

PUBLIC HEARING:

Resolution (2013-20) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 12-13. Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 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 7:38 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:

- 1) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013, budget workshop. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Vice Chairman Stone abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Major Melody McClure with the Salvation Army informed Council that the Salvation Army has been helping residents in this area pay their rent and utilities, plus supply food and clothing when needed for 75 years. The contact for Abbeville County is Ms. Mary Smith (366-4647).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 made a motion to amend the Budget by making changes reflected in attachment "A" and to provide that pay increases reflected in the budget only apply to those employees that have been with the County for six (6) months; once employed for six (6) months the employee would then receive a 2% cost of living increase. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Third 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. Chairman McClain made a motion to table third reading until the July meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Third reading of 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. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Third 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. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas requested third reading be tabled. Vice Chairman Stone and Councilman Campbell rescinded their motions. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table third reading until July meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2013-20) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 12-13. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2013-21) proclaiming the month of June as The Salvation Army Month in recognition of their 75th year of service to Abbeville County. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain presented the resolution to the representatives present.
- 3) Resolution (2013-22) authorizing the Abbeville County Sheriff to purchase a used automobile. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Vice Chairman Stone abstaining.
- 4) Resolution (2013-23) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with James B. Jones, Jr. Construction Co. Inc., South Carolina for construction of the Industrial Incubator Building at the Lakelands Commerce Center. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2013-24) recognizing the Josephine Spearman Wright High School and Abbeville County Training School Alumni Association, Inc. (JSW/ACTS), for twenty (20) years of preserving the legacy of the fore mentioned schools. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Thomas presented the resolution to the representatives present.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that the closing of the VA building is scheduled for Friday. The Calhoun Falls EMS station is awaiting trusses and should be complete within two (2) months. Reassessment is now in the City of Abbeville with about 800 left and should be finished by mid July.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Rick Campbell. No report was given, but requested a meeting be scheduled with the Treasurer.
- 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. Chairman Calhoun informed Council that the committee's recommendations for Industrial Park Road were 25 or 30 mph speed limit signs, yellow line and no parking signs. Chairman McClain requested the County Attorney Lee Roper prepare an Ordinance to reflect these items. This request carried 6-0-0.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- 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:

Councilman Thomas informed Council; they have been invited to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway Dedication Ceremony being held at the McCormick Middle School Gymnasium on June 30th, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Stone requested Council members report to the Public Works Dept. on bridges in their area that were not draining water properly.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss contractual issues pertaining to the sale of the old jail and Library; plus a personnel matter pertaining to the Sheriff. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to authorize the County Director to sign the contract on the sale of the Old Library. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to retroactively set the Sheriff salary at \$62,500 per year to be increased by 2% after six (6) months of service. The motion carried 4-1-1 with Councilman McCord opposed and Vice Chairman Stone abstaining.

Chairman McClain requested the Personnel and Administration Committee review the Administrative Procedure for employee grievances. Also, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to search for an individual to represent Abbeville County on the Starr-Iva Water Authority.

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 9:28 p.m.

Done this 8th day of July, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council