

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance (2012-03) to change the form of County Government from Council form to Council-Manager form and to provide for a referendum to be held in Abbeville County on November 6th, 2012, for the qualified electors in Abbeville County to determine whether they desire to approve such change in the form of County Government from Council form to Council-Manager form. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2012
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Pastor Hannie D. Milling of the Saint James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Abbeville gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Thomas 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) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.
- b) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2012 budget workshop. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- c) Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2012 budget workshop. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2012-02) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 5.5 acre tract of land located at 5480 Highway 28, Abbeville and identified by tax map number 047-00-00-028 from a zoning district of General Commercial (GC) to Forest Agricultural (FA). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2012-03) to change the form of County Government from Council form to Council-Manager form and to provide for a referendum to be held in Abbeville County on November 6th, 2012, for the qualified electors in Abbeville County to determine whether they desire to approve such change in the form of County Government from Council form to Council-Manager form. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Klugh opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
 - 1) Ordinance (2012-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed all that the Chairman and he met with the O'Dell Corporation and closed the sale of the Milliken Honea Path plant. The funds have been received and the property has been returned to the tax rolls.

Chairman McClain requested the personnel and administration committee compile a complete evaluation on the County Director and Clerk to Council. In addition to review the county seal suggestions received from Piedmont Tech. Have all ready for discussion at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

Councilman Thomas reminded all that Councilman Stone, County Director Cooley and he would be meeting with Donalds-Due West Water Authority tomorrow to discuss county wide water.

Councilman Klugh thanked the Fire Departments, EMS and Sheriff Department for their quick response to a fire in his neighborhood.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development issue pertaining to the purchase of property from the O'Dell Corporation and a personnel issue regarding the budget. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Calhoun arrived during executive session.

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed. He also informed all that they would be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 14th for a walk through of the new Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Done this 14th day of May, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council