

PUBLIC HEARING:

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- 3) 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". Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
- 4) 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. Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
- 5) Ordinance (2014-09) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$8,750,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities refunding revenue bonds (Abbeville Area Medical Center 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 Area Medical Center F/K/A 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 Area Medical Center, 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. Hearing no comments, Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Boy Scout Troop #62 gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Boy Scout Troop #62 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:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PRESENTATION:

Mr. John Lummus; President and CEO of the Upstate SC Alliance informed Council on his background and the assistance to Abbeville County the Upstate SC Alliance provides.

County Director Bruce Cooley read the plaque presented to Abbeville County EMS from Barnwell County Emergency Management thanking them for their assistance during the ice storm that hit the county in February, 2014.

Rep. Craig Gagnon presented a resolution recognizing Abbeville County EMS as the EMS Large System of the Year 2013 award winner from the SC House of Representatives, Rep. Mike Gambrell and himself.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 third reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Third 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 amend this ordinance by adding a 1.5% increase to employees effective July, 2014, one (1) QRV employee, one (1) mechanic, one (1) E911 employee, and increases to the Magistrate and Delinquent Tax Departments. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to remove health benefits and raises from County Council. This motion failed due to lack of second. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance with the amendments made. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Vice Chairman Stone opposed.
- 3) Second reading of 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. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
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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 (2014-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for two parcels of land bordering Highway 72 East and identified by tax map numbers 121-00-00-068 and 121-00-00-069, consisting of all of tax map number 121-00-00-068 and approximately 1.33 acres of tax map number 121-00-00-069, from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to a district of General Commercial (GC).
 - 2) Ordinance (2014-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 5.5 acre tract of land bordering Highway 72 East and identified by tax map number 121-00-00-070 from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to General Commercial (GC).

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2014-28) to adopt the Grant Protocol Policy and to rescind all prior resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2014-29) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Contingency Fund for the purchase of deer guards for EMS ambulance. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2014-30) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herron Trucking, 191 Black's Mill Road, Iva, South Carolina for the purchase and hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Department of Public Works. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2014-31) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Pickens Construction of Anderson, South Carolina in the amount of \$359,033.00 for road improvements to A-Frame Road, First Avenue, Second Avenue, Bridgewater Court, Crystal Lake Court, Waterford Point, Widewater Court, South Lake Ridge Drive, Joseph's Lane, Kearsten's Way, George Owens Road, Owen Point, Fairs Road, and Deer Run in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2014-32) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of automobiles for the Sheriff's Department. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 6) Ratification of action taken by Council to proclaim June 1, 2014 as George and Wilhelmena Smith Day in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman McCord made a motion to ratify this action taken by Council. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) Chairman Thomas asked for the Proclamation for Ashley Bonds, to be added to the agenda since the meeting preceded the event. Chairman Thomas read the proclamation proclaiming June 14, 2014 as Ashley Hope Bond Day. Councilman McClain made a motion to ratify this action. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley introduced Mark Timmerman the new Building Codes Director and Andy Price the new part time planner to Council. He continued on to say he is working with David Porter, Abbeville County EMS Director on the J. Mitchell Graham and Barrett Larimore awards submissions. Finally he read a letter from Ruth LaForge with the Upper Savannah COG stating the County would automatically renew its participation on the Upper Savannah Home Consortium for another three (3) years.

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 Daniel Shaw, Bruce Cooley and he attended a meeting with the Town of Lowndesville residents and he would like to add a contractual issue on land transfer to executive session.
- 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):

Mr. Jerald Burdette of 6658 Highway 1 North in Lowndesville requested Council place a manned convenience center in Lowndesville.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McClain to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue on land transfer from Lowndesville; personnel issues pertaining to the County Director, Magistrate and Delinquent Tax Departments; and an Economic Development update. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Done this 14th day of July, 2014

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council