

PUBLIC HEARING:

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. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 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:

Councilman Calhoun gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Calhoun 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 Calhoun made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012, regular county council meeting. Councilman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Third 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 Stone made a motion to amend section 3.01 clarifying the Director is limited to a payment not to exceed \$185,000. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. Councilman Stone asked if this bond would affect the County's 8% assessed value and was informed by the County Attorney Lee Roper that it would not. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (2012-09) to prohibit activities which interfere with Emergency Management Services or Public Safety of Abbeville County. Vice Chairman Campbell made a motion to amend section (L) to include the language "provided that such authorization may only be given by the Coroner at any death scene". Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Stone made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Third 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 Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2012-19) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 12-13. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2012-20) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Smith Data for the purchase of a new Lexmark printer in the amount not to exceed \$1,782.76. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2012-21) to authorize the Emergency Management Director to enter into a contract with Self Medical Group to adhere to state regulations. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Cooley stated he had a nice meeting with the legislature at the Piedmont Tech. Legislative BBQ.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested an update from the County Director on the Audit report for next meeting.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Don Campbell, Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. Committee and Council chose the third logo. The committee would meet to discuss a policy for the marking of all vehicles and to decide on a motto and goals for the County Director before the next scheduled County Council meeting.
- 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 Ms. Abercrombie to be reappointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals representing District #1. The recommendation carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Don Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the committee meet with Upper Savannah Council of Government on projects for the County.
- 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:

District 1 – Councilman Stone toured the new Administration Building and said it was very nice. He also visited the old Library building and stated that they don't build buildings like that anymore and would like to see if an historical grant would be available.

District 3 – Councilman Thomas informed all that he had information on a low interest loan available for well and septic tank assistance to low income families.

District 4 – Councilman Norris attended the Library Dedication and said “the building is beautiful and very user friendly”. He encouraged all to visit the facility.

District 5 – Councilman Klugh requested to know the status on the rezoning which had been denied at the last meeting. The situation has not changed for the better he explained. Zoning Director Josh Phillips stated there is nothing in the zoning ordinance to prohibit someone from parking boats and farm equipment on their property if it belongs to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville stated the tax payers are going to take a lick. The decisions you make will affect your children and grandchildren.

Mr. Al Yoder of 430 Hagen Street, Abbeville gave his opinion on the trading of property with the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Councilman Calhoun to go into Executive Session for an economic development issue and several contractual matters in regards to USDA, sale of County property and the former Library building. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Done this 13th day of November, 2012

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council