

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Campbell 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:**

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2010, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010, special county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Ms. Rhonda Matthews, County Extension Agent with Clemson Extension requested Council's input on creating a board to oversee the Abbeville County Farmers Market. Chairman Thomas asked for a time frame needed for their input and was informed within the next two months.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2010-14) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 7.8 acre tract of land located at the intersection of Highway 28 Bypass & Old Calhoun Falls Road and identified by tax map numbers 121-00-00-178 and 121-00-00-160, from a zoning district of Light Industrial (LI) to General Commercial (GC). Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (2010-16) to amend Ordinance 2000-2, fee for handling and processing checks for insufficient funds. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Third reading of Ordinance (2010-17) to amend Ordinance No. 2010-04 relating to Abbeville County's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, so as to provide supplemental appropriations to cover the deficiency of the preceding year 2009-2010, to increase the projected Local Option Sales Tax Revenues, to make other adjustments and other matters related thereto. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2010-26) to authorize the transfer of \$12,597.88 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2010-28) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with South Sales Communications for the purchase of a 911 Radio System in the amount not to exceed \$214,900.00. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 3) Resolution (2010-29) 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 \$130,625.00 for road improvements to Ray McMahan Road, Bo Diddley Road, P. Cromer Road, Thomason Road, Felkel Landing and Lake Russell Lane in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution contingent on CTC approval of additional funds needed. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 4) Resolution (2010-30) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving and Construction Company of Liberty, South Carolina in the amount of \$49,673.00 for road improvements to Agnew Branch Library and The Upper Abbeville County Recreational Complex 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.
- 5) Resolution (2010-31) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Bobby Jones Ford for the purchase of four (4) new automobiles for the Sheriff's Department. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2010-32) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 10-11. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Interim County Director Barry Devore informed Council that Ms. Judy Scott the County Treasurer has the tax bills ready to go out. The list of unfunded state mandates requested by one of our State Representatives has been compiled and delivered. Lastly in his research on the old hospital and utility costs he discovered the courthouse is running about \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00 per month. No grants are available, but with 2% loan money paid back over ten (10) years the courthouse can be made more energy efficient for around \$300,000.00. Please let me know if Council wishes me to proceed.

#### **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. An updated County Directors job description has been distributed and the committee met with the Delinquent Tax Director and will discuss this in executive session.
- c) Public Works—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. No report was given. Chairman Thomas asked Public Works Director Buddy Agan for an update on the Old Hodges waterline. They are waiting on DHEC, but all is progressing and the spigots will be installed.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Oscar Klugh, Ray Gunnells and Bryan McClain. An At-Large vacancy has opened up on the Development Board, please let me know if you know of any one to fill this position.

- 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. No report was given.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):**

Mr. David King of 395 McGill Circle, Abbeville stated he was a stroke survivor. Why have you removed the ambulance from the Lake Secession area? Safety of the Abbeville County citizens does not seem a priority. We need to focus on the County and not outside to fix this problem.

Chairman Thomas asked for a district report:

- District #1 Ball field soon will be paved, but no grand opening yet.
- District #2 No report
- District #3 Still working on correcting waterline.
- District #4 No report
- District #5 No report
- District #6 Commended the Lake Secession Rocky River Property Owners Association on the new brochure they created for tourism in the Lake Secession area.
- District #7 No report

A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells to go into Executive Session for a contractual issue regarding a county building, Economic Development issue, personnel issues pertaining to fire and delinquent tax. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. 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:

Councilman Norris made a motion to place the part time employee in the Delinquent Tax office back to full time with benefits. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council