

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (2016-07) 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, 2016; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016; 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; opposed the three mil tax increase included in the budget.
- 2) Ordinance (2016-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 1.6 acre portion of one (1) parcel of land located at 5735 Highway 28 North, Abbeville, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 046-00-00-050, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development District (RDD). Mr. Kelly Sellars of 571 Windridge Circle, Inman stated he is the site consultant for Dollar General and was here to answer any questions on the project.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Campbell 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 May 9, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Councilman McCord made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2016, budget workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Third reading of Ordinance (2016-06) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for one (1) parcel of land located at 20 Tribble Road, Donalds, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 020-00-00-064, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Third reading of Ordinance (2016-07) 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, 2016; to provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016; 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. Chairman McClain stated prior to third reading of the budget several amendments needed to be considered. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to amend the budget so all employees hired prior to July 1st will receive a 2% cost of living increase if making \$30,000 or above and those making below \$30,000 to receive a 3% cost of living increase; decreasing the contingency fund to meet this need. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2-0 with Councilmen Calhoun and Campbell opposed. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to amend the budget by allocating \$26,515 to contingency within the General Fund. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to allocate \$140,000 within the Public Safety Fund to a two (2) year lease purchase of one (1) ambulance. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to add \$171,000 to fund the Reserve Fund to be funded by an additional levy of three (3) mills for the purpose of maintaining the reserve fund. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman McCord opposed. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to allocate \$51,000 within the Road Maintenance Fund for the purchase of a Packer and a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton crew cab truck. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to allocate \$101,500 within the Public Safety Fund to purchase one (1) Pick-Up truck and two (2) deputy vehicles. Councilman McCord seconded this motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a

motion to allocate \$153,000 within the Solid Waste Fund to purchase a grapple truck and four (4) roll off containers. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to add \$1,000 to the Upper Abbeville Recreation budget and \$1,000 to the Calhoun Falls Recreation budget and reduce the General Fund by the same amount. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to clarify that the across the board pay raises for County Employees will not apply to the Magistrate and Probate judges due to the fact that they receive mandatory raises pursuant to state law. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to allocate \$497,000 within the Landfill Fund for the purchase of a Tana Compactor comprising of \$190,000 down and a two (2) year lease purchase for \$307,000. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading of the budget. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 3) Third reading of Ordinance (2016-08) making provision for tax anticipation borrowing by Abbeville County, South Carolina, in the principal amount of not exceeding \$1,200,000, in anticipation of the collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for the fiscal year beginning the first day of July, 2016 and ending the 30th day of June, 2017; 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. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Third reading of Ordinance (2016-09) enacted pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act, Title 4, Chapter 10, Article 3 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, providing for the imposition of a one percent sales and use tax and the authorization of general obligation bonds upon referendum approval; the form of the ballot to be used in connection therewith; and other matters relating thereto. Councilman McCord made a motion to amend the Capital Project Sales Tax ordinance to add the necessary authorization for the County to issue general obligation bonds to fund the projects in an amount not exceeding \$9,600,000. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion and stated the bonds would not be taken out until after one (1) year. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Calhoun opposed. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Second reading of Ordinance (2016-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 1.6 acre portion of one (1) parcel of land located at 5735 Highway 28 North, Abbeville, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 046-00-00-050, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development District (RDD). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- Lake Secession boat ramp project has applied for a \$168,000 no match grant.
- The Litter Committee is in the process of applying for a Palmetto Pride grant for the Keep Abbeville Beautiful Litter Campaign.
- EMS as received the Local Emergency Management Performance Grant from the state; which they are using to assist in placing information in church bulletins on Ready Sunday; information for disaster planning for families; including Code Red and Smart 911 information.
- The submittal for the J Mitchell Graham award will be delivered to the SCAC offices by June 24.

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. No report was given.
- 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 Calhoun informed all that the Lake Secession Fireworks will be held on July 2nd and the Calhoun Falls Freedom Blast will have fireworks at the Blue Hole on July 2nd also.

Councilman Calhoun passed on information he received from a resident on the Abbeville Area Medical Center stating they were the only hospital that solved his medical issue.

Councilman Norris commended all who worked on the budget.

Chairman McClain requested the County Director send out an update to Council on the road project outside the Admin. Complex.

County Director Porter informed Council that the Admin. Complex roof should be started either August or September depending on the weather.

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 project. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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:

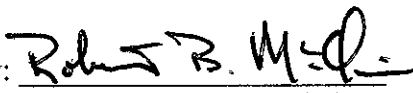
Chairman McClain announced there would be a Strategic Plan Workshop on June 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room "A".

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.

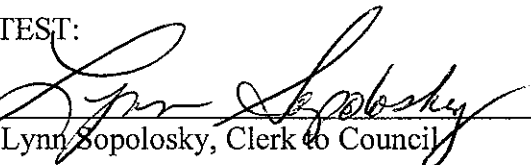
The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Done this 11th day of July, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council