

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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). Ms. Bernice Miller of Donalds opposed this rezoning stating the change would not be beneficial to the community. Ms. Annie Willis of Olin Smith Road in Donalds opposed the rezoning stating they wanted the community to remain as is. Mr. Melvin Jackson of 30 Poplar Road in Donalds requested the road be opened for 911. Hearing no further comments, Vice Chairman Stone closed the public hearing.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Chairman Thomas

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Vice Chairman Stone gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Vice Chairman Stone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**STATEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO FOIA:**

Vice Chairman Stone 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 November 10, 2014, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Lee Kennerly gave a brief overview of the Beckman Center for Mental Health; then introduced Ms. Heidi Hoogstraal the Clinic Director; who informed all on the services provided to the citizens of Abbeville County by the center.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third 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 Campbell made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman McClain requested the County Director to contact E911 to name both ends of the road for emergency purposes.
- 2) Second reading of 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). Councilman Campbell made a motion to deny this request. 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 (2014-21) to amend Ordinance No. 2013-11 regarding the allocation of revenue received by Abbeville County with respect to property located within joint county industrial and business parks located in Abbeville County and other matters related thereto.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) Resolution (2014-58) to authorize the selection of Magistrate's jurors countywide upon the affirmative waiver by a defendant of his right to be tried in the jury area where the offense was committed. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2014-59) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Contingency Fund to purchase artwork for the Abbeville County Administrative Complex not to exceed \$3,000.00. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.
- 3) Approval of the 2015 meeting and budget calendars. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the 2015 calendars. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Bruce Cooley thanked the EMS and Fire Departments for the wonderful Christmas dinners they held.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Bryan McClain and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. Committee Chairman Stone reminded Council on the special meeting being held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the County Director's evaluation.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, John Calhoun and Rick Campbell. Committee Chairman McCord requested time in Executive Session to discuss signage for the Convenience Centers.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Rick Campbell and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- 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. Committee Chairman Norris requested time in Executive Session for legal advice on public safety.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Vice Chairman Stone polled Council to see if there was any objection to the EMS Clerk applying for a grant. No objection was heard.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss legal issues concerning signage, public safety and revenue allocation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

Vice Chairman Stone 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. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015

**Abbeville County Council**

By: Robert Byrd McCord  
Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council