

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Pastor Waymon Coleman II of Flat Rock AME Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Zactravious Holmes a 5th grader from Westwood Elementary School 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) Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Thomas and Norris abstained.
- b) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011, workshop. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Calhoun abstained.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2011-08) to develop, pursuant to SEC. 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park, to be known as the Abbeville Multi-County Park, in conjunction with McCormick County, South Carolina, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Abbeville County, South Carolina; to provide for a written

agreement with Abbeville County as to the sharing of the revenues and expenses of the park; to provide for the distribution of revenues from the park among the taxing entities having jurisdiction over the park; to provide for a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. County Attorney Lee Roper and County Director Bruce Cooley requested that this ordinance be tabled until further information could be obtained. The motions were withdrawn and Councilman Stone made a motion to table this ordinance for further information. Councilman Klugh 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 (2011-09) authorizing the amendment of that certain fee agreement by and between Prysmian Power Cables and Systems USA, LLC and Abbeville County, South Carolina to extend the investment period there under and other matters related thereto. Chairman McClain explained this ordinance was having first reading again due to changes being made and under the advice of the County Attorney.

b) Resolutions:

1) Resolution (2011-41) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Pickens Construction Company of Anderson, South Carolina in the amount of \$34,289.90 for road improvements to Lawren Lane in Abbeville, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

2) Approval of Due West fire truck lease agreement. County Director Cooley explained this was Abbeville County leasing a 1980 American LaFrance Ladder Truck from the Town of Due West for \$1.00 per year. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve this agreement. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Council requested the County Director get clarification on the station this truck would be housed at.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley introduced the new Emergency Management Director, Mr. David Porter and informed all of his qualifications.

He informed Council that he had spoken with all except Starr Iva in regards to County wide water and sewer. All seemed ready to assist and a committee would be established to go forward with the process.

County Treasurer Ray Peck will have the tax notices out by the end of the week.

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. Committee Chairman Norris made a committee nomination for Mr. Jerry Mitchell to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Councilman Claude Thomas to the GLEAMNS Commission representing the Public Sector. All committee recommendations carried 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. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given. Committee Chairman requested meeting be held with Sheriff Goodwin on October 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. All committee members agreed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed Council that the contracts with Moss and Associates had been finalized. The asbestos removal has been completed. The Library is 90% complete and Administration is 70% complete; still ahead of schedule.

Chairman McClain stated that he, Vice Chairman Campbell and County Director Cooley attended a Piedmont Tech dinner at which they announced a new tech building would be built on Highway 72.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Bobby Bowers with the State Budget and Control Board explained that his plan for redistricting contained no retrogression, are mathematically equal and finally they do touch. This plan can be defended in court if the County should be sued. He asked that this plan be passed before the end of November.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue in regards to the Building Department; plus contractual issues in regards to the Milliken plant and the EMS Stations. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed.

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 9:22 p.m.

Done this 14th day of November, 2011

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council