

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2012-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, for the sale of the Milliken Honea Path Plant located in Abbeville County. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION:

County Director Bruce Cooley gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman McClain 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2012, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATION:

Abbeville County Fire Marshall Dan Evatt informed all that in 2011 there were 9 recordable accidents; which is less than 2010 which had 11 recordable accidents. The decrease is due to a team effort of all Abbeville County employees.

Mr. John Jervey, Liability Insurance Coordinator with the Association of Counties presented Mr. Evatt with an award established to encourage quick reporting of accidents. The top three counties were recognized and Abbeville County placed second with a 2.17 day lag time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (2011-11) to amend one section of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, No. 07-22, adopted February 11, 2008. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Second reading of Ordinance (2012-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into the agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, for the sale of the Milliken Honea Path Plant located in Abbeville County. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2012-02) designating Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs as an entity in Abbeville County to provide transportation to the elderly or persons with disabilities. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2012-03) to adopt the updated Abbeville County Vehicle Use Policy and to rescind all prior resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. County Director Bruce Cooley stated the changes made, but alerted Council to additional changes he would be making. Both Councilmen withdrew their motions. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to table this resolution until the next meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain requested the personnel committee investigate vehicle signage and the County Director acquire a mileage report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley reminded Council that Statement of Economic Interests were due by April 15th. Also, a meeting was held with Due West, Donalds Water Authority were discussions on cost estimates for water lines were discussed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. Chairman McClain requested a meeting to be held with the Auditors in the near future.

- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Charlie Stone, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. Committee Chairman Stone made a committee recommendation for Mr. Neuffer Fleming to be reappointed to the Title III Committee. This was approved 6-0-0. Chairman McClain read a letter from Brad Evans resigning his position on the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Don Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—Oscar Klugh, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Chairman Norris informed all on the progress of the new Search & Rescue squad; also stated an incident at his home called for emergency response and they appeared within minutes. County Director Cooley updated all on the EMS stations.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Ms. Sarah Sherwood of 305 West Pickney Street, Abbeville stated if Council could find money for building improvements, why not money for education. The school board has not overspent their budget; it is the County's inadequate collection of taxes at fault. County Council is made up of honorable men and honorable men educate their children. Chairman McClain responded to Ms. Sherwood, that Council has taken legal action on this and if you had attended the last two Council meetings you would know that our action is we will take it when the millage is set and a budget has been submitted. We also have sat down with this board plenty of times.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed Council that the demolition at the administration building is about 95% complete. Sub-contractor meetings have begun; no answer has been received from USDA.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a legal issue on the schools, a personnel issue in regards to the Economic Development office and Economic Development issues in regards to Independent Pipe, Sage Automotive and EDA grants. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Councilman Norris made a motion to authorize Independent Pipe to use county property adjacent to its facility for staging of its vehicles; subject to agreement accepting all liability and agreeing to maintain property in its original condition. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 9:46 p.m.

Done this 12 day of March, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council