

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance (2014-02) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008. Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed this public hearing.

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

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Campbell gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Campbell 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman McClain abstaining.

**PRESENTATION:**

Chairman Thomas presented a plaque to Councilman McClain thanking him for serving as County Council Chairman from 2011 thru 2013.

Mr. Clay Andrews with the Upstate Alliance informed Council on the Brookings Institution Global Cities Program.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third 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 McCord made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2014-02) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2014-07) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walker Brothers, Inc. of Lexington, South Carolina in the amount of \$84,780 for installation of solar powered flashing lights at the Fire Stations: McGill, Calhoun Falls, Cold Springs, Donalds, Due West, Edgewood, Keowee, Long Cane, Lowndesville, Monterey, Sharon and Bethia. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2014-08) authorizes the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Carolina Billing Services, Inc. for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2014-09) authorizing the County Director to proceed with accomplishing the Strategic Planning priorities set forth for 2014. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council; the Probation, Parole and Pardons Director contacted him requesting permission for persons to serve their community service time on weekends at the Landfill and Convenience Centers. Revenues generated from Property Taxes are at 97.7% collection rate of budget. Emergency Management Services Director David Porter was presented with the 2013 S.C. EMS Large System of the year award.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman McClain made committee a recommendation for Mr. William L. Bowman to be reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nomination 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. Committee Chairman Norris informed Council on the volunteers and EMS personnel Reunion. He stated, forty (40) attended and he hopes to have this reunion every other year.

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

District 1 – Vice Chairman Stone informed Council; Casey Ashley of Abbeville County won the Bass Fishing Tournament held on Lake Hartwell.

Vice Chairman Stone requested Mutual Aid Agreements are established in support of residents on Highway 252 near the borders of Anderson and Greenwood Counties.

District 5 – Councilman McCord support from the community and council for building a Fire Sub-station in the Cold Springs Community. He stated, this would help reduce the ISO rating in the community and Home Owners Insurance.

District 3 – Chairman Thomas informed all on the meet/greet with county municipalities, service providers, education, health, etc. to establish better communication between each other and improve the lives of Abbeville County citizens.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on useless engineering studies and a podium for Council Chambers.

County Treasurer Ray Peck informed Council he would not be seeking reelection for 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with Public Works, Building Codes/Planning and Registration/Elections. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced discussions in Executive Session did not require any action to be taken by Council.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

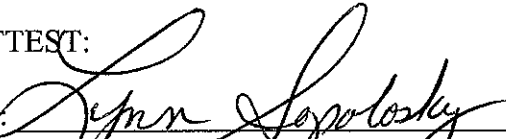
The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council