

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance (2015-06) to make appropriations for Abbeville County operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the expenditure of tax revenues and other county funds; to provide for other County purposes; to authorize the County to borrow money in anticipation of taxes; to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the County governing body; and to provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to County Government. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville; stated the Public Safety Fee has not been used for its intended purpose and County Council needed to spend wisely. Mr. Eddie McDonald of 53 Pine Lane, Lake Secession; requested on behalf of the property owners along Pine Lane that Council add to the budget the paving of their road. Hearing no more comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 11, 2015
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Fred Griggs of Lowndesville Baptist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

STATEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO FOIA:

Chairman McClain 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:

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- b) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2015, special meeting and budget workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.
- c) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2015, special meeting and budget workshop. Councilman Norris seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2015-04) authorizing and approving a conditional exchange of real property with Abbeville Area Medical Center; the execution and delivery of a deed for the exchanged property; and other matters relating thereto. Chairman McClain stated the signage cost would be \$12,000. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Third reading of Ordinance (2015-05) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities revenue bonds (Abbeville Area Medical Center Project) of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, to assist the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center (The "Board") in designing, engineering, constructing, furnishing and equipping a Medical Office building; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds, including one or more loan agreements between Abbeville County and the Board and an assignment thereof to the purchaser of the bonds; consenting to the delivery of a mortgage; authorizing the execution and delivery of bond anticipation notes for purposes of paying for construction in advance of the issuance of the County's Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of this ordinance. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Second reading Ordinance (2015-06) to make appropriations for Abbeville County operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015; to provide for the expenditure of tax revenues and other county funds; to provide for other County purposes; to authorize the County to borrow money in anticipation of taxes; to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the County governing body; and to provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to County Government. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Councilman Campbell 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 (2015-07) making provision for tax anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,000,000, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2015 and ending the 30th day of June, 2016; to prescribe the terms and conditions of such borrowing and the form of note to be executed evidencing the same; and to make provision for the payment thereof.
 - 2) Ordinance (2015-09) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for one (1) parcel of land located at 227 Thomson Circle, Abbeville, South Carolina. Identified by tax map number 122-00-00-157, from a zoning district of Restricted Residential (R8) to a district of General Commercial (GC).
 - 3) Ordinance (2015-10) to amend Ordinance No. 2013-11, as amended by Ordinance No. 2014-21, 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.
 - 4) Ordinance (2015-11) to prohibit animals at the Pete Smith Recreational Complex and the Upper Abbeville County Recreational Complex.
 - 5) Ordinance (2015-12) to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$1,300,000) General Obligation Bond, Series 2015 of Abbeville County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto.
- b) Resolutions:
- 1) Resolution (2015-14) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Dunn & Associates Engineering, Inc. for engineering services at the Lakelands Commerce Center for the expansion of the park. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2015-15) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Buddy Agan reported that Lowndesville has secured the 100 taps and he was attending the Starr-Iva meeting tomorrow night. The advertising for the Mechanic position has begun and the GIS System is down; new system should be operational by end of May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Claude Thomas. No report was given, but a meeting will be held in the near future in regards to compensation time.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman McCord expressed the gratitude of the Cold Springs Fire Dept. for Councils help in paving the driveway for their new sub-station.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made committee nominations for Jane Moore; a reappointment to the Development Board and Lula Clinkscales & John Morton; reappointments to the Board of Assessment Appeals. All nominations passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Billy Norris and James McCord. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:

Chairman McClain informed all that he had met with Lee Logan and Jane Hannah to move forward with the Strategic Plan as discussed by Council. A resolution attesting to this will be presented at the next regular council meeting.

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 update, a personnel issue regarding the County Director, and a legal matter regarding property taxes. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed by Council:

Councilman McCord made a motion to hire David Porter as the Abbeville County Director and to authorize the Chairman to enter into an employment agreement with Mr. Porter upon the terms discussed in executive session. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas requested; are there any other conditions that go along with Mr. Porter being hired as our County Director. Chairman McClain replied Mr. Agan will remain till the end of the month, the new County Director will start immediately, his vacation will carry over and his salary will be \$75,000. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun opposed.

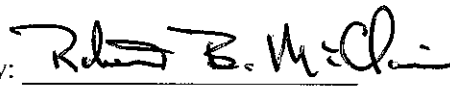
ADJOURNMENT:

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.

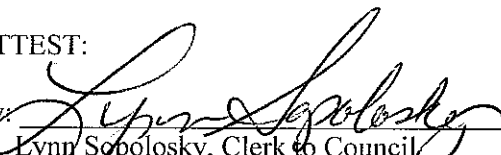
The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Done this 8th day of June, 2015

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council