

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 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 7:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Reverend Jonathan Shelor of the South Side Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Campbell 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:**

- 1) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2014, emergency county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Calhoun and McClain abstaining.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Councilman Norris made a motion to add to the agenda; Resolution #2014-56. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Councilman Norris made a motion to add a presentation period for Steve Bowles and Edward Patton. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) Third 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 third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-4-0 with Vice Chairman Stone and Councilmen McCord, Norris and Campbell opposed.

**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 (2014-17) to amend the county road system, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads Maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by deletion and removal of a 0.4 mile section of Bowen Ford Road from the county road system.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2014-49) authorizing the Emergency Medical Services Director to proceed with purchase of a medical training manikin not to exceed \$40,000. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2014-50) to allow Abbeville Area Medical Center to replace the sign for Abbeville Family Practice. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 3) Resolution (2014-51) for Abbeville County Buildings and Grounds Department to use funds from the Infrastructure Millage Account to build a mechanic's bay. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 4) Resolution (2014-52) authorizing the County Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Calhoun Falls for building inspection. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 5) Resolution (2014-53) authorizing the County Director to enter into an agreement with the Upper Abbeville Recreation Association for the installation of a picnic shelter at the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Complex. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 6) Resolution (2014-54) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 14-15. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 7) Resolution (2014-55) to honor and recognize Edward E. Patton for his total commitment to the youth of Abbeville County and his support to causes that effect positive change. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 8) Resolution (2014-56) to express Abbeville County's request that the South Carolina General Assembly increase the allocation to the Local Government Fund to both provide property taxpayers with the relief they have been promised and allow County Government the ability to provide the state and local government services required under state law. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution; removing the following wording; "Whereas, this shift of financial responsibility creates a sham; giving the appearance of "clean hands" at the state level of government while forcing local governments to raise taxes". Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 9) Childhood Cancer Awareness Week Proclamation. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

Development Services Director Steve Bowles presented Council with the award received for the Certified Connect SC County criteria being met for the access, adoption and use of county wide broadband capabilities.

Chairman Thomas read and presented Resolution #2014-55 to Mr. Edward E. Patton.

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

County Director Bruce Cooley reminded Council on the SCAC Fall meeting being held on 10/17/14 and informed them he is serving on the SCAC committee for the LGF.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. A meeting will be set up with the Fire Commission in the near future.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone stated his report would be done during executive session.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman McClain made the following nominations: Geraldine Morris reappointment to the Development Board; Peter Sopolosky appointment to the Planning Commission; Richard Osmos, Thomas Hite and Michelle Karlovetz appointments to the Hunters Creek Special Tax Commission. All nominations passed unanimously.

- 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 McClain to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue relating to Administration and legal issues on the Upper Abbeville Recreation Association and road closing. 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 discussions in Executive Session did not require any action to be taken by Council.


**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

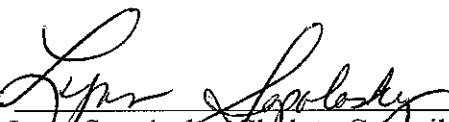
The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

**Abbeville County Council**

By   
Claude Thomas, Chairman

Attest:

By   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council