

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2013
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Stone

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor David Garrick of Beulah Baptist Church in Abbeville gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McCord 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 Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Lee Garrett introduced Mr. Paul Gilbert, Assistant Administrator for the Town of Calhoun Falls. Mr. Gilbert informed Council on the Strategic Plan for the Town of Calhoun Falls and requested their support.

TABLED BUSINESS:

- 1) 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. Councilman Campbell made a motion to remove this Ordinance from the table. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman

Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 2) 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. Councilman Thomas made a motion to remove this Ordinance from the table. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third 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 (2013-08) providing speed limits for roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina, to provide penalties for violations and other matters relating thereto.
 - 2) Ordinance (2013-09) to ratify the agreement entered into by the County Director for the sale of the old Library building located in Abbeville County, and to authorize the County Director to execute a deed of conveyance and other documents necessary to carry out the transaction contemplated therein.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2013-25) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction of Liberty, South Carolina in the amount of \$33,988.00 for driveway improvements to Calhoun Falls EMS Station in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2013-26) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina; Dunn & Associates of Anderson, South Carolina; and Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering of West Columbia, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway projects in Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas asked why this resolution was done and Mr. Agan; the Public Works Director informed him it was the procedure required for CTC Funds. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2013-27) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc. for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 4) Resolution (2013-28) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herron Trucking, 191 Black's Mill Road, Iva, South Carolina for the purchase and hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County

Department of Public Works. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 5) Resolution (2013-29) recognizing and honoring Mr. Buddy Agan for his dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain read and presented the resolution and plaque to Mr. Agan.
- 6) Resolution (2013-30) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for the purchase of equipment and vehicles for Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) Resolution (2013-30/II) approving financing terms for purchase of equipment and vehicles with BB&T. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that reassessment field work has been completed. He explained the revenue sheet should show that 101% of the projected taxes has been collected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Rick Campbell. No report was given, but a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday (7/11/13) with Margaret Pope.
- 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 Mr. Patrick Davenport to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals representing District #7 and Mr. Andrew Price to be appointed to the Board of Assessment Appeals representing District #6. Both recommendations 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:

Councilman Thomas informed Council; the SCAC is requesting their input on any legislative policy issues that they deem appropriate for consideration by the steering committees.

Councilman McCord requested Council to pursue a donation of land for a Fire Sub-station located near Cold Springs. Chairman McClain requested the County Director meet with the Fire Marshall and Cold Springs Fire Dept. on land for the sub-station and brings recommendations back to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue pertaining to the sale of the old Library; a personnel issue regarding the Sheriff's Dept. and an Economic Development issue regarding additional revenue. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no items needed to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Done this 12th day of August, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council