

PUBLIC HEARING:

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. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman Stone gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Stone 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:

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman McCord seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second reading of 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. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. Mr. Michael Hall of 523 Frank Miller Road requested Council allow this ordinance to pass. Chairman McClain stated he did not believe closing our infrastructure was the way to go. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Chairman McClain opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2016-21) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Smith & Gardner of Columbia, South Carolina for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (2016-22) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Cranston Engineering Group of Augusta, Georgia, for engineering services for the Secession Avenue Extension Bridge Repair Project in Abbeville County not to exceed \$12,200.00. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2016-23) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Pickens Construction Company of Anderson, South Carolina in the amount of \$240,000.00 for road improvements to Austin Road, Westwood Road, Timberland Trail, Flatwood Farm Road, L.B. Chadwick Road, McCall Road, Bratcher Road, and Golden Acres Drive in Abbeville, South Carolina. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2016-24) authorizing Abbeville County Council as the governing body of Abbeville County, South Carolina to adopt the Abbeville County Economic Development Strategic Plan. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman McClain tasked the Planning and Industrial Development Committee with starting to work on the first part of this plan to appoint a task force to lead the restructuring of the Development Board into a public-private partnership that will leverage the leadership talents, resources and network of the private sector. Councilman Campbell asked how long Chairman McClain thought this would take and was informed the Chairman hoped to have something by the end of the year. Committee Chairman Thomas stated this depended on his committee and they would push all they could.

- 5) Resolution (2016-25) to approve the lease-purchase agreement with Abbeville First Bank, SSB for the financing of one (1) TANA compactor and one (1) truck with grapple a total acquisition cost of \$497,000.00. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- He announced that after months of hard work the new economic development website is up and running ready for review at investabbevillecounty.com. He thanked Stephen Taylor for working with the company to get the site up and running; also to remind Council this was paid for with a Power Team Grant.
- The Treasurer's Department has been working diligently to modernize and upgrade their software.
- September 20th and 21st the County is hosting a grants class here at the County Complex on day two we will have people from Congressman Duncan, Senator Scott and Graham's offices; so if any Department Heads or County Organization interested in Federal Grant opportunities will be able to speak with these experts in real time.
- The County received a plaque from SCAC for participation in the J. Mitchell Graham competition. The County did not win, but interest in the project was created.
- If it pleases Council; I would like to have the school children who participated in the Keep Abbeville Beautiful poster contest at the next Council meeting to present the winning sign.

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. Committee Chairman McCord informed all that the Keep Abbeville Beautiful and new industrial signs have been ordered and that the compactor should be here the first week in September.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made a recommendation to reappoint Mr. Richard Wilson as an "At Large" member of the Development Board and Ms. Armena Ellis as a reappointment to the Library Board representing District 7. Both reappointments were approved unanimously. Chairman McClain requested to clarify the intergovernmental appointment at the last Council meeting; "we had voted on a hospital board member and in going back to read the ordinance which states; The Clerk to Council will notify all councilpersons of the potential vacancy at least 90 days prior including the name of the

current appointee. All applications for the open position must be in the Office of the Clerk at least 45 days prior to the terms expiration. The Clerk will inform the current appointee at least 90 days prior to the pending expiration of their term. Should the appointee wish to be considered for reappointment to the position a new application must be completed and returned to the Clerk's office; the Clerk shall label the application in bold, "REAPPOINTMENT". The Clerk shall forward all applications received to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for their review. The committee will review and select an applicant to recommend to Council. If the committee is unable to select a qualified applicant, the process will start over until an applicant is selected. We did not follow this procedure at the last Council meeting my error I apologize to Councilman Campbell for not following this procedure." Councilman Norris asked what was going to be done about this; "the nomination approval was done in error." Chairman McClain requested the County Attorney review the situation and report back to Council.

- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas informed all that the Solar Farms segment to be included in the Zoning Ordinance has been sent to the Planning Commission.
- 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:

Vice Chairman Stone congratulated the organization who worked on the Flood Plan for the good job they did.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue in regards to County Fire. Councilman Campbell 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 one issue discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council:

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to reclassify the part time County Fire Clerk to full time and for the salary to come from the County Fire Budget. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Done this 12th day of September, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council