

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Alvin Greene of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Abbeville gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Anthony Dorsett Quarles, grandson of Councilman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman McClain 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:

- a) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2011, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011, budget workshop. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011, special county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Hal Johnson, President/CEO of the Upstate SC Alliance; informed Council on the activities it participated in last year and what they hoped to attend in 2011 (slide show attached).

Mr. Leonard Pitts, representative for Team USO; gave some background information on the USO and its activities. He informed Council that he would be walking from Clinton, South Carolina to the White House and was asking all the counties in the upstate for a resolution proclaiming their support for the USO. He also asked if someone from Council would attend the press conference on May 18th in Greenville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Third reading of Ordinance (2011-01) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a six (6) acre portion of a 21.3 acre tract of land located at 501 Highway 20, Abbeville and identified by tax map number 095-00-00-053 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) First Readings: Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.

1) Ordinance (2011-03) flood damage prevention.

b) Resolutions:

1) Resolution (2011-12) National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in honor of the men and women who serve as Abbeville County 911 Dispatchers. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman McClain called Ms. Sharmel Miller; Director of 911 up to present her awards. She presented Ms. Brittany Gray with perfect attendance and Ms. Dionne Kelley with Telecommunicator of the Year. Council thanked those 911 personnel who attended for their hard work and professionalism.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Victor Carpenter spoke about the telecommunicators being the first responders and how their position could be under appreciated. He stated some of them have been with the County for ten (10) and twenty (20) years; this is a testimony to the people we have, this job has a high stress level and they have to get a vast amount of information perfectly because lives are at risk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Don Campbell. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Billy Norris and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Oscar Klugh and Charlie Stone. No report was given; however Councilman Norris made a request to nominate Ms. Laura Baughman to the Legislative Delegation for appointment on the Registration & Elections Commission. This passed 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Charlie Stone, Don Campbell and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Oscar Klugh. Councilman Calhoun thanked all who were able to attend the Grand Opening of the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Complex and encouraged all that did not to go and see what was available there.
- g) Public Safety—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Councilman Thomas announced that the sidewalk on Virginia Avenue was continuing.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the committee had met with Design South and meetings with Department Heads would begin shortly.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development issue, contractual issue with the museum and the American Legion; plus personnel issues pertaining to Finance, County Director and Clerk to Council. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to authorize the County Director to issue a contract to the American Legion and Museum on use of the building. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Done this 9th day of May, 2011

Abbeville County Council

By: Robert B. McClain
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council