

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Mr. James Burton; a member of First Creek Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Campbell 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 2) Second reading of 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). Councilman McCord made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (2013-02) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a 1.6 acre tract of land located at 267 Wiles Road and identified by tax map number 055-00-00-002 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2013-06) to honor and recognize the achievements of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2013-07) recognizing the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County for their service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2013-08) requesting the State Legislature redraw the Starr-Iva Water District. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Stone asked several questions, to which Starr-Iva Water District Manager Randy Pettigrew replied any revenue bonds requested would be paid for by revenue received, assistance would be given to low income families who qualify, tap fee would be comparable, adequate fire protection and no cost to the county. County Director Cooley interjected this would be a great opportunity and would open up Highway 81 to economic development. Chairman McClain said that with the map and area of coverage for Abbeville County someone from Abbeville County should be represented on the Starr-Iva Water District Board. Mr. Pettigrew agreed and said he would take it back to his board for consideration. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 4) Resolution (2013-09) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walter Brothers Inc. of Lexington, South Carolina in the amount of \$17,475.00 for installation of solar powered flashing lights at Antreville and Donalds EMS Stations in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley thanked Council for approving resolution 2013-08 and he would be attending the Starr-Iva Board Meeting tomorrow night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Rick Campbell. Chairman McClain issued a report on meeting with the Auditors and said with a new Sheriff coming into office, a full audit needed to be done before he took office. He requested the County Director get a cost for this audit and bring it back to Council for consideration.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and James McCord. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Campbell made a committee recommendation for Ms. Lillian Boggero to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This committee recommendation carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—James McCord, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

District 2 – Councilman Calhoun urged other members of Council to be aware of block grants available with Upper Savannah COG for their areas.

District 1 – Vice Chairman Stone reiterated he was behind the Starr-Iva Water District Resolution and felt that all questions had been answered to his satisfaction.

District 7 – Chairman McClain announced that it was Reporter Henry Green's birthday and presented him with a cupcake.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville thanked Council for moving forward on county wide water. Then requested an alarm system should be installed in the new administrative complex for security and inmates should not be sitting at the receptionist desk.

Chairman McClain expressed the need for the Administrative Complex to be secure at the close of business each day. Councilman Norris expressed concerns of inmates at the front entrance. Chairman McClain requested the County Director address these issues.

Ms. Cynthia Jefferies of 207 W. Pinckney Street, Abbeville informed Council on the Abbeville French Heritage Festival activities to be held in April.

Mr. Don Bragg of 1038 Bulls Horn Road, Abbeville requested Council accept their proposal for the purchase of the old Library building has a cultural center.

Mr. Robby Robinson of 201 Magazine Street, Abbeville reiterated that the old Library building would make a great cultural center for Abbeville residents.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue pertaining to security in the administrative complex. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 authorize the County Director to purchase a metal detector and to request the Sheriff place a deputy at the front entrance of the Administrative Complex for the remainder of the budget year. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Done this 11th day of March, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council