

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 14, 2014  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor James Arnold of the Mount Canaan Baptist Church in Abbeville gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Thomas 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 June 9, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

**PRESENTATION:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third 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 Campbell made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Third reading of 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Third reading of 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. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Third reading of 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. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 5) Second reading of 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). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Second reading of 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). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris 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 (2014-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 119.91 acre tract of land located across from 4505 Highway 72 West in Calhoun Falls and identified by tax map number 155-00-00-050 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to a district of Basic Industrial (BA).
  - 2) Ordinance (2014-14) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for approximately 24 acres located across from Medic 3 Station on Highway 72 West in Calhoun Falls and identified by tax map number 154-00-00-028 from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to a district of Basic Industrial (BA).
  - 3) Ordinance (2014-15) to adopt updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Chairman Thomas requested the Finance Committee review this ordinance prior to the August meeting.
  - 4) Ordinance (2014-16) providing for the transfer of authority for conducting Town of Calhoun Falls municipal elections to the Abbeville County Registration and Elections Commission.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2014-33) to honor and recognize the achievements of the Dixie High School Lady Hornets Softball Team. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2014-34) to honor and recognize the achievements of Deandre Hurley; a member of the Abbeville High School Tract Team. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (2014-35) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc., for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. Councilman Calhoun asked if this contract had been advertised and was informed it had not. Councilman McClain made a motion for this to be tabled until the County Attorney could research the Abbeville County bid process. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Norris and McCord opposed.
- 4) Resolution (2014-36) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Ballentine Ford of Greenwood, South Carolina; in the amount of \$23,916.00 including tax for a new 2014 F-150 Extended Cab 4 Wheel Drive Pickup Truck. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2014-37) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, Inc.; to remount an ambulance for the Abbeville County Emergency Management Department. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2014-38) authorizing the County Director and County Maintenance staff to begin work on Abbeville County EMS bays. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 7) Resolution (2014-39) authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for the purchase of vehicles and equipment (five (5) vehicles for the Sheriff's Dept., remounting of an ambulance and one (1) pickup truck and elevating scraper for the Landfill) for Abbeville County. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 8) Proclamation to proclaim and recognize the month of May, 2014, as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to accept this proclamation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley reminded everyone on the SCAC Conference in Hilton Head. The submission for the J. Mitchell Graham Award will be heard at 3:00 p.m. and the Barrett Lawrimore Award at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman Thomas stated the committee would meet as soon as possible to review the purchasing policy.

- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone requested time in executive session to discuss a personnel issue in regards to the Treasurer's office.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. Committee Chairman McCord requested time in executive session to discuss a contractual and legal issue pertaining to the Town of Lowndesville.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. No report was given; requesting meeting on July 22 at 4:15 p.m.
- 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:**

Councilman Campbell informed all on the Calhoun Falls Blue Hole dedication being held on July 17 at 10:30 a.m. He then requested Council allow Mr. Fred Seacrest of Lowndesville to speak on the trash problem in that area. Chairman Thomas stated that this was a non-agenda item and would require  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Council to approve this request. The Council was unanimous on allowing him to speak.

Mr. Fred Seacrest of 3700 Horseshoe Road, Lowndesville requested assistance with the trash situation in his area. Without a dump site the trash is piling up, attracting animals and insects. Many of the citizens are not able to drive to the Diamond Hill Convenience Center, please move quickly in helping the town find a solution to this problem. Councilman Campbell explained the steps they had been through in that area and did not know of anything else they needed to discuss. Councilman McCord stated no protests were made when the decision to close the dump site had been made. Chairman Thomas informed Mr. Seacrest that the Town of Lowndesville is an incorporated municipality. The County Council has jurisdiction over the unincorporated portions of the County. This is a Lowndesville situation that Lowndesville needs to handle; Council and the Public Works Committee Chairman have tried to find some solutions for your situation. It has been eight (8) years or longer since the County received a letter from DHEC informing us that all dumpsters were to be removed. Each time it would come up, Council received a request from your town to allow the dumpsters to stay a little while longer. Finally we had some contamination to the ground for which we are held liable. That is why this time the site was closed. Council is trying hard to find a solution, but open dumpsters cannot be allowed in the county.

Chairman Thomas informed all that Piedmont Tech is soliciting payment for bricks at a cost of \$75.00 each and if you would like a room named after someone see the Clerk to Council for applications.

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

Chairman Thomas presented the resolution for the Abbeville High School Softball Team to some of the players, while Vice Chairman Stone read the resolution.

Chairman Thomas presented the resolution for Deandre Hurley to him, while Councilman Norris read the resolution.

Chairman Thomas presented and read the resolution for the month of May, 2014 as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month.

Chairman Thomas recognized Mr. Tom Brant with Clemson Extension who introduced their new Livestock and Forages Area Agent Gary Coleman.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue on Lowndesville; personnel issues pertaining to the County Director, Treasurer and Tax Assessor. 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 several issues required action to be taken by Council.

Chairman Thomas requested the Public Works Committee coordinate with Lowndesville officials on requested information for the possible construction of a mini convenience center.

Intergovernmental Committee Chairman McClain made the following committee reappointments:

Ms. Jane Stone; to the Library Board; which passed 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman Stone abstaining.

Ms. Julie Bowles; to the Accommodations Tax Committee; which passed 7-0-0.

Councilman Norris stated these reappointments had been omitted earlier and not discussed in executive session.

County Director Cooley requested Council extend the contract with Joyce Engineering for a few months until the research can be performed. Councilman Norris made a motion to add to the agenda, consideration to extend the contract of Joyce Engineering, Inc., for two (2) months. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the extension of the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc., for two (2) months. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

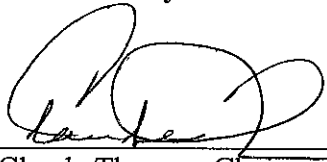
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

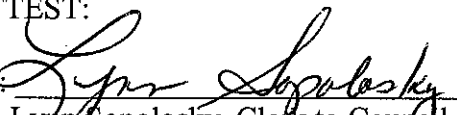
The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council