

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance (2016-15) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for an approximate .7 acre portion of one (1) parcel of land located at 862 Highway 201, Abbeville, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 070-00-00-008, from a zoning district of General Commercial (GC) to one of Forest Agriculture (FA).. Hearing no comment; Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 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 7:32 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Reverend Mike Evans with Ebenezer United Methodist Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Councilman McCord 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 November 14, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 6-0-0.

TABLED BUSINESS:

Resolution (2016-35) amending the constitution and by-laws for the Abbeville County Development Board, changing the name to the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership and authorizing and approving the transition to a public/private partnership structure exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Councilman Campbell made a motion to remove this item from the table. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Second reading of Ordinance (2016-15) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for an approximate .7 acre portion of one (1) parcel of land located at 862 Highway 201, Abbeville, South Carolina, identified by tax map number 070-00-00-008, from a zoning district of General Commercial (GC) to one of Forest Agriculture (FA). Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve second 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 (2016-16) to authorize the conveyance of the parking lot located at Pickens Street East (TM# 109-13-07-020) in Abbeville County, South Carolina (the “Parking Lot”) to the City of Abbeville, to provide restrictions as to the future use of the property, and to authorize the County Director to execute a deed of conveyance and other documents necessary to carry out the transaction contemplated therein.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) Resolution (2016-37) of recognition for service to Abbeville County. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution recognizing Councilman Norris. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Norris abstaining.
 - 2) Resolution (2016-38) of recognition for service to Abbeville County. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution recognizing Councilman Thomas. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) Resolution (2016-39) of recognition for service to Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution recognizing Councilman McCord. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman McCord abstaining.

- 4) Resolution (2016-40) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Martin-Smith & Company for auditing services. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0
- 5) Resolution (2016-41) to adopt the procedures for deletion of roads from the county maintenance list for Abbeville County. Councilman McCord made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 6) Resolution (2016-42) to allow the County Director to enter into a contract to purchase 65.73 +/- acres (TMS# 003-00-00-098) (the "Real Property") for an industrial site in the Honea Path area, after licensing fee moneys are awarded to Abbeville County for \$164,300.00 as shown in "Attachment A". County Attorney Lee Roper added the verbiage for 1.27 acres to be added to the resolution with no change in price. Council also has 180 days to review the property. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McCord seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) Resolution (2016-43) to allow the County Director to solicit bids to have professional studies conducted for a potential industrial site in the Honea Path area, including but not limited to, a Phase 1 Environmental Study, Flood Plain Investigation, Cultural Resources Study and any other study deemed necessary not to exceed \$15,000. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 8) Approval of the 2017 meeting and budget calendars. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the 2017 calendars. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 9) Proclamation to honor an Abbeville County resident. Councilman Norris 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 following:

- EMS received a grant for \$50,000 with no match to assist with the Community Paramedic Program.
- Thank you to Public Works for placing the do not litter signs around the county.
- Discussion for the Rural County Transportation Petition will be brought before Council in 2017. This will assist counties with 60,000 or less citizens.

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. Committee Chairman Campbell made the following nominations:
Pamela Wilson, District 6 and Raymond Vandiver, District 4 for Board of Assessment Appeals. Earline Boggero, District 5 for Zoning Board of Appeals and Jenny O'Quinn for Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. All were approved unanimously.
- 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 wished all a safe Holiday Season and requested they shop early so he will not need to work late (UPS Driver).

PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):

Mr. Ricky Dunn of 514 Highway 71 inquired into the zoning for General Residential allowing a dirt bike tract to operate. Chairman McClain sent this to the County Director for further review.

Mr. Michael Hall of 523 Frank Miller Road, Abbeville inquired on the progress with closing Frank Miller Road. Chairman McClain explained this is still a work in progress.

Chairman McClain presented Resolution 2016-37 and a plaque to Councilman Norris, thanking him for his service to Abbeville County. He presented Resolution 2016-39 and a plaque to Councilman McCord thanking him for his service to Abbeville County. He presented the proclamation to Henry Green thanking him for spreading the news of Abbeville County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Councilman McCord to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues in regards to the Economic Development Director and Fire Marshall; plus a contractual matter on Ordinance 2016-16; the parking lot besides the Belmont Inn. 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 one issue discussed in Executive Session required action to be taken by Council:

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to authorize the County Director to enter into negotiations with respect to Development Services as discussed in executive session. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0

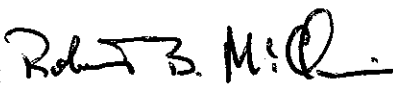
ADJOURNMENT:

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

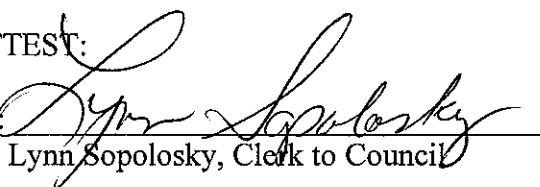
The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Done this 9th day of January, 2017

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council