

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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. Hearing no comment; Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Willie J. Choice of the Campfield Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McCord 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman McClain abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Councilman McClain made a motion to add to the agenda; Resolution #2014-48. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) 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 the whole of both parcels from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to a district of General Commercial (GC). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of 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. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Vice Chairman Stone and Councilman McCord opposed.
- 4) Third 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 Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Third 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 McCord made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Third 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 Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 7) Third 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 third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2014-44) recognizing and honoring Mr. Charles Lomax for his dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) Resolution (2014-45) recognizing and honoring Mr. Harold Martin for his dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2014-46) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with tiller Backhoe & Dozer Service of Abbeville, South Carolina in the amount of \$22,000 including delivery and tax for one (1) used 1986 John Deere 862B elevating scraper with approximately 6000 hours. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Vice Chairman Stone, Councilmen McClain and Calhoun opposed.
- 4) Resolution (2014-47) authorizing the County Director to enter into an amendment of lease with Clemson Extension. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Intergovernmental Committee Chairman McClain explained the changes to the lease. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2014-48) to authorize the Abbeville County Sheriff's Department to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Anderson County Sheriff's Office. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Councilman McCord made a motion to increase the salary of the Clerk to Council as agreed and retroactively make it effective as of 8/16/14. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Councilman McClain inquired as to where the increase would be taken from. County Director Cooley informed him you can take it from the contingency or over spend the line item. Consensus of Council was to over spend the line item. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Vice Chairman Stone opposed.

PRESENTATION:

Councilman Campbell read Resolution #2014-45 recognizing Mr. Harold Martin; who was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Thomas read and presented Resolution #2014-44 to Mr. Charles Lomax.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council on the meeting he had with Sheriff Ray Watson and Maintenance Director Randy Caldwell on the feasibility of an animal shelter for the County. Sheriff Watson stated; "he would like us to take care of us not others taking care of us". Chairman Thomas requested the Finance Committee meet to further discuss this situation. County Director Cooley continued to inform Council that the County would be featured in the SCAC Fall County Focus magazine and reminded them of the SCAC Fall Meeting of County Council Coalition to be held on 10/17/14. He also thanked the County Employees for assisting in meeting the requirements to make the County a "Work Ready Community".

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Mr. Barney Gambrell; a member of the One Cent Sales Tax Commission informed Council on the progress the commission has made. He informed all that the commission is responsible for soliciting and selecting the projects; plus the wording of the referendum being placed before the voters. The Committee was unable to get all this accomplished by 8/15/14 in order for it to be placed before the voters on the November ballot, but hoped to be completed by the end of the year.
- 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 made a motion to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering until the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman McCord informed all that RFQ's would be sent out in March.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman McClain stated they had received six (6) nomination forms for the Hunters Creek Tax District and the committee would bring a recommendation to Council at the next meeting.
- 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:

Chairman Thomas reminded all that Piedmont Technical College was still in the process of naming rooms and selling bricks for the Abbeville Complex. He further reminded Council that the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce would be holding their banquet on 10/7/14.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss an economic development issue, legal issues on the Abbeville Area Medical Center and roads. Councilman McCord 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 discussed in Executive Session did require action to be taken by Council.

Councilman Calhoun made a motion to extend the counties option to purchase real property in Abbeville County by an additional ninety (90) days. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. (Resolution #2014-42 passed 8/11/14)


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.

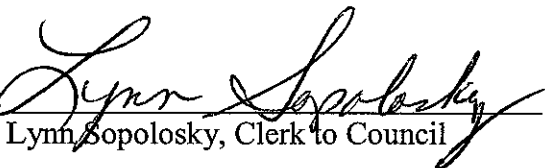
The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Done this 13th day of October, 2014

Abbeville County Council

By 
Claude Thomas, Chairman

Attest:

By 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council