

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2016-03) authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina and WG Plastics Technology Corporation 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. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
- 2) Ordinance (2016-04) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map from one 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). Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2016
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 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Pastor Jennifer B. Brown of Pine Grove AME Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Brown 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 February 8, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Chairman McClain abstaining.
- b) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016, budget workshop. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

PRESENTATION:

South Carolina Association of Counties Risk Management Director John Henderson presented to Dan Evatt and Barry Devore the South Carolina Counties Property and Liability Trust Platinum Award. This award is for the best reporting of claims to the Association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third 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 McCord made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Third 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. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Third 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 WG Plastics Technology Corporation 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 Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Second reading of Ordinance (2016-04) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for one 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). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas asked Planning Director Price if this was against the land use map and he was informed it was; but the Planning Commission considered this rezoning was an exception. Councilman Campbell informed all that he has spoken with the lake association and surrounding

citizens on this and all are in favor of this project. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun opposed.

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.

Ordinance (2016-05) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for one (1) parcel of land located at 217 Wiles Road, Abbeville, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 055-00-00-054, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2016-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with BHC Trucking, Inc. of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$181,602.66 for road repairs to McKenley Creek Road, Will C Johnson Road, Ferguson Road, McNeil Road, Fuller Road, Wooden Bridge Road, Cal Robinson Road, John Gray Road and Miller Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Stone asked is this firm qualified for this project. Public Works Director Shaw answered they are a licensed grading contractor. Chairman McClain asked why the large difference in bids? Director Shaw answered other bidders have a larger amount of overhead than BHC. Councilman Thomas asked if the County had a history with BHC Trucking. Director Shaw stated these are all dirt roads and were only be graded not paved. Chairman McClain asked how this would be paid for. Director Shaw stated FEMA would pay 75% and the remainder would come from CTC Funds. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2016-06) requesting the State Legislature return the Local Government Fund (LGF) to full funding formula. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion and Councilman Thomas made a third on the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2016-07) authorizing the Strategic Plan remaining funds to be used to create a county wide brochure and the remainder to be distributed between the Greater Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Infrastructure Account. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2016-08) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with A & A Fire Protection for fire suppression sprinkler installation in the Lakelands Commerce Center Incubator Building. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 5) Resolution (2016-09) adopting the Abbeville County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2016-10) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Dunn & Associates for engineering services for roadway improvements to Austin Road, Hanover Drive, Hanover Court, Rivers Way, Westwood Road, Timberland Trail, Flatwood Farm Road, L.B. Chadwick Road, Teakwood Lane, McCall Road, Bratcher Road and Golden Acres Drive; in Abbeville County not to exceed \$3,750.00. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- Met with National Guard and have finalized the plan for the commerce park.
- Hiring of a mechanic has saved the County 30% on vehicle maintenance.
- Meeting with Elberton County to see about collaboration on several projects that would be beneficial to both counties.
- County will host a lunch and learn for county employees on usage of I phones and Ipads.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. Chairman McClain informed Council that they have met with the Auditors and the fund balance has increased plus there was a decrease in findings.
- 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 appoint Mr. Mazuilan London to the Zoning Board of Appeals representing District 3. The nomination passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas informed Council the committee would be meeting soon to discuss solar energy.
- 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 attended a meeting of the Lake Russell Tourism Group and stated they are holding several events to promote that area; all of this is being accomplished by volunteers.

Councilman Thomas requested a resolution be prepared for all the High School groups that have won a state title this year.

Councilman Calhoun expressed how our citizens are impressed that the County Director seems to be everywhere. Chairman McClain requested the Personnel and Administration Committee begin the evaluation process for the Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter pertaining to Public Works and a contractual matter pertaining to the County Building on 28 By Pass. 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 no issue discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Done this 11th day of April, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council