

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2013-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville; accused Council of having no idea of the impact the budget would have on the citizens. Reassessment will not get you out of it. You are advertising for an engineer to fill the Public Works Director position, the past Director was not an Engineer and we cannot afford to pay \$75,000 for one. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 2) Ordinance (2013-05) making provision for Tax Anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2013 and ending the 30th day of June, 2014; to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing and the form of note to be executed evidencing the same; and to make provision for the payment thereof. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 3) Ordinance (2013-06) to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one hundred ninety five thousand dollars (\$195,000) 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; requested Council return to the previous bond attorney and save the county some money. Hearing no further comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 4) Ordinance (2013-07) to adopt new, updated guidelines for Abbeville County Boards and Commissions and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2013
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Stone

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

INVOCATION:

County Director Bruce Cooley gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Thomas 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 Thomas requested a change under Approval of Minutes to read he approved and Councilman Campbell seconded. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 22, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATION:

Treasurer Ray Peck informed Council on the benefits of having an online tax search and payment system. This service would more than pay for itself.

Mr. Ken Martin of Martin-Smith & Company informed Council on the external audit performed on the Sheriff's Department. Other than the instances admitted to by the past Sheriff; no instances of additional problems were detected.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-04) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013. Councilman Thomas requested a budget workshop be held prior to third reading of this ordinance; Council would check their calendars. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-05) making provision for Tax Anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2013 and ending the 30th day of June, 2014; to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing and the form of note to be executed evidencing the same; and to make provision for the payment thereof. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
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- 4) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-07) to adopt new, updated guidelines for Abbeville County Boards and Commissions and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2013-16) Emergency Medical Services Week in honor of the men and women who serve Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Norris read and presented the resolution to members of EMS.
- 2) Resolution (2013-17) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with McDill Real Estate to sell the building located at 201 South Main Street in Abbeville. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2013-18) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with McDill Real Estate to sell the building located at 394 Highway 28 By Pass in Abbeville. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2013-19) requesting the State Legislature oppose any and all cuts to the Local Government Fund (LGF). Councilman Norris 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 the contract on the sale of the VA building was in the hands of the buyer. On May 21st he would be accompanying Steve Bowles on another industry appreciation tour.

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. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and James McCord. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the committee look into speed limit signs for Industrial Park Road and any other county roads.

- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Charlie Stone. No report was given. Committee Chairman Campbell made a committee reappointment to the Planning Commission for John Parkman. This 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: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into Executive Session for personnel issues pertaining to the County Director and the Sheriffs Office. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed. An Economic Development/Budget Workshop will be held on June 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room "B".

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Done this 10th day of June, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council