

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 25, 2012
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilman Klugh 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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Campbell to add a Public Comment period to the agenda. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas requested the reason for this and was informed an incident in the Sheriff's Department with her son. The motion carried 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss budget personnel issues. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one item needed to be addressed:

Vice Chairman Campbell made the following motion to add the following amendments to the Budget:

Decrease	Council Training & Travel	\$8,000.00
	Director Training & Travel	\$1,000.00
	Workers Compensation	\$16,853.00
	Contingency	\$22,961.00
Increase	Calhoun Falls Recreation	\$2,000.00
	Property & Liability Ins.	\$14,068.00

Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Third reading of 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. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0 with Councilman Thomas speaking against past handling of the budget. "For several years, budgets have been passed that were very optimistic about revenue. We want to serve the people the best we can, but it's going to take some hard choices."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Mary Hedden of 2832 Cedar Springs South, Abbeville, discussed a video she received in which the Sheriff is depicted having sexual relations with a female deputy while on duty in 2001. She stated her son and another detention officer were discharged for allegedly having sex with an inmate in exchange for cigarettes in 2003. "There was no proof of this accusation, but there is proof of the Sheriffs," she exclaimed. She requested justice be done and her son and the other detention officers records be cleared; if the situation with the Sheriff was going to be overlooked. Council received this as information only.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Done this 9th day of July, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council