

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) Ordinance (2011-11) to amend one section of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, No. 07-22; adopted February 11, 2008. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 2) Ordinance (2011-12) prohibiting the advertisement, possession, purchase, sale or use of “synthetic stimulants” and “synthetic cannabinoids” within the unincorporated areas of Abbeville County. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2011  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman McClain, Councilmen Klugh, Stone, Norris, Thomas and Calhoun.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chairman Campbell

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Rod Schultz of Grace Community Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Christopher Vance, Jr. a second grader at Long Cane Elementary 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:**

Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Ivan Randolph, Superintendent for Abbeville County Schools introduced Mr. Larry Finney the Auditor for the district. Mr. Finney presented a slide show illustrating their need to recapture the prior year fund balance. Mr. Barry Jacks; Principal of Wright Middle School, stated the school system has risen to place 8<sup>th</sup> in the Pac score testing regardless of state demographics. This is a bigger issue than facts and figures. Ms. Alyssa Mann, a teacher at Diamond Hill Elementary, stated she is an advocate for all children. To short change one student is too costly. Students are the future of Abbeville County. Dr. Randolph reiterated the need for this additional millage and asked Council to approve the resolution passed by the school board. Chairman McClain stated that this increase will not solve the problem; cuts will still need to be made. Dr. Randolph agreed. Councilman Stone questioned the loss in student enrollment as a valid reason for the decrease in funding and stated this trend should have been noticed and addressed at the beginning. Chairman McClain stopped the presentation and suggested a workshop between Council and the School Board be scheduled if further discussion was needed.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of 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. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading and to allow Councilman Thomas to sign the Ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Chairman McClain abstaining.
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (2011-10) adopting a redistricting plan for Abbeville County. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.
- c) Second reading of Ordinance (2011-11) to amend one section of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, No. 07-22, adopted February 11, 2008. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motions were withdrawn and Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance for further information. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- d) Second reading of Ordinance (2011-12) prohibiting the advertisement, possession, purchase, sale or use of "synthetic stimulants" and "synthetic cannabinoids" within the unincorporated areas of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2011-47) recognizing and honoring Ms. Judy Richardson for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2011-48) to honor and recognize the achievements of the Abbeville High School Panthers. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Approval of the 2012 meeting and budget calendars. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve these calendars. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that the meeting with the Committee on county wide water had met and agreed that the first order of business was to place all the water and sewer lines in the ground on the GIS system for the County. He also informed them that the Emergency Management Director Mr. David Porter is now a resident of Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas requested a meeting be set up with the Public Safety Committee to go over the cost of housing inmates.

## **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 recommendation for Ms. Eva Mae Sanders to be reappointed to the Accommodations Tax Committee. This was approved unanimously.
- 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.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):**

Mr. Darren Ashley of 853 Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls, is in opposition to any tax increase. This is not the right time. Mr. Benjamin Sorrow of 4821 Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls agreed that education comes first, but if there is money to give out then Calhoun Falls Charter School should receive their fair share. Mr. Terry Richey of 202 Edgefield Street, Calhoun Falls, stated this is a school district problem not the County's. Mayor Lee Garrett of 6561 Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls stated; revenue is not an entitlement. You need to respond and react to shortfalls and run operations efficiently and cost effective. School district should seek advice on budgets outside the norm. Pull together all the talent and skill in Abbeville County to look at other opportunities. This does not have to touch the child.

**CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed Council that the contracts have been signed, the designs finished and the office furniture priced. The demolition is set the start the week after Christmas and the goal is this time next year to be in both buildings.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a legal issue on the schools resolution, a personnel issue in regards to Planning and an Economic Development issue on the Milliken building in Honea Path. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced they have a statement to make tonight in regards to the resolution presented by the school board. A vote on the resolution for the school district is premature at this time and will be revisited after the budget process has been completed and the millage set.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011

**Abbeville County Council**

By: Robert B. McDi  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council