

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 7:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Calhoun gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Calhoun 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 August 8, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Calhoun abstaining.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Jeff Wilson, CEO of West Carolina Telephone Cooperative informed Council on their participation in the Abbeville County Economic Development Strategic Plan, Fresh Water Coast Foundation and USDA Rural Economic Development Loan for a business expansion. The company also offers free classes on the use of electronics and a community channel. Their mission is to improve the quality of life in the communities they serve.

Chairman McClain presented a certificate to Ms. Baily New for her slogan in the "Keep Abbeville Beautiful Competition". The winning slogans were: Slam Dunk the Junk; Be a Hunk & Pick up the Junk; and Be a Beauty & Do the Duty.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Third 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 Norris made a motion to table third reading for further study. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell 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.
  - 1) Ordinance (2016-12) to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, adopted February 11, 2008 pertaining to Solar Energy.
  - 2) Ordinance (2016-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for one parcel of land located at 737 Highway 20, Abbeville, identified by tax map number 095-00-00-095, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to a Rural Development District (RDD).
  - 3) Ordinance (2016-14) authorizing the execution and delivery of not exceeding \$6,000,000 aggregate principal amount hospital facilities refunding revenue bonds of Abbeville County, South Carolina, from time to time, in one or more series, pursuant to Article 11, Chapter 7, Title 44, Code of laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; the application of the proceeds of said bonds to be made available to the board of trustees of Abbeville Area Medical Center to refund all or a portion of the hospital facilities refunding revenue bond ( Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project). Series 2014; the entering into of certain covenants and agreements and the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the issuance of the aforesaid bonds including a loan agreement between the County and the Board; and an assignment thereof to the purchaser of the bonds; consenting to the delivery of a mortgage of the hospital facilities; and other matters relating thereto.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (2016-26) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Nu-Life Environmental, Inc. of Easley, South Carolina in the amount of \$131,987.00 (sales tax exempt) for a 2017 M2 Freightliner Truck with a brush hawg knuckleboom grapple loader and dump body. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.
  - 2) Resolution (2016-27) to honor and recognize the achievements of Little River Baptist Church. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (2016-28) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Nu-Life Environmental, Inc. of Easley, South Carolina in the amount of \$18,445.00 (sales tax exempt), including delivery for four (4) new roll-off containers. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (2016-29) authorizing the County Director to enter into purchase agreement with Southern Software, Inc., for the purchase of computer aided dispatch system software, support and training not to exceed \$175,000.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (2016-30) to authorize the County Director to enter into a contract with Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. to purchase a Type I Ambulance not to exceed \$150,595.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. County Director Porter informed Council that the bid was \$10,000 over budgeted amount. The first payment is not due until August of 2017; so this additional amount will need to be budgeted for in FY 17-18 Budget. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2016-31) to repeal Resolution 2016-25 and to replace with a resolution to approve the lease-purchase agreement with Abbeville First Bank, SSB for the financing of one (1) TANA Compactor and one (1) Ambulance with a total acquisition cost of \$456,145.00. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- He requested Council approve the Level 1 Program for the ZIKA Virus which educates the public on ways to prevent the mosquitos from around their homes and with DHEC to set up other programs. He also encourages all Bee Keepers to register with Clemson Extension. Chairman McClain assigned the Public Safety Committee to work with the County Director on this issue.
- On 9/13/16 two public hearings will be held on the Animal Shelter in order to adhere to requirements when applying for a \$50,000 grant through USDA.

**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. Chairman McClain requested the committee prepare a procedure for removing roads off the county maintained list taking into consideration public safety, economic impact and impact to land owners.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the committee place any nominations on the agenda before distribution to Council.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee member McCord informed Council on the meeting with Oconee County's Economic Development Director and a representative with the Department of Commerce who gave the committee some guidelines to setting up the Economic Development Board program.
- 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 there have been reports of a rise in coyotes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (sign in sheet only): None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss an Economic Development issue in regards to county land; a legal matter in regards to Auditors and personnel issues in regards to County Fire and Finance. 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.

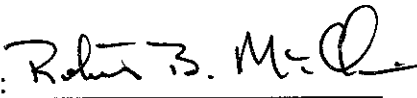
**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

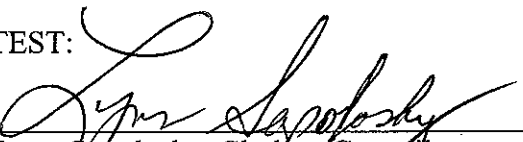
The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council