

PUBLIC HEARING:

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**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2013
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas 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:

Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2013, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Sheriff Ray Watson requested Ordinance 2010-03 be revised to state a 2:00 a.m. closing for commercial establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. He requested this for the safety of his officers and the patrons of these establishments. He also requested the language of Ordinance 93-1 pertaining to Animal Control be broadened to include all animals. Chairman McClain requested these ordinances be on the agenda for the next meeting of County Council.

Councilman Calhoun arrived during the presentations.

Ms. Sandra Ligon; Community Relations Senior Consultant for the SC Human Affairs Commission requested Council form a Community Relations Council consisting of voluntary representation to work together for common purposes. The major objective is the prevention and elimination of unlawful discrimination. Chairman McClain asked Council to notify him if they wanted to see a resolution for a Community Relations Committee for Abbeville County added to the next agenda.

Chairman McClain presented the Training Coordinator/Officer of the Year Award to Ms. Josie Parton; an E911 operator; from the South Carolina APCO/NENA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-12) to establish policies and guidelines for the Presentation and Public Comment segments during a County Council meeting. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-13) to authorize the agreement between Abbeville County and Project Old Jail for the sale of the old jail building located in Abbeville County, and to authorize the County Director to execute such agreement, a deed of conveyance and other documents necessary to carry out the transaction contemplated therein. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2013-14) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on various properties bordering highway 81, Country Lane, Fairway Lane and Cedar Lane; consisting of thirty-one (31) tax parcels in the Country Club Estates Subdivision and two (2) parcels along Highway 81 and identified by tax map #'s 141-00-00-007, 008, 009, 010, 011, 013, 014, 033, 035, 036, 037, 021, 018, 055, 016, 025, 032, 027, 040, 052, 053, 060, 047, 044, 043, 050, 056, 062, 105, 054, 051, 064, 099; from a district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 (2013-15) authorizing the amendment of the agreement for development for joint county industrial park executed on January 8, 2008; by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and Abbeville County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a joint county industrial and business park so as to include additional property in Abbeville County as part of the joint county industrial park, and other matters relating thereto.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2013-41) in opposition to House Bill 3290 and Senate Bill 203 currently pending before the South Carolina General Assembly. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2013-42) to authorize the expenditure of Accommodations Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell requested the Opera House be reduced to \$9,000; the Burke Stark Mansion reduced to \$8,000; the Artist Guild reduced to \$3,000 and the Lake Secession Property Owners Association increased to \$8,000. After additional discussion; the motion carried 5-2-0 with Chairman McClain and Councilman Campbell opposed.
 - 3) Resolution (2013-43) authorizing the execution of a covenant of use, purpose and ownership for the benefit of the United State Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration in connection with EDA award number 04-79-06702. County Attorney Lee Roper explained that this resolution was a requirement by the US Dept. of Commerce for the grant received on the incubator building. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 4) Resolution (2013-44) to expand the water services area of the Town of Calhoun Falls and to request the State Legislature to confirm such expansion. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that the financial condition is in good shape. He also requested they contact the Legislative Delegation to oppose the Flow Control bill being attached to House Bill 3847.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Rick Campbell. Committee Chairman McClain requested the County Director look into upgrading the financial software.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone announced a committee meeting would be held on 11/14/13 at 10:00 a.m.
- 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. Jim Irwin to be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This nomination passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas stated several parts of the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Development Regulations are in the process of being reviewed.
- 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:

Vice Chairman Stone requested information on the County establishing an animal shelter. Chairman McClain requested the County Director have a proposal ready to present to Council during budget workshops in 2014.

Councilman Thomas inquired on the possibility of moving Voters Registration downstairs. Chairman McClain instructed the County Director to seek a cost estimate for this proposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss contractual issues pertaining to the Administrative roof, the Magistrates office and the Courthouse; plus a personnel issue regarding the County Director. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one item needed to be addressed.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute an agreement with the Magistrate and the Sheriff to provide for a deputy to provide services to the Magistrates office. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman McClain announced a Special Meeting will be held on 12/2/13 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Done this 9th day of December, 2013

Abbeville County Council

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

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council