

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance (2012-05) making provision for tax anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000.00, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2012 and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013; to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing and the form of note to be executed evidencing the same; and to make provision for the payment thereof. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 11, 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:**

Reverend Dr. Alice Ridgill of New Faith Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Miss Tianna Kidd, a 4<sup>th</sup> Grader at Merrywood 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:**

- a) Councilman Klugh requested a change under Council Members Reports; Horizon is the name of the road. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2012, regular county council meeting with correction. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- b) Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2012, budget workshop. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Second reading of Ordinance (2012-05) making provision for tax anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000.00, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2012 and ending the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013; to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing and the form of note to be executed evidencing the same; and to make provision for the payment thereof. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**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 (2012-06) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map on a 1.2 acre tract of land located at 123 Highway 28 south (Eastern Portion) and identified by tax map number 134-00-00-108 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC).
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2012-08) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Ray Walker Trucking, Inc., 321 South Old Piedmont Highway, Piedmont, South Carolina for the purchase and hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Department of Public Works. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2012-09) to adopt the Vehicle Accident Policy and to rescind all prior resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Thomas requested clarification on the usage of the word institute. County Director Cooley said; initiate may be a better word. Councilman Stone requested drug testing be done as soon as possible instead of 24 hours later. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution with changes stated. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 3) Resolution (2012-10) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Heanue Well Drilling, Inc. of Prosperity, South Carolina in the amount of \$6,958.00 for the Antreville EMS Station water well system. Councilman Thomas 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 informed all that the LGF was being discussed and that the house was in favor of a reduction to \$10 million. Please contact your house members and inform them of the need to leave it at the \$40 million recommended by the Senate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Campbell informed Council that the new logo should be available soon and requested that the objectives and goals for the County Director and Clerk be emailed to him as soon as possible.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Charlie Stone, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. No report was given.
- 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. Committee Chairman Norris requested to be involved in the search for EMS stations.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

District 1 - Councilman Stone requested information on who rides in an ambulance. EMS Director David Porter informed him a driver and a paramedic did.

District 3 – Councilman Thomas requested clarification on a cooperative agreement with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division in regards to an \$11,700 CERT grant. EMS Director Porter informed him it was in regards to a grant received for a sheltering kit that will be used in conjunction with Abbeville Hospital and for first response kits to be distributed to local businesses in a partnership.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (sign in sheet only): None

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the canopy on the admin. Building has been started, along with the landscaping. 1<sup>st</sup> floor painting has completed one coat. Heating and air units are being installed on the roof and should start circulating air next week. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor has 40% of the walls installed.

The Library façade has begun and the roadway has gone out for bid. Interior framing is complete.

Mr. Gerald Milford was recognized by Chairman McClain and he thanked the Council for appointing him to the Upper Savannah COG.

A motion was made by Councilman Stone to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development issue pertaining to a project in the county, a contractual issue with USDA, a personnel issue in regards to the budget and planning commission and a legal issue regarding the Sheriffs Dept. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Stone left during executive session.

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

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to authorize the County Director to submit a proposal to lease 1,575 square feet in the new administration complex to USDA for the rate discussed in executive session. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Chairman McClain announced a Special Meeting will be held on June 25, 2012 for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Done this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2012

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council