

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance (2015-13) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the requirements of SC Codes 6-29-510 (E), and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Thomas 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Second reading of Ordinance (2015-13) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the requirements of SC Codes 6-29-510 (E), and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading of this ordinance. Vice Chairman Stone 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 (2015-14) adopting and enacting a new code for the County of Abbeville, South Carolina; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective. Councilman Thomas requested the wording “code of ordinances” be included in the title.
  - 2) Ordinance (2015-15) authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina (The “County”) and a company identified for the time being as Project Future, acting for itself, one or more affiliates and/or other project sponsors (The “Company”), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (The “Project”); and (2) other matters relating thereto.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2015-31) authorizing the purchase of a Sheriff’s Office Patrol Vehicle. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (2015-32) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Dell Computer for the purchase of a PowerEdge T430 Server not to exceed \$5,600.00. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 3) Resolution (2015-33) authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina (The “County”) and a company identified for the time being as Project Future, acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors (The “Company”), pursuant to which the County shall covenant to accept certain negotiated Fees In Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the County (The “Project”); and (2) other matters relating thereto. Chairman McClain moved this item to after Executive Session.
  - 4) Strategic Plan Fund Raising Committee Proclamation. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director David Porter informed Council that the Mechanic has been employed for two and a half months and the County has already seen a significant cost savings. He is still visiting Animal Shelters in other counties and should have a report for them at the October meeting. Would like Councils input on forming a selection committee including Municipalities to review the Strategic Plan RFP's. Council instructed him to proceed with this plan. Mr. Porter lastly informed Council the Detention Center needed a new control panel at a cost of \$95,000.

**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.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman McCord reported the cost of the city picking up the trash at the Detention Center and the Admin. Complex was costing the County \$2,076.00 per year. The purchase of dumpsters and concrete pads would cost a total of \$7,800.00. Chairman McClain instructed the County Director to bring back to Council a recommendation of where to get the funds for trash dumpsters and pads.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas reported the committee has met several times and would meet again on the 18<sup>th</sup> to formalize the report on the one cent sales tax projects.
- 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:**

Councilman Calhoun recognized Calhoun Falls City Councilman Johnny Gilchrist.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):**

4H Director Jenny Mountford invited Council to attend the Clemson Extension Farm City Event to be held on 9/16/15 from 9 to 12.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss an economic development update, personnel issues regarding Magistrate, Sheriff and Mechanic; contractual issue regarding Abbeville Area Medical Center and legal matters regarding recreation agreements, Hunters Creek, Landfill fees and Detention Center. Vice Chairman Stone 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 several issues discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council.

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- 2) Councilman McCord made a motion to hire a part time clerk for the Magistrates office at the salary as discussed in executive session. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Councilman Thomas made a motion to replace the control panel at the Detention Center not to exceed \$95,000.00 to be paid for out of the Infrastructure Account. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Chairman McClain stated a meeting with the City of Abbeville on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 would be proposed to the City and the United Abbeville County meeting would be held on 9/29/15 at the Renaissance in Due West.

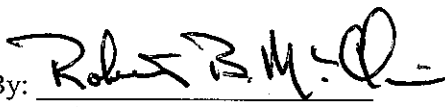
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council