

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

INVOCATION:

County Director Bruce Cooley 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.
- b) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2013, budget workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of 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). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Thomas opposed.

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 (2013-03) to authorize the County Director to enter into the Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, for the sale of the Veterans Affairs Building located in Abbeville County.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2013-10) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, Inc.; to remount an ambulance for the Abbeville County Emergency Management Department. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2013-11) authorizing the County Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Donalds for building inspection. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that he had spoken with Rep. Gagnon in regards to the Starr-Iva Water project. He was informed that it should pass shortly, but may be vetoed by the Governor. If so Rep. Gagnon felt secure they had enough votes to overturn the veto. Next he requested Council call the Legislative Delegation for their support on the LGF. Lastly he informed them that an audit on the Sheriff's office would cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000; and that there was \$30,000 left in the budget. Council unanimously gave their approval for the audit to be conducted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Rick Campbell. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone requested something be done about the cigarette butts littering the Administrative Complex. Council requested the County Director look into the situation.
- 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 several committee recommendations. Mr. James Alewine to be appointed to the Title III Funds Committee. Mr. Charlie Henry to be reappointed to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors. Mr. Richard Pressly to be reappointed to the Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Mr. Ray Huston to be appointed to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board. All committee recommendations carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas informed his committee he would be setting up a meeting with Planning Director Josh Phillips.
- 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 3 – Councilman Thomas requested a process for handling boards and commissions appointments be implemented. Chairman McClain assigned this task to the Personnel and Administration Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on curbing uncontrolled spending. Water growth, “do it right or leave it alone”. Finally he requested the Public Safety Fee not be raised to cover expenses.

Mr. Jack Mattison of 510 N. Main St., Abbeville requested Council to reconsider giving the Old Library building to the Multi-Cultural Center. There is more value to be gained from a cultural center than from the amount of the building.

Councilman Thomas asked about the meeting requested by the City of Abbeville. Council decided to revisit this item and set a date at the budget workshop on March 25th.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Stone to go into Executive Session for a personnel issue pertaining to the Public Works Director. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Chairman McClain left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Councilman Campbell made a motion to authorize the County Director to advertise for the position of Public Works Director. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Done this 8th day of April, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council