

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance (2012-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a six (6) acre portion of a ten (10) acre tract of land located at intersection of Nance Road and Ideal Point and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-343, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2013  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman McClain, Councilmen McCord, Stone, Norris, Campbell, Thomas and Calhoun.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman McCord's Uncle Lawrence (LO) Otto Ashlèy gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman McCord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman McClain turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper who opened the floor for nominations on Chairman. Councilman Stone nominated Chairman McClain. Councilman Norris seconded the nomination. Councilman Norris made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Chairman McClain abstaining. The vote for Chairman McClain to remain Chairman carried 6-0-1 with Chairman McClain abstaining. Attorney Roper called for nominations on Vice Chairman. Councilman Campbell nominated Councilman Stone. Councilman Thomas seconded the nomination. Councilman Norris made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Stone abstaining. The vote for Vice Chairman carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Stone abstaining.

## **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 December 10, 2012, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

## **PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Sandra Johnson of the Upper Savannah Council of Governments explained the Work Ready Community Initiative improves the skills of the workforce and aids employers in finding qualified employees. The test is in three parts 1) Information 2) Math and 3) reading. This is a nationally recognized certification for the person to present to future employers. There is no cost to the County, all we ask is your partnership with the workforce staff and area employers. This benefits employers, employees and Development Services. Application needs to be submitted by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Second reading of Ordinance (2012-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a six (6) acre portion of a ten (10) acre tract of land located at the intersection of Nance Road and Ideal Point and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-343, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
  - 1) Ordinance (2013-01) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a two hundred fifty eight (258) acre tract of land located at 572 Rocky River Plant Road and identified by tax map number 129-00-00-102, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to Basic Industrial (BI).
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2013-01) authorizing the County Director to enter into an agreement with Financial Marketing Concepts, Inc. to establish a discount prescription drug card program for county residents. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) Resolution (2013-02) authorizing the Emergency Management Director to purchase a new vehicle in the amount not to exceed \$28,000. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2013-03) adopting Abbeville County's Swipe Card Policy and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2013-04) commending and recognizing Mrs. Linda T. Brownlee, a resident of Sweetbriar Road, Abbeville, South Carolina for her leadership in securing the Right-Of-Ways for Sweetbriar Road. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2013-05) authorizing the E-911 Director to purchase a Logging Recorder System for the E-911 Center. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that the money for this purchase was coming from E911 Subscriber Fees. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that he would be attending Lobby Day in Columbia on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and if anyone wanted to accompany him he would be leaving at 8:00 a.m. from the Administrative Complex. Also the City of Abbeville would like to have a workshop with Council in late February or early March.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. Chairman McClain requested the County Director set up a meeting with the Auditors.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun and Billy Norris. The committee requested Buddy Agan look into having more lights in the parking lot of the administrative complex.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Stone made a recommendation for Ms. Becky Bowie to be reappointed to the Title III Commission. Councilman Norris seconded the recommendation. This recommendation carried 7-0-0.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas and Charlie Stone. Chairman Thomas reported on their meeting with Upper Savannah Council of Government. Funds are available throughout the year and we are notified when they become open. We have requested a personal phone call to let us know when to apply and what is available. Also discussed county wide water and one of the main issues was to establish better relationships with our municipalities within the County and our legislative delegation. Our recommendation is to set up meetings; out of this we will form committees to establish county wide water.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—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 3 - Councilman Thomas met with SC District #11 Representative Craig Gagnon. Rep. Gagnon is very excited about more funding for the local governments.

District 1 – Vice Chairman Stone requested a report on the electrical costs of the new buildings and has the bond account been closed. County Director Cooley will get a report to Council as soon as possible.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):**

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested a podium be placed in Council Chambers for the speakers. He also requested Council look into using the Calhoun Falls Rescue Squad building already present in Calhoun Falls instead of building a new building.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for the sale of county property and a personnel issue pertaining to the Elections Office. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

Councilman Norris made a motion to advertise the acceptance of bids for the old Library, Veterans Affairs, Jail/Coroner and Office buildings. The County Director added Abbeville County reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any or no reason. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Done this 11 day of February, 2013

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council