

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) Ordinance (2016-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into a lease with Project Cold Snap for space in the incubator building; and other matters related thereto. Hearing no comments, Vice Chairman Stone closed the public hearing.
- 2) Ordinance (2016-02) to allocate revenues received by Abbeville County with respect to property located within the joint county industrial and business park within Abbeville County established pursuant to agreement dated November 28, 2000; by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Laurens County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. Hearing no comments, Vice Chairman Stone closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Chairman McClain

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Calhoun gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Calhoun 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 January 11, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**PRESENTATION:**

E911 Director Sharmel Miller presented Telecommunicator Ashley Giles with the Association of Public Safety Communication Officials Palmetto Award in recognition of her dedication to the department.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2015-17) to amend Ordinance Number 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 related thereto. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Second reading of Ordinance (2016-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into a lease with Project Cold Snap for space in the incubator building; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Second reading of Ordinance (2016-02) to allocate revenues received by Abbeville County with respect to property located within the joint county industrial and business park within Abbeville County established pursuant to agreement dated November 28, 2000; by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Laurens County, South Carolina; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Second reading of Ordinance (2016-03) authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Project Cold Snap with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Campbell made a motion to amend the New Business portion of the agenda by adding Resolution (2016-04) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department Victims Advocate. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 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 (2016-04) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a one (1) parcel of land located at 52 Felker Circle, Iva, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 054-00-00-128, from a zoning district of General Residential (GR) to a Rural Development District (RDD).
- b) Resolutions:
- 1) Resolution (2016-03) of Abbeville County, South Carolina authorizing the execution of an amendment to base lease agreement and installment purchase and use agreement between Abbeville County and the Abbeville Public Facilities Corporation; and other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2016-04) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement for the purchase of a vehicle for the Sheriff's Department Victims Advocate. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Abbeville County Emergency Services proclamation was read by Vice Chairman Stone and then presented by Councilman Norris to Ms. Arlene Smith accepting for the department.

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

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- Improvements to be made to the Lake Secession boat ramp.
- FEMA update on receiving bids for fixing roads and bridges in County.
- SCAC Risk Management Team will be on site to go over procedures in the near future.
- SCAC Property and Liability Trust presented the County with the Platinum Award for quick turn around on claim paperwork.
- Mr. Andy Timmerman has been elected as President of the Abbeville Public Facilities Corporation replacing Mr. Tony Simpson who passed away.

#### **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. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made a motion from the committee to reappoint Mr. Charlie Henry to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors; plus Mr. Richard Pressly a reappointment and Mr. Raymond Huston a new member to the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. 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:**

Councilman Campbell stated he and the County Director attended the opening of bids for the Starr-Iva Water District and they should start to lay pipe in Lowndesville area soon.

Councilman Thomas requested support to keep Workforce Development in Abbeville County. Council tasked the County Director with finding what was needed to keep this organization in the County. Councilman Thomas also would like to have First Steps back in the County. Council requested the County Director to look into this organization also.

Councilman Norris has been receiving numerous calls on speeding and requests Council look into purchasing speed signs.

Councilman McCord congratulated the E911 and Emergency Services employees for their hard work and dedication to Abbeville County.

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

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested safety for all. Do not waste money on purchasing a metal detector for entrance to Council Chambers. Disgruntled employees are what you need to be concerned with.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter pertaining to fire protection. Councilman McCord 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 that one issue discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council.

Councilman Norris made a motion to authorize the County Director to spend up to \$25,000 from the County's Infrastructure Non-Millage Fund to repair the county's pump station located on Corbin Road in Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

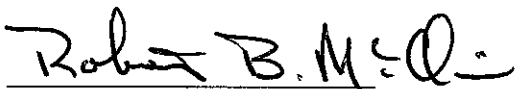
**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Done this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council