

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 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. Hearing no comment, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

- 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. County Director Moulder explained that Abbeville County is on the list for reassessment in 2010. Due to several delays starting in 2005 the County just completed a reassessment in 2008. Due to it only being 2 years since completed Council is postponing reassessment for one year and will reevaluate this matter in 2011. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Benji Sorrow of 4821 Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls introduced Ms. Deidra McCullough, Principal of Calhoun Falls Charter School. Ms. McCullough resides at 10307 Highway 81 South in Iva. The Charter school is a public school supported by the state. We are one of the lowest receiving only \$2,400.00 per student. More is needed, we appreciate the building being donated to Calhoun Falls, but it was an empty shell. We purchased all the needed equipment and hired the staff. We offer six (6) dual enrollment courses and all of our staff wear many hats. She turned to microphone over to Mr. Sorrow who is the president of the fund raising committee. Mr. Sorrow handed out a paper from the County Auditor; then began Calhoun Falls pays a big majority of taxes to the county. We request to receive the same dollar amount as those leaving the district. Chairman Thomas stated the County Council cannot make that decision; it lies with the School Board. County Director Moulder explained the County is only responsible for holding the money. We have no authority over how it is spent; that lies with the School Board. Mr. Sorrow stated this County is split; we will be forced to look other places for assistance if the County is not willing to help. County Attorney Roper stated due to state law the school board has sole authority in this matter. Chairman Thomas admires the American pioneering spirit; starting at grass roots and says Council will continue this discussion.

Ms. Adrienne Padner of 924 Peach Orchard Road, Calhoun Falls representing the Library Board spoke on the need to grow into the 21st century. We need to keep up with technological advances, increase our available space. The new building would allow us to expand story time, have meeting space, study areas and improved heating, lighting and cooling. We request Council apply for the stimulus funds available from the USDA. Receive the information on the cost for which the County would be responsible, and then make your decision. Not to try for this money is not in the best interest of Abbeville County; please apply. Chairman Thomas explained we are looking at all avenues; we hear you. Councilman Gunnells stated his Constituents do not want to pay for a city library. Vice Chairman McClain asked what activities the Library Board was working on to raise funds for these matching grants. Ms. Padner stated we are working on several ways to raise funds. Councilman Norris stated he had received a list of fund raising activities the Library Board were working on and was impressed. He hoped there would be a new Library. We are working on it; I want you to know that. Chairman Thomas stated we will continue our conversations and deliberations in regards to this matter, please tell the friends of the library that we are; thank you.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of 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. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- b) Second reading of 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. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2010-11) to authorize the transfer of \$34,102.02 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

 - 2) Resolution (2010-12) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 09-10. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

 - 3) Resolution (2010-13) designating April 2010 as Fair Housing Month. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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. No report was given.

- 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 Mr. Luther Bowman to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The recommendation passed 6-0-0. A motion made by County Council to recommend Mr. William Cann to the Legislative Delegation for appointment to the Registration and Elections Commission. Councilman Norris stated the motion to recommend Mr. Cann to the Legislative Delegation. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Chairman Thomas requested the County Director send a letter to Lynne West Director of Registration and Elections asking that Council be kept informed of any vacancies on the Registration and Elections Commission.
- 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. Chairman Thomas moved this committee report to after Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Edward Evans of 27 Agan Road, Abbeville stated the USDA money will be spent, if not here somewhere and Abbeville County taxpayers would be paying for it. A better main library makes better outlying libraries.

A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells to go into Executive Session for two personnel issues in regards to awards and 911 appreciation week and legal issues on request for donation, selling and consumption of alcohol and an update on the Calhoun Falls ambulance. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Councilman Norris made a motion to declare the week of April 11th through April 17th 2010 as Abbeville County appreciation week for our local telecommunicators. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

Councilman Campbell Chairman of the Public Safety Committee informed Council that the committee had met with the Sheriff and the committee would like to recommend an ordinance be prepared to prohibit the sale and consumption of alcohol between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The recommendation of the committee passed 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Gunnells made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2010

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council