

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Wayman Coleman with Flat Rock AME Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO FOIA:

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:

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman McClain seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2014, budget workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Barney Gambrell of 1374 Gassoway Farm Road, Abbeville; requested the County Council consider changing the hours of the unmanned convenience center out front of the Abbeville County Landfill to the same hours as the convenience centers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2014-02) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone 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 (2014-03) to authorize the economic development agreement between Abbeville County and Project Stockman for investment, job creation and the sale of the Stockman 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.
- 2) Ordinance (2014-04) to make appropriations for Abbeville County operating and capital budgets for the operation of the county government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014; to provide for the expenditure of tax revenues and other county funds; to provide for other county purposes; to authorize the county to borrow money in anticipation of taxes; to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the county governing body; and to provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to county government.

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2014-10) adopting Abbeville County's Administrative Procedures for hazardous weather; employee appearance; death and illness acknowledgement; discipline process; and grievance procedure and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Chairman Thomas asked for a motion on each administrative policy. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the hazardous weather policy. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. Councilman McClain requested the policy be amended to include "all Departments under the county budget fall under this policy". Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion to amend. The motion carried 7-0-0. The motion on the policy with the amendment carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen McClain and Calhoun opposed. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the employee appearance policy. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the death and illness acknowledgement policy. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the discipline policy. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the grievance procedure. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. Chairman Thomas interjected this policy should pertain to all employees whether they work for an elected official or not. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Chairman Thomas and Councilmen McClain and Calhoun opposed.

- 2) Resolution (2014-12) authorizing Abbeville County to allow offenders being supervised by the Abbeville County Office of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services to engage in public service employment at the Landfill, Convenience Centers or any site approved or requested by Abbeville County. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2014-13) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Contingency Fund for Codification of Ordinances, Sheriff's uniforms and an email server. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2014-14) authorizing the County of Abbeville (Abbeville County) to amend the original incubator contract to allow a change order to purchase a security gate for the Lakelands Commerce Center. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2014-15) authorizing the County of Abbeville (Abbeville County) to amend the original incubator contract to allow a change order to install additional drainage for the Lakelands Commerce Center. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2014-16) to establish a commission to consider proposals for funding Capital Projects in Abbeville County, South Carolina, pursuant to Section 4-10-300, et seq., of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; to provide for the composition and appointment of such commission and other matters related thereto. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 7) Resolution (2014-17) honoring and recognizing The American Legion Riders of South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman Thomas invited Council to attend the presentation ceremony; which is being held on April 25th at 12:00 p.m. on the square.
- 8) Resolution (2014-18) to honor Prysmian Group-Abbeville Facility on their fifty (50) year anniversary. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 9) Resolution (2014-19) establishing the hours of operation for the unmanned residential waste disposal site located at the Abbeville County Landfill. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 10) Resolution (2014-20) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Dunn and Associates for engineering services for roadway improvements to Oakmont Circle, Alex Way, Palmer Place, Horizon Way, Par Place, Bridgewater Court, Crystal Lake Court, Waterford Point, Widewater Court, and South Lake Ridge Drive in Abbeville County not to exceed \$30,000. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 11) Resolution (2014-21) recognizing Abbeville County EMS for service provided to Abbeville County, its citizens and winning the South Carolina EMS Large System of the Year 2013 award. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 12) Resolution (2014-22) to authorize the County Director to have professional studies conducted for Project Rail, including but not limited to, A Phase One Environmental Study, Flood Plain Investigation, Cultural Resources Study and any other study deemed necessary not to exceed \$35,000 paid from the non millage infrastructure account. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PRESENTATION:

Chairman Thomas read and presented Resolution 2014-18 to Tyson Baker; a manager with Prysmian Group-Abbeville Facility.

Chairman Thomas read and presented Resolution 2014-21 to EMS Director David Porter and EMS Deputy Director Will Blackwell.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley reminded Council that a budget workshop will be held on April 28th.

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. Committee Chairman McCord informed Council that the committee has met with Public Works Director Shaw on the unmanned convenience center in Lowndesville; which may be closing; if the City of Abbeville agrees to pick up trash in Lowndesville. Also, on extending the life of the landfill for an additional year.

- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman McClain made committee recommendations for Mr. Carlton Matthews to be appointed to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board; and Rev. George Gardner to be reappointed to the Accommodations Tax Committee. 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. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

District 1 – Vice Chairman Stone requested Council drive down Highway 20 in Due West to see the reclamation mess.

District 3 – Chairman Thomas informed all on the ribbon cutting for Piedmont Tech on April 21st at 5:00 p.m. and the rededication of the Wright Middle flag pole on May 10th at 2:00 p.m.

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 on Abbeville County Agricultural Building; Planning and Zoning; Lowndesville Convenience Center; and the incubator lease. Personnel issues pertaining to Building Codes personnel and Planning and Zoning. Lastly; a legal issue pertaining to the signature on grants. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Vice Chairman Stone left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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 Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

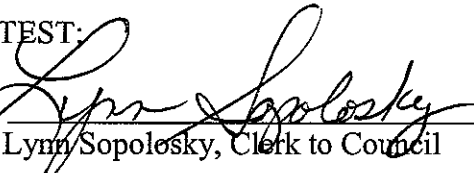
The meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Done this 12th day of May, 2014

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council