

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 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 (BI). Hearing no comment; Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
- 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 (BI). Hearing no comment; Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
- 3) Ordinance (2014-15) to adopt updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comment; Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.
- 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. Hearing no comment; Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman McClain

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Pastor Wayman Coleman of the Flat Rock AME Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Boy Scout Kyle Lortie 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 July 14, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third 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 table third reading at the request of the Planning Director. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Third 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 third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of 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 (BI). Councilman McCord made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Second reading of 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 (BI). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Finance Committee Report —Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Finance Committee Chairman Thomas reported to Council on their recommendations for the Purchasing Policy attached to Ordinance 2014-15. The committee requested the document be passed with the changes suggested by the committee; which were included in their packets. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to accept the changes made by the committee to the Purchasing Policy. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Further the committee recommends that all purchases over \$5,000 be advertised and the results of this shall be brought before Council. Vice Chairman

Stone made a motion to accept this recommendation from the committee. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 6) Second reading of Ordinance (2014-15) to adopt updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Campbell made a motion to accept second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) Second reading of 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. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

#### **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 (2014-12) to amend the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County so as to adjust the compensation of Council Members, Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2014-40) to recognize the wrestling achievements of Benjamin W. Glace as a member of the Abbeville High Wrestling Team. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2014-41) authorizing the County Director to purchase Gantry Cranes and office equipment (not to exceed the \$27,000 grant amount) for the Lakelands Commerce Center Industrial Incubator building. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Vice Chairman Stone opposed.
  - 3) Resolution (2014-42) authorizing the purchase of real property located in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
  - 4) Resolution (2014-43) authorizing the County Director to enter into an amendment of lease with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Lauren Ponder; Director of Project Development with the South Carolina National Corridor Highway 81 informed Council on the Calhoun Falls gateway improvement plan they would like to implement. She requested Council's assistance in obtaining CTC funds for the project.

Chairman Thomas read and presented Resolution 2014-40 to Mr. Benjamin Glace.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that Saluda County was a certified work ready community and that Abbeville County was close to being certified. He has sent out an email to County employees inviting them to participate in the work key testing. He stated the SCAC Conference attended last week was very good. Finally he introduced Mr. Bryan Bedenbaugh the new Abbeville County Assessor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- b) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. No report was given.
- c) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Member Campbell made a committee recommendation to appoint Ms. Mary Elizabeth Land to the GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission representing the “private sector” of Abbeville County. The committee recommendation passed unanimously.
- d) Planning and Industrial Development—Rick Campbell, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- e) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Norris informed all present that Abbeville County had been awarded the J. Mitchell Graham and the Barrett Lawrimore Memorial awards for the submissions submitted by the Abbeville County EMS Department.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Chairman Thomas elaborated on the awards by stating that Abbeville County is the only County to ever have received both top awards in the same year.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue concerning the Administrative Complex; personnel issues pertaining to EMS and the Clerk to Council. Councilman McCord 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.

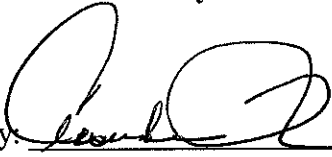
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman McCord made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

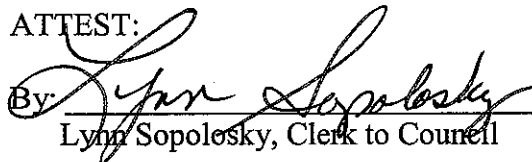
The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Done this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council