

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2011-05) to establish policies and guidelines regarding the Public Hearing period during a County Council meeting. Mr. Mack Beaty of 38 Highway 28 South, Abbeville asked is it unreasonable for Council to listen to us? Public hearing allows citizens to speak before Council and the media. Home rule is up to the counties; no other surrounding counties have an ordinance. Knowledge is power; appreciate the input so you can make an informed decision. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville stated this is the only time residents can make their needs and concerns available to Council. We have a right to be heard; you need to respect our thoughts. Let the people be heard; do not tie the hands of tax payers. Who proposed this ordinance? Ms. Penelope King of 395 McGill Circle, Abbeville stated it is an inalienable right to speak; is it too much to ask you to listen? Public needs to be heard; as a public servant you need to hear them. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 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 7:56 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Earl Hartley of South Side Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Mary Price 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:

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second reading of Ordinance (2011-05) to establish policies and guidelines regarding the Public Hearing period during a County Council meeting. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Councilman Stone requested an explanation of the ordinance in layman's terms. County Attorney Lee Roper explained that this ordinance does limit each speaker to five (5) minutes; explains proper conduct and that this is not a question and answer period. The total public hearing is limited to thirty (30) minutes, but Council has the discretion to extend it. Councilman Norris stated I don't feel we have a problem with the time but the proper way to address Council. The length should not be tampered with. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Norris and Stone opposed.

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 (2011-06) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2011-25) to authorize the transfer of \$18,946.46 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 (2011-26) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Bobby Jones Ford for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F350 Crew Cab for the Maintenance Department. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2011-27) recognizing and honoring Mr. George T. Busby, Sr. for his dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman McClain presented the Resolution to Mr. Busby while Vice Chairman Campbell read it aloud.

- 4) Resolution (2011-28) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc. for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2011-29) adopting Abbeville County's Hazardous Weather Policy and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Chairman requested this resolution be held until after Committee Reports.
- 6) Resolution (2011-30) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with B.P. Barber of Greenville, South Carolina; Davis & Floyd of Greenwood, South Carolina; Dunn & Associates of Anderson, South Carolina; Florence & Hutcheson of Greenville, South Carolina and Palmetto Civil of Blythwood, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway projects in Abbeville County. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley stated he is happy to be here and is looking forward to serving as your County Director. I hope my tenure here will be as long as it was in McCormick.

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. Committee Chairman Campbell stated we have three (3) personnel issues to discuss in executive session. Resolution 2011-29 on inclement weather can be dealt with now. This was patterned after another county and basically what it talks about is if we have any snow days or any hazardous days the employees of the county have an opportunity to make up that time; must report to supervisor if unable to come to work and if manned 24 hours must report to work.
- 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.
- 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. No report was given.

g) Public Safety—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

Chairman McClain returned to Resolution (2011-29) adopting Abbeville County's Hazardous Weather Policy and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Councilman Stone stated we need a future vision; need to start something like county wide water. Need to get back on track for the future of our children and the county. Councilman Klugh interjected; that at one time there was talk about a water commission to be established. Chairman McClain asked if Council would like a retreat on goal planning and was met with approval. Chairman McClain asked the County Director to look into setting up a Council retreat.

Councilman Thomas requested the media to print that there was no annexation of county property in district #3.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Mack Beaty of 38 Highway 28 South, Abbeville stated it looks like to me that Councils problem with Public Hearing is conduct and not time; $\frac{3}{4}$ of the ordinance deals with time.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the Library square footage had been set. All Department Heads have signed off on their sections. Will begin the detailed designs and Asbestos abatements are due July 28. Councilman Stone asked when they would see something on the front of the building. Councilman Norris asked Buddy to look into moving the EMS building.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for personnel issues in regards to the County Director position, Veterans Affairs Director and the Clerk to Council; also an economic development issue. Councilman Thomas 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 set the Veterans Affairs Director's salary at what was discussed in executive session. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Done this 8th day of August, 2011

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council