

PUBLIC HEARING:

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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. Hearing no comment; Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2016
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman Thomas 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:

County Attorney Lee Roper requested a change be made to Resolution 2016-31 stating the repeal of Resolution 2016-25 not 2016-15 and to have this change also reflected in the September 12th minutes. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2016, regular county council meeting with requested change. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved with the change. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1) Second reading of 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. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
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to pay for a hospital administrator for such a small hospital? Mr. Wren responded; this is a matter of perception. The hospitals operating budget is \$44 million, so you could say he is under paid. The size of the operation is what matters and his experience. Councilman McCord asked; is it true Quorum receives over \$100,000 back per year from the hospital from supplies and other areas? Mr. Wren stated he could not give an accurate amount, but that this was a part of their agreement with Quorum and that this has saved the hospital money. Councilman McCord asked; the Bond Attorney; about the liability to the County for this bond? "We have been told that the County has no liability for any of the money for these bonds, but I have not seen it in black and white." Mr. C.D. Rhodes answered; in the ordinance (Section 4) these revenue bonds will be paid back using only the hospital's revenue generated from the services that the hospital provides. Vice Chairman Stone asked; what would happen should Council not pass this ordinance? He was informed they would still have to pay the funds back. This ordinance was allowing them to consolidate debt under one lender for better terms of repayment. Councilman McCord stated he had heard the hospital was looking at acquiring the nursing home, is this true and would you be coming back to Council for more money? Mr. Turner stated; at this time there were no financial operations to purchase the nursing home. The motion passed 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2016-32) to authorize the expenditures of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Norris made a motion to table this resolution until after executive session to receive legal advice. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun opposed.
- 2) Resolution (2016-33) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 6-17. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (2016-34) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with the South Carolina Department of Administration in the amount of \$13,100.00 including tax for one (1) used 2004 Ford Dump Truck with 4,743 miles. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The County Director informed Council that the FY 16-17 Budget for Public Works contains \$36,000 for the purchase of a pick-up truck. Allowing the County to partner with the South Carolina Department of Administration would assist the County in finding low mileage vehicles. This would allow the County to purchase both the Dump Truck and the Pick-up truck for the budgeted amount. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 4) Proclamation for National Farm-City Week. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- The new roof for the Administrative Complex is 30-35% complete and should be finished in six (6) weeks.
- Three Advanced Life Support Ambulances and staff were sent to the coast to assist in nursing home evacuations during hurricane Matthew.
- Still having discussions with FEMA for the Succession Street Extension bridge repair at a cost of \$600,000.00

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 on the TANA trucks performance. He also stated the committee is still waiting on legal advice in regards to road closures.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. Committee Chairman Campbell made an appointment of Mr. Wm. David Whitmire to the Library Board. This nomination passed unanimously.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, James McCord and Charlie Stone. Committee Chairman Thomas requested an Economic Development workshop be held on October 24, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A. All stated they were able to attend.
- 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 would like Council to recognize Ms. Jennifer Mountford for her work with the 4H Program. Chairman McClain requested the Vice Chairman bring some ideas to Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only): None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss contractual issues in regards to county property, Auditor, Resolution 2016-32 and the Landfill; plus a personnel issue in regards to the County Director. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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:

Resolution (2016-32) to authorize the expenditures of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Norris made a motion to remove this resolution from the table. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-1 with Councilman Campbell opposed and Councilman Thomas abstained.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.


The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Done this 14th day of November, 2016

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council