

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1) Ordinance (2010-18) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 0.94 acre tract of land located at 66 Turtle Point, Lake Secession area and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-374 from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to Rural Development District (RDD). Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

- 2) Ordinance (2010-19) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on two tracts of land located at 86 Highway 28 South (remaining portion) and 123 Highway 28 South (Eastern Portion) and identified by tax map number 134-00-00-107 and 134-00-00-108 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC). Mr. Sam Cann of 1264 Highway 20, Abbeville would like to see the rezoning completed General Commercial. Mr. Mike Cann of Highway 28 South, Abbeville is confused about the rezoning. The property in question is in the middle of a Forest Agricultural zone and it makes one wonder what could be put there. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Klugh gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Cub Scout Pack #93 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 Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2010, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Thomas read a letter from Mr. James Jackson of the Community Outreach Center; requesting he be removed from tonight's agenda and rescheduled at a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of Ordinance (2010-18) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 0.94 acre tract of land located at 66 Turtle Point, Lake Secession area and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-374 from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to Rural Development District (RDD). Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to accept second reading. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Second reading of Ordinance (2010-19) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on two tracts of land located at 86 Highway 28 South (remaining portion) and 123 Highway 28 South (Eastern Portion) and identified by tax map number 134-00-00-107 and 134-00-00-108 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC). Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Motion died due to lack of a second.

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 (2010-20) Flood Damage Prevention.
 - 2) Ordinance (2010-21) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 0.6 acre portion of a 3.8 acre tract of land located at 5889 Highway 20, Due West and identified by tax map number 034-00-00-017 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC).
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2010-36) to congratulate and recognize the achievements of the Abbeville Church of Christ. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 2) Resolution (2010-37) to authorize the transfer of \$11,829.82 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2010-38) to authorize the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. Vice Chairman McClain requested this resolution go back before the Accommodations Tax Committee for further evaluation and that proof of non-profit status be obtained. Councilmen Gunnells and Klugh withdrew their motion and Councilman Klugh made another motion to table this for further study. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0
- 4) Resolution (2010-39) adopting Abbeville County Transport and Travel Procedure to reflect correct audit reporting in regards to per diem spending and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2010-40) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with H&H Grading, Gray Court, South Carolina in the amount of \$163,461.25 for road improvements to Finley Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Thomas informed all that the Secession Street Water Project has been closed. There was a hold up due to some wells not functioning and a claim from Verizon against the contractor for damages. These issues have now been eliminated. A meeting to provide guidance to the Economic Development Department will be scheduled shortly. Thursday is Veterans Day and I would like to congratulate those who protect us and hope you have a great day.

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 informed Council that there were three openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—John Calhoun, Oscar Klugh and Claude Thomas. Councilman Calhoun informed Council of three issues which will be placed before the Planning Commission and then brought to Council for approval.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—Ray Gunnells, Don Campbell and John Calhoun. Councilman Gunnells informed all that the ball field has been paved along with the driveway at the Library.
- g) Public Safety—Don Campbell, Oscar Klugh and Billy Norris. No report was given.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

- District #1 None
- District #2 None
- District #3 11/13 at 6:30 p.m. at Long Cane AME Church, Operation Impact is holding its awards banquet and all are invited.
- District #4 None
- District #5 Campfield Baptist Church is celebrating 150 years of service.
- District #6 Major concerns on lack of ambulance service and to get the information out to the public.
- District #7 None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Ms. Sara Snell of 508 Suttles Landing Road, Iva read a letter (exhibit A) requesting accountability from Council.

Mr. Thomas Hite III of Abbeville requested Ordinance 2010-21 be denied due to spot zoning.

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell to go into Executive Session for contractual issues regarding the Fire Commission, Old Hospital and Secession waterline. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to authorize the Fire Commission to pursue its purchase of a service vehicle for the Keowee Fire Station. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

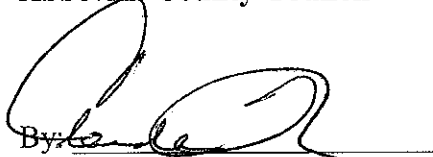
Chairman Thomas acknowledged the presence of Mayor Harry Stille in the audience.

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

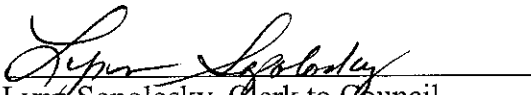
The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Done this 13th day of December, 2010

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

November 8, 2010

EXHIBIT A
11/8/10

Abbeville County Council Meeting
Abbeville, South Carolina

Dear Sirs;

We would like accountability from our elected officials. We would like to see your budget printed in the Press and Banner each year.

When you receive funds for a project, explain how these funds will be spent.

As ... \$214,900 received for 911...We thought 911 was already up and running!

Lease purchase for financing an emergency 911 radio dispatch system....

Is this to update old equipment?

On the tax bill just mailed out to citizens of Abbeville County...There is a \$37.00 fee for Public Safety.... Is this for the Sheriff AND ambulance protection?

According to the recent "Workshop on EMS", Steve McDade stated, "There is a Quick Response Vehicle located at the Diamond Hill Station. This vehicle requires three employees. An ambulance requires six employees."

When a QRV goes on a call, that is one employee....An ambulance follows the same call with two employees....That is three employees to one call, two vehicles to one call and a lot of gasoline! I don't think these vehicles get very many miles per gallon!

Is this not a waste of our tax dollars?

And... There is still a wait of up to 55 minutes for the ambulance to arrive at our locations. You must remember, we are in the upper end of Abbeville County within "hollowing distance" of Anderson County... who will not come to our rescue even though they are within 15 minutes of our homes!

This is why we are here tonight. The tax paying residents in the Lake Secession area deserve something for our tax dollars.

After a look at a map of Abbeville County, there are four strategic locations that need an ambulance. You have one in Calhoun Falls and Abbeville. Due West needs one to serve that end of the county. That leaves the Antreville area.

Four ambulances could serve the entire county with quick response times.

A QRV was unacceptable four years ago, it is still unacceptable today.

Respectfully,

Sarah H. Snell

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November 8, 2010

Mr. Claude Thomas, Chairman
Abbeville County Council
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Re: Cancellation of Meeting

Dear Councilman:

The Community Outreach Center is requesting to be removed from tonight's agenda, and to be rescheduled at a later date. We would like to invite you to tour our facility and see what we are doing to make a difference in a child's life. We also welcome volunteers and new ideas.

The Community Outreach Center, Inc. is a community based non-profit public organization (not for profit). The mission is to develop local community partnerships to ensure that human capital and community gains are achieved during revitalization of local communities which will be consolidated, expanded and sustained in subsequent years by incorporating education, guidance, and counseling in a local facility, available to the public. We are dedicated to improving the human element in our community by giving individuals the proper training and knowledge to succeed in a work environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Jackson".

James Jackson
Executive Director/Founder