

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2011
MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Garrett Hart of Little River Baptist Church gave the invocation.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Ms. Hailey McClain sang the National Anthem.

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) Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2011, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2011, special meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2011, special meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2011, special meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Norris and Stone abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2011-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. Chairman McClain asked Interim County Director Vic Carpenter to explain the amendment. Mr. Carpenter stated that a clause needed to be added to the wording of the budget ordinance to reflect the Build America Bonds that the county sold in December in order to renovate the hospital and work on the Library. This wording had to be very specific and it did not change any of the figures. Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend the budget ordinance to reflect the language that should be and also any other revisions as reflected in the current draft before Council. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas 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 (2011-05) to establish policies and guidelines regarding the Public Hearing period during a County Council meeting.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2011-22) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Ray Walker Trucking, Inc. 321 South Old Piedmont Highway, Piedmont, SC 29673 for the purchase and hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Department of Public Works. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2011-23) recognizing and honoring Ms. Judy Scott for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Vice Chairman Campbell read the resolution to the audience.
 - 3) Resolution (2011-24) recognizing and honoring Ms. Betty Uldrick for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman McClain presented the Resolution to Ms. Uldrick while Vice Chairman Campbell read it aloud.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Vic Carpenter thanked Council for allowing him the privilege of being here for these past months and allowing him to get to know Council and the employees. He assured all the citizens of this county; that the employees and elected officials that work for them and represent them are as good as they get.

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. Chairman McClain asked the committee in addition to the inclement weather policy for the county and any updates to the personnel manual to include a review of the job duties of the Clerk to Council and update any changes needed by the August meeting.
- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Billy Norris and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Oscar Klugh and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Norris made several committee nominations to the Development Board; Ms. Jane Moore, Mr. Danny Maddox and Mr. Keith Martin. Also committee nominations to the planning Commission; Mr. James Hall and Mr. Horace Thomas. All committee recommendations carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Charlie Stone, Don Campbell and John Calhoun. Committee Chairman Stone informed Council that the issues on blinking lights and cell towers would be before Council at the July meeting.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested Council not to limit the Public Hearing section of the agenda. This is the only time people are able to speak to Council. Recognize our right to be heard.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the asbestos abatement would be advertised in the coming weeks. The sale of surplus equipment in the Winn Dixie building has been placed on the Govdeals website.

A motion was made by Councilman Klugh to go into Executive Session for personnel issues in regards to the County Director position, Planning Director and the Fire Commission; an economic development update and contractual issues pertaining to the building process and a local industry. 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 item needed to be addressed:

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to employ for the County Director the candidate discussed in executive session with the contract discussed in executive session. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Norris and Stone opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Done this 11th day of July, 2011

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council