

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 1, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Campbell gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

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.

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to amend the agenda by adding a Proclamation for the Dixie High School Softball team and to move into executive session prior to the workshop. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the proclamation for the Dixie High School Softball Team. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a contractual issue regarding the One Cent Sales Tax and personnel issues regarding the Assessor and Magistrate's offices.

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.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun arrived during the workshop.

County Director David Porter began the workshop going over the changes to the budget. Once completed Council discussed one at a time and unanimously recommended the following to be added to the budget and voted on at the next meeting:

1. Additional State Aid to Sub-division of \$48,515 to be placed in Contingency and a rebid for additional security cameras to be initiated.
2. Sheriff to use \$109,589 available from prior year fund balance to purchase two (2) patrol vehicles and one (1) animal control pickup.
3. Amend the budget to do a lease purchase for two (2) years out of the Public Safety Fee to purchase a new ambulance on a truck chassis at a cost of \$140,000.
4. Amend budget using \$190,000 down payment FY2017 Budget and a lease purchase for two (2) years to purchase a Tana Compactor for the Landfill at a cost of \$497,000.
5. Use existing funds in Solid Waste to purchase grapple and truck chassis along with four (4) roll-off containers at a cost of \$153,000.
6. Use existing funds in the Road Maintenance account to purchase a Packer and F-250 Pickup at a cost of \$51,000.

Vice Chairman Stone requested amending the budget to include an additional \$1,000 each for Calhoun Falls and Upper Abbeville recreation facilities. This was approved unanimously.

Councilman Thomas stated "Economic Development is what drives a county". Referred to what Oconee County has in place. We need to look at restructuring and/or additional staff for our Economic Development Department. Chairman McClain requested County Director Porter to bring a plan to Council on this issue.

Chairman McClain requested meeting dates prior to July to meet with the consultant on the strategic plan for the county.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The workshop adjourned at 9:28 p.m.