

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

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

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2017  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Stone, Councilwoman Grigsby, Councilmen Prince, Campbell, Goodwin, and Calhoun.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Campbell gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Councilman Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman McClain turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper, who opened the floor for nominations on Chairman. Councilman Campbell nominated Councilman McClain. Councilman Stone made a motion to close the nominations and to elect Councilman McClain as Chairman. Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilman McClain abstaining. The County Attorney certified Councilman McClain as Chairman. The County Attorney opened the floor for nominations on Vice Chairman. Chairman McClain nominated Councilman Stone. Councilman Campbell made a motion to close the nominations and to elect Councilman Stone as Vice Chairman. Councilman Prince seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Councilman Stone abstaining. The County Attorney certified Councilman Stone as Vice Chairman. The County Attorney turned the meeting over to Chairman McClain.

## **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:**

Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) Third 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 third reading. Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  
- 2) Second reading of 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. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated; 2/3 of parking lot are in good condition, with 1/3 in rough condition. This could be valued between \$32,000 and \$62,000. Council needs to use this to negotiate with City on matters such as county kids not paying more for sports and city housing county animals. County Director Porter spoke with the city and they would make necessary repairs if they received the property for a nominal fee. County Attorney Roper stated the county has placed restrictions on this transaction for the parking lot to be used for the public. Councilman Prince asked if this property was a liability for the county and the County Attorney stated yes. Councilman Calhoun stated CTC funds cannot be used for renovating the property. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2017-01) endorsing and supporting approval of the Rural County Transformation Fund by the South Carolina General Assembly; and other matters related thereto. Councilwoman Grigsby made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  
- 2) Proclamation recognizing the Fairfield Baptist Church in Abbeville, South Carolina for their endurance and service to the Abbeville Community by spreading and practicing the Good News of the Gospel for one hundred fifty (150) years.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Goodwin abstaining.

- 3) Proclamation for Abbeville High School Panthers Football Team on winning the Class AA State Championship. Vice Chairman Stone made a motion to approve this proclamation. Councilman Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- Budget process has begun and packets were distributed to Dept. Heads.
- Roofing project is 80% completed.
- Mr. Peter Arnoti has been hired as Interim Economic Development Director.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (sign in sheet only):

Charles Magaha of 2930 Highway 20, Abbeville stated; he has been a volunteer firefighter for 43 years and for three years the County has been promising to build a substation Cold Springs Fire Dept. to assist outer lying residents ISO ratings. It is the responsibility of the County to provide fire protection. It is hard to keep volunteers, we ask for very little, we have the land just need to building.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**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 8:14 p.m.

Done this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council