

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman McClain gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McClain 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 October 13, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Second reading of 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. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman McClain 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 (2014-18) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 2.24 acre tract of land located at 35 Poplar Road, Donalds, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 035-00-00-055, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to a Rural Development District (RDD).

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1) Resolution (2014-57) authorizing the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PROCLAMATIONS:

- 1) Veterans of the Vietnam War Proclamation. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Let's Talk Proclamation; Councilman Calhoun made a motion to add this proclamation to the agenda. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PRESENTATION:

Chairman Thomas read and presented the Veterans of Vietnam War proclamation to Mr. Chuck Francis of the Abbeville County Veterans Affairs office.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Bruce Cooley informed Council that he would be speaking at Little Mountain Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening. He also informed Council on flag etiquette and the condition of county flags.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman Thomas informed Council that the committee had dinner with the Fire Commission on their needs for more funding and millage in the budget. This issue will be looked at during the budget process.

- 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. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. Committee Chairman McClain made committee recommendations to appoint Ms. Bernice Miller to the GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission representing the “poor sector” of Abbeville County; Councilman Claude Thomas to the GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission representing the “public sector” of Abbeville County; Ms. Susie New to the Title II Commission and Mr. James Tisdale to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board. All the committee recommendations 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. Committee Chairman Calhoun informed Council on the Committee meeting with the representatives from the Upper Abbeville Recreation Association and that going forward Mr. Matt Cox would be the County’s contact.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Chairman Thomas reviewed the time line for the County Director’s evaluation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue concerning the Assessor’s office and an economic development issue. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to exempt church property from the Landfill and Public Safety Fees for the 2014 tax year and to direct the County Administration to refund any such fees paid by churches for the 2014 tax year. Church property shall be defined as property used as a place of worship or parsonage that has applied for and is exempt from ad valorem property taxes. Council will discuss the application of these fees to churches for future tax years during its next budget process. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 9:36 p.m.

Done this 8th day of December, 2014

Abbeville County Council

By: Charlie Stone
Charlie Stone, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council