

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 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 7:32 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Retired Councilman Claude Thomas gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Retired Councilman Claude 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:**

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, regular county council meeting. Councilman Goodwin seconded the motion for the minutes to be approved. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PRESENTATION:** Chairman McClain presented and read Resolution #2016-38 to Retired Councilman Claude Thomas; who stated it was a privilege to serve.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Third 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. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated; what helps the city, helps the County. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (2017-02) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Terracon for environmental engineering services at the proposed industrial site in Honea Path not to exceed \$15,000.00. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilwoman Grigsby seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. County Director Porter thanked Little River Electric Coop for securing the grant funds for this project.
- 2) Resolution (2017-03) authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Anderson Fire and Safety for the purchase of thirty (30) sets of turn out gear not to exceed \$54,409.00. Councilman Goodwin made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director David Porter informed Council on the following:

- Update on CDC landfill fire is contained and will be a long term process to extinguish.
- Secession Street Extension Bridge repair was awarded about \$240,000 from FEMA, additional funding requested was denied.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Bryan McClain, Kristi Grigsby and Harold Prince. Committee Chairman McClain stated; the committee met with the Auditors and received a positive audit and was informed on an increase in the fund balance.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Charlie Stone, Rick Campbell and Charles Goodwin. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Harold Prince, Rick Campbell and Charlie Stone. No report was given. Chairman McClain requested the committee work with the County Director on the Secession Street Extension bridge issue.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Rick Campbell, John Calhoun and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Charles Goodwin, Kristi Grigsby and Charlie Stone. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Harold Prince and Charles Goodwin. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Kristi Grigsby, Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. No report was given.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT/COMMENTS:**

Councilman Campbell reported; water is going up at Lake Secession and thanked the City of Abbeville for giving them water.

Chairman McClain established a Capital Projects Sales Tax Exploratory Committee comprised of Councilmen Campbell, Goodwin, Prince and County Director Porter to speak with other counties and see how they were successful in passing their Capital Projects Sales Tax. He would like the report back to Council by the April meeting.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Councilman Goodwin to go into executive session to discuss a public safety protocol issue and legal issues pertaining to employment, EEOC claim, Carolina Pines lawsuit, Quiet Title Action (which the County is a party too) and an address change. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Calhoun left during executive session.

**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 Campbell made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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

**Abbeville County Council**

By: Robert B. McClain  
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council