

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman McClain, Councilman Campbell, Councilman Klugh, Councilman Gunnells, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Klugh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2010, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman Thomas stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Thomas presented to Vice Chairman McClain a plaque thanking him for his service as Chairman during 2009.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Toni Culbreath representing the Veterans Memorial Committee of Ware Shoals showed Council a picture of the Ware Shoals Veterans Memorial to be erected. This is not about Ware Shoals; it is about honoring all Veterans she stated. We want to get the word out that this memorial is being built. Ware Shoals has a great quality of being located in Laurens, Greenwood and Abbeville Counties. Chairman Thomas asked if Laurens or Greenwood had donated any money. Ms. Culbreath stated Greenwood gave \$25,000.00 and Laurens gave \$10,000.00.

Mr. Bob Gabbard of the Census Bureau informed all present of the importance to fill out and return the census forms. If the form is returned you will not get a visit and no information is given out to the public. Currently we are at 95% for recruiting in Abbeville County. The funding that comes to any community is a result of the census count.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Amended agreement with Upper Abbeville County Recreation Association; Chairman Thomas asked the County Attorney Lee Roper to elaborate. Mr. Roper stated the addition was requested by the Recreation Association and states the Recreation Association shall be responsible for and shall have the authority to schedule all uses of the Property including all practices, games, tournaments and other events. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
 - 1) Ordinance (2010-01) to accept the deed of Right-Of-Way from the property owner of Waterside Point, Longpoint Drive, Creek Point and Landings Run Roadways in Great Waters Subdivision in Abbeville County.
 - 2) Ordinance (2010-02) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-43-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an ad valorem property tax be postponed for one (1) property tax year.

- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2010-06) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herbert Anderson, Jr. Construction Company, Inc. of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$89,359.00 for road improvements to Gable Drive in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2010-07) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway improvements to the Agnew Branch Library and the Upper Abbeville County Recreational Complex in Abbeville County not to exceed \$17,700.00. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (2010-08) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway improvements to Finley Road in Abbeville County not to exceed \$24,700.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2010-09) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway improvements to McBride Street in Abbeville County not to exceed \$21,900.00. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2010-10) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway improvements to Ray McMahan Road, Bo Didley Road, P Cromer Road, Thomason Drive, Felkel Landing and Lake Russell Lane in Abbeville County not to exceed \$22,000.00. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Ray Gunnells and Don Campbell. Vice Chairman McClain informed Council that the committee had met and an amendment to the vehicle use policy on texting would be presented at the April meeting. There is a personnel issue to be discussed in executive session.
- c) Public Works—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Oscar Klugh, Ray Gunnells and Bryan McClain. Councilman Klugh made a committee recommendation for Ms. Shirley Emden to be reappointed to the Library Board. The recommendation passed 7-0-0. Councilman Klugh made a committee recommendation for Mr. Richard Pressly to be reappointed to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. The recommendation passed 7-0-0. Councilman Klugh made a committee recommendation for Ms. June Prince to be reappointed to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. The recommendation passed 7-0-0. Councilman Klugh made a committee recommendation for Mr. Charles Henry to be reappointed to the Upper Savannah COG Board of Directors. The recommendation passed 7-0-0.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—John Calhoun, Oscar Klugh and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—Ray Gunnells, Don Campbell and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Don Campbell, Oscar Klugh and Billy Norris. Councilman Campbell stated the committee met and approved for an ordinance closing establishments that sell alcohol at 2:00 a.m. be started. Chairman Thomas asked the Committee to meet with the Sheriff first to find out how many incidents have happened.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Ms. Shirley Emden of 112 Woodland Way, Abbeville requested the process for applying for funding for the Winn Dixie Building be initiated. The needs of the community are growing and we need to grow with them. The location of the new library is ideal; located near shopping area and middle school; also allows for handicap access and more parking.

Mr. Edward Evans of 27 Agan Road, Abbeville stated County Councils come and go. Need to make hard decisions at tough times. Request money available from the USDA; the money will be spent regardless of where and Abbeville County tax payers will be paying for it. We can't afford not to do this, build for today and tomorrow.

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell to go into Executive Session for two personnel issues in regards to evaluation form and county vehicles and legal advice on Economic Development project. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one item needed to be addressed:

Chairman Thomas instructed County Director Scott Moulder to begin the process of marking all county vehicles.

District Reports:

District One: no report

District Two: Working on a list of dirt roads.

District Three: Water line getting closer to completion.

District Four: Received many letters in regards to Library funding.

District Five: Received many letters in regards to Library funding with only one in opposition.

District Six: Senator meeting learning of financial situation in Columbia. Have received a letter from the Lake Secession Association wanting to place plants, garbage cans and a picnic table at the boat ramp.

District Seven: Seeing a lot of litter, spark community pride to clean up trash.

Chairman Thomas requested the Intergovernmental Committee look into sparking community pride for trash pick-up.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2010

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council