  - A. Finance Committee (Chairman Jennings)
  - B. Public Services Committee (Mayor Abraham)
  - C. Public Safety Committee (Chairman Taylor)
  - D. Lake Authority
14. REPORTS AND INFORMATION PRESENTATION
  - A. Finance Report
  - B. Grants Report
  - C. Proposal – Mural Downtown (Update)
  - D. Request for Proposal – Affordable Housing Development (Update)
  - E. SC Appropriations (Crooked Creek)
  - F. SC Appropriations (Fire Truck)
15. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR
  - A. Improvements with trash pickup.
  - B. Downtown mural proposal.
  - C. Lights throughout our community.
  - D. Citizen concerns follow-up.
  - E. Upcoming Budget Participation Opportunities.
16. NON-AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCIL
17. ADJOURN

**Public Comment Policy:**

Citizens desiring to speak at any regular meeting must provide a written request to notify the City Clerk prior to the agenda deadline. Citizens interested in commenting at a regular meeting shall sign in to speak and limit comments to no more than minutes.

**Mission Statement:** To utilize all available resources for the development of plans, programs, and projects to improve services to the citizens of Bennettsville and establish and maintain an active role in economic and community development.