

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Norris

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

Chairman McClain gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman McClain 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 June 13, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. County Attorney Lee Roper informed Council that the County's Bond Council requested this be noted for the record; Section 1.02 of the TAN Ordinance 2016-08; the amount of Ad Valorem Taxes that the county will raise is \$5,800,927. This amount has been inserted into the ordinance. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2016, strategic workshop. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Vice Chairman Stone abstaining.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend the agenda by including a proclamation for Ms. Margaret Lennox descendants. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Third 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 Campbell made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (2016-11) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by deletion and removal of Frank Miller Road from the county road system.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2016-15) to authorize the Emergency Services Director to enter into a contract with Diversified Electronic Incorporated to perform mandated upgrades to the 800 MHz Radio System. Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend the resolution to include “not to exceed \$42,000” in the heading. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) Resolution (2016-16) authorizing the County to grant an easement across property located on Old Calhoun Falls Highway in Abbeville County to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the purpose of installing and maintaining electrical lines. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this resolution due to additional documentation needed. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2016-17) adopting Abbeville County’s Administrative Procedure 16-01 Purchasing Card Policy and to rescind all prior procedures that may be in conflict. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 4) Resolution (2016-18) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herron Trucking, Iva, South Carolina; for the hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Department of Public Works. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 5) Resolution (2016-19) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Satterfield Construction Company of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$164,025.00 for road improvements to Pine Lane in Abbeville, South Carolina. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2016-20) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with TANA, North America of Talking Rock, Georgia in the amount of \$495,250.00 including delivery for one (1) new 2016 TANA E320 Landfill Compactor. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) Proclamation for Ms. Margaret Lennox; a county resident back in the 1870s. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the success of the 1st Responders Search and Rescue Team. He also mentioned the Administrative Complex road should be reopened within three to four weeks and any questions or comments for the strategic plan will need to be done within three weeks.

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. Committee Chairman Stone stated he would have the County Director's evaluation to the Chairman shortly.
- c) Public Works—James McCord, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman McCord stated the National Guard was in town; the Landfill Compactor should be on site first week of September and the litter campaign signs have been set up waiting on approval. Councilman Campbell requested the Lakelands Industrial sign print be enlarged. Public Works Director Shaw stated he would redo the example and resubmit to Council for approval.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made a reappointment of Mr. Allen Simon to the Planning Commission. This nomination passed unanimously. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to reappoint Mr. Paul Crawford to the Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Campbell abstaining.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas stated the Planning/Zoning Department was moving ahead with addition to ordinance on Solar Energy and should have something for the August meeting.
- 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 informed all that the Lake Secession Fireworks were as good as they have ever been and the Calhoun Falls Freedom Blast fireworks was attended by 700 people. Commended all the people involved for putting forth these two efforts.

Councilman Thomas asked the County Director have you had an opportunity to see what we could do to enhance the Economic Development Department that was brought up in our budget meetings. County Director Porter answered that the first step was to move forward with the Strategic Plan and that they were still working on the community development grants which could fund some additional positions. He also informed them that the County will be hosting a grant writing workshop within the next few months.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with Rural Fire and a contractual issue involving the incubator building. Councilman Calhoun 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:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Done this 8th day of August, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 

Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council