

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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. Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

- 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. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville disputed the reasons Council made for an increase to their salary. Accountability and credibility go hand in hand. The county employees are essential to the daily working of the County. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 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 7:37 p.m.

INVOCATION:

County Director Bruce Cooley gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Stone 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014, budget workshop. Councilman McClain seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014, budget workshop. Councilman McClain seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Deepal Eliatamby; President and Mr. Ryan Slattery; Senior Project Manager of Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc., informed Council about what their company has to offer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Second reading of 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. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of 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. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2014-07) authorizing the County Director to sell the property known as Project Rail to Project Compress pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Option Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "A". 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 (2014-05) authorizing the County Director to negotiate lease agreements and make other routine decisions in regards to the Lakelands Commerce Center Industrial Incubator Building.
 - 2) Ordinance (2014-06) 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, 2014 and ending the 30th day of June, 2015; 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.
 - 3) Ordinance (2014-08) to create a special tax district for the purposes of assessing charges for the operation, maintenance, construction or improvements of the subdivision entrances, subdivision lighting systems, subdivision sewer systems and lateral lines and all other common areas of the Abbeville County portion of Hunters Creek Subdivision; to provide for the governing commission of said special tax district; and to make further provisions with reference to same.
 - 4) Ordinance (2014-09) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$8,750,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities refunding revenue bonds (Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project) of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, pursuant to Article 11, Chapter 7, Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended: the application of the proceeds of said bonds to be made available to the Board of Trustees of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital to refund all or a portion of the Hospital Facilities Revenue Bond (Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project), Series 2004 of Abbeville County and the Hospital Facilities Revenue Bond (Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project), Series 2005 of Abbeville County, the proceeds of which were used to finance the costs of constructing and equipping of a replacement hospital facility; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds including a loan agreement between Abbeville County and the Board of Trustees of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, and an assignment thereof to the purchaser of the bonds; consenting to the delivery of a mortgage of the hospital facilities; and other matters relating thereto. Bond Attorney Margaret Pope informed Council this ordinance would allow the hospital bonds to be interest tax exempt and assured them they would face no economic liability on the repayment of these bonds.
- b) Resolutions:
- 1) Resolution (2014-24) to authorize the Abbeville County Sheriff's Department to enter into an agreement with the Town of Due West to provide Victim Assistance as mandated by South Carolina Law. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) Resolution (2014-25) to authorize the Abbeville County Sheriff's Department to enter into an agreement with the Town of Ware Shoals to provide Victim Assistance as mandated by South Carolina Law. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2014-27) approving the refunding of certain bonds by the Board of Trustees of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital through the issuance and delivery of Abbeville County, South Carolina, Hospital Facilities Refunding Revenue Bonds (Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project), in one or more series, in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$8,750,000; authorizing a petition to the State Budget and Control Board of South Carolina for its approval of such refunding pursuant to Title 44, Chapter 7, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended; and providing for other matters relating thereto. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. Chairman Thomas requested the name be corrected to Abbeville Area Medical Center. Bond Attorney Margaret Pope stated that would be done before signing. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council on the latest news regarding the Local Government Fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Councilman Norris stated the committee has met and agreed that all grants written will go through the Finance Department and the County Director before being submitted and to hire a grant writer for the County. These committee recommendations were approved unanimously.
- 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 is waiting to hear from the City of Abbeville on collecting trash from the Town of Lowndesville.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- 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: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss contractual issues on the County office building and the Public Works Department; Personnel issues pertaining to Public Safety and the Magistrate and Delinquent Tax Departments; a legal matter pertaining to the formation of a commission for the 1% sales tax referendum and an Economic Development issue. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced one issue needed to have action taken by Council:

Councilman Norris made a motion to appoint Brad Evans, Wayman Coleman and Barney Gambrell to the Commission for the 1% sales tax referendum. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve these appointments. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

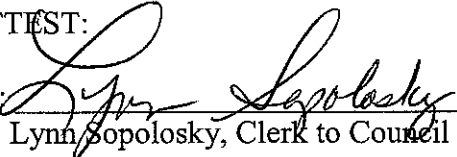
Done this 9th day of June, 2014

Abbeville County Council

By: 

Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council