

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance (2014-01) to approve the exchange of property between Abbeville County and the Abbeville Area Medical Center and to authorize the County Director to execute a deed of conveyance and such other documents or agreements that may be necessary in connection with such exchange. Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed this public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman McClain

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Mike Evans of Ebenezer Methodist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman McCord led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Thomas 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.

County Attorney Lee Roper reported to Council that he had incorrectly advised Council regarding a motion made at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning third reading of Ordinance 2013-16. At the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting after a motion to approve third reading had been made, a motion to amend would have been appropriate, however, Mr. Roper advised that it was not. In order to correct the procedural error, it was appropriate for a council member to make a motion to reconsider third reading of Ordinance 2013-16 and to amend Ordinance 2013-16. Councilman Norris made a motion to reconsider and amend Ordinance 2013-16 to remove the prohibition of tobacco use on county property and to permit tobacco use in designated areas only. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed. Chairman Thomas called for a motion to approve third reading of Ordinance 2013-16 with the amendment to permit tobacco use in designated areas. Councilman Norris made the motion. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2013-20) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on three (3) properties bordering Highway 28 Bypass and Industrial Park Road, consisting of three (3) parcels, containing approximately eleven (11) acres, identified by tax map number's 121-00-00-167, 162 and 013; from a district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to Basic Industrial (BI). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2014-01) to approve the exchange of property between Abbeville County and the Abbeville Area Medical Center and to authorize the County Director to execute a deed of conveyance and such other documents or agreements that may become necessary in connection with such exchange. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord 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 (2014-02) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2014-04) recognizing the American Red Cross for service provided to Abbeville County and its citizens. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2014-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walker Cadillac Buick GMC Inc., of Carrollton, Georgia in the amount of \$20,350.00 including tax for one used 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 HD stake body 2 WD Crew Cab with Tommy Lift and approximately 57,000 miles. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (2014-06) to authorize the transfer of \$10,903.00 from the Sheriff's Capital Lease Purchase Account to the Uniform Account. Councilman Norris 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; he would be attending the mid-year conference on 2/19; if anyone would like to ride with him to let him know. He also will be attending the CDBG workshop on 2/20. Rep. Craig Gagnon called and informed him that the Governor has approved the request for Starr Iva Water District to be the water provider for the north-west part of the County.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman Thomas informed Council that the committee had met to discuss the proposed FY 14-15 County Council budget.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone stated a meeting will be held next week to discuss several issues. Chairman Thomas created an Ad Hoc committee to include Sharon Singleton and David Porter.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. Committee Chairman McCord announced that he had received several complaints on road conditions. He wanted to inform the residents that inclement weather has affected the roads and the Road Dept. is doing their best to fix them.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Councilman Campbell made committee recommendations for Ms. Jenny O'Quinn to be reappointed to the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Ms. Shirley Emden to be reappointed to the Library Board. All nominations passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Rick Campbell, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. A meeting was held with Dept. Heads to jump start the budget requests.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

District 3 – Chairman Thomas requested Council look at several dates for a meeting to be held with the City of Abbeville. Also, discussed holding a strategic planning meeting; before the first budget workshop in March.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (sign in sheet only): None

**PRESENTATION:**

Chairman Thomas presented Resolution 2014-04 to the members of the Red Cross in attendance. EMS Director David Porter made a few comments and Chairman Thomas read the resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with Public Works, an Economic Development issue, a legal issue on F.O.I.A. and a contractual issue pertaining to a strategic planning meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

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


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

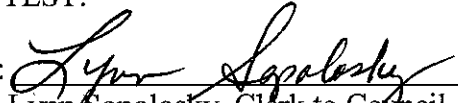
The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council