

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2012-08) to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one hundred eighty five thousand dollar (\$185,000) general obligation bond of Abbeville County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of said bond shall be expended, to provide for the payment of said bond and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked do you know what is in this bond. Do you know how much this is going to cost before you approve it? Was there an extra cost when you changed bond attorneys? You don't want to know what is in it until it's too late. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

- 2) Ordinance (2012-09) to prohibit activities which interfere with Emergency Management Services or Public Safety of Abbeville County. Coroner Ronnie Ashley encouraged Council to approve this ordinance. All counties are having the same problem. It is a disgrace to the family to take pictures of accident scenes, and then post them on the internet. Think about your family, please approve this ordinance.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 7:37 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Stone gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Stone 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:

Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of Ordinance (2012-08) to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one hundred eighty five thousand dollar (\$185,000) general obligation bond of Abbeville County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of said bond shall be expended, to provide for the payment of said bond and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Councilman Stone asked why the language gave the County Director sole discretion to pay the bond and not council. County Attorney Lee Roper informed Councilman Stone that the language was to cover the cost of paying the bond not to exceed \$185,000.00. Councilman Stone stated I understand, but I believe it is giving the County Director too much power. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Stone opposed.
- b) Second reading of Ordinance (2012-09) to prohibit activities which interfere with Emergency Management Services or Public Safety of Abbeville County. Chairman McClain moved this item to after Executive Session; all agreed.
- c) Second reading of Ordinance (2012-10) authorizing certain economic development incentives for Project Print, including entering into a fee in lieu of property tax arrangement for the project and other related matters, between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Project Print pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2012-16) approving Piedmont Technical College's request for assistance in clearing of property. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2012-17) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction Company of Liberty, South Carolina in the amount of \$108,478.00 for road improvements to Sweetbriar Drive in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2012-18) authorizing the Emergency Management Director to purchase a power stretcher and four (4) stair-pros from Stryker Medical. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Campbell asked if these items were budgeted and was informed they

were under the Public Safety Fee. Councilman Stone asked what the power stretcher did and was informed by the EMS Director David Porter that they were battery powered to raise and lower, thus helping prevent back injuries. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that the motto contest was progressing with a deadline of September 28 for submissions. I am still waiting on decal information from the company to present to the personnel committee. No word yet from USDA if they will be renting space in the new building. Antreville EMS station is now occupied.

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. 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 several committee recommendations. Ms. Armena Ellis be appointed to the Library Board representing District #7. Mr. Joseph Reynolds be reappointed to the GLEAMNS Board. Mr. Paul Crawford be reappointed to the Hospital Board. Ms. Katie Parnell be appointed to the Accommodations Tax Committee representing District #1. All recommendations carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Don Campbell and Charlie Stone. Councilman Stone informed all that the committee had met to discuss what to do with the old buildings. The Library has been refused by the City unless we place a new roof on it. Administration building put up for sale or long term lease. The EMS station reverts to City of Abbeville. Scrap the morgue and old jail. Give the museum to the museum board and place the building on Church Street for sale. Chairman McClain stated we shall take this as information.
- 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. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Ms. May Hedden of 2832 Cedar Springs, Abbeville asked has Council received a report from SLED. Have they done anything to clear her sons' name? If they can make important decisions regarding bonds, why can't they make decisions concerning the Sheriff's office? The vending

machines at the Sheriff's office belong to the Sheriff, where is the money going? Are inmates paid to fix cars? Chairman McClain responded that she would need to see the solicitor in regards to her son and that Council would request a report from SLED. The County Attorney informed her it is state law which governed the Sheriff's office; only the Governor could remove the Sheriff.

Ms Sarah Sherwood of 305 West Pickney Street, Abbeville informed all that she was the Vice President of the Artist Guild and encouraged Council to come and see the photo exhibit her organization had sponsored.

CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Public Works Director Buddy Agan informed all that the Library was ready for the move; it would close on Wednesday September 12th and reopen on Monday October 1st. The moving was being done by the Maintenance and Public Works departments along with volunteers from the friends of the Library. Chairman McClain announced the building dedication will be held on September 30 at 3:00 p.m.

The Administration building has begun placing ceiling tiles, carpet and final coat of paint on 1st floor. Electrical finishing on 2nd floor today and should be starting carpeting along with placing ceiling tiles. Do not believe building will be ready for occupancy before October 15th. A meeting was held with the Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, Probate and Clerk of Court and the consensus was to wait till after January 15th to move due to tax season.

Chairman McClain introduced Mr. Dale Wilson with Piedmont Technical College who thanked Council for all their assistance.

A motion was made by Councilman Klugh to go into Executive Session for a legal issue in regards to zoning, contractual issue on public safety and personnel issues in regards to Finance Department, County Director and Clerk to Council. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced there were two items that needed to be addressed.

Second reading of Ordinance (2012-09) to prohibit activities which interfere with Emergency Management Services or Public Safety of Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Calhoun made a motion that the salary for the Finance Director and Public Works Director be adjusted by the amount discussed in executive session. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Chairman McClain announced there would be a grand opening for the Library in Abbeville on September 30 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Done this 8 day of October, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council