

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2009  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman McClain, Vice Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Campbell, Councilman Klugh, Councilman Norris, Councilman Thomas and Councilman Calhoun.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Campbell gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

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:**

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2009, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1, Councilman Thomas abstained.

Chairman McClain requested to go into executive session. Councilman Thomas made a motion to go into executive session to discuss Economic Development and contractual issues. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
  - 1) Ordinance (09-10) to amend the Abbeville County Personnel Manual and Administrative Procedures, including but not limited to such policies and procedures adopted by Abbeville County Ordinance No. 09-03, to make changes pertaining to Retiree Insurance and Benefits and other matters related thereto.
  - 2) Ordinance (09-11) to amend two sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, No. 07-22, adopted February 11, 2008.
  - 3) Ordinance (09-12) authorizing the execution and delivery of one or more incentive agreements by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina and [Project Tex] and one or more affiliated or related entities, to provide for a Fee In Lieu of taxes incentive; to provide for a sponsor affiliate; to provide for the inclusion of the project in a multi-county business or industrial park; to provide for a special source revenue credit; to authorize the execution and delivery of a real estate contract for the sale of approximately 26 acres of real property and improvements thereon; and to enter into any other necessary agreements with the sponsor and sponsor affiliate to effect the intent of this ordinance and other related matters.
  - 4) Ordinance (09-13) approving an amendment to the infrastructure financing agreement between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Carolina Fabrication, Inc. dated December 8, 2008 to provide for a revised infrastructure credit schedule and other matters related thereto.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) Resolution (09-43) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Ray Walker Trucking, Inc., 321 S. Old Piedmont Highway, Piedmont, SC 29673 for the purchase and hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Department of Public Works. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) Resolution (09-44) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with B.P. Barber of Greenville, South Carolina; Dennis Corporation of Columbia, South Carolina and Florence & Hutcheson, Inc. of Greenville, South Carolina for engineering services for roadway projects in Abbeville County. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell asked what roadway projects were involved. County Director Moulder informed him any new CTC projects for the next two years. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) Resolution (09-45) identifying a project to satisfy the requirements of Title 12 of the South Carolina Code, so as to allow investment expenditures incurred by Project Tex to qualify as expenditures eligible for a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes arrangement with Abbeville County, South Carolina; to provide for a special source revenue credit agreement; and to commit to enter into necessary agreements with the company to effect the intent of this Resolution and other related matters. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  
- 4) Resolution (09-46) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Tom Brigman Contractors, Inc. for the construction of the Secession-Grey Rock Waterline Extension Project being constructed under the CDBG Project #4-CI-08-001. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell requested location of project, length of line and cost to county. County Director replied Highway 72 to Grey Rock to Secession Extension up Long Cane back to Grey Rock. Length around 22,000 feet and cost of about \$200,000.00 for Counties part. Motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Don Campbell, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
  
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
  
- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
  
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Ray Gunnells. No report was given, but Councilman Norris asked that Council try to fill remaining vacancies.
  
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. No report was given.
  
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Don Campbell and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
  
- g) Public Safety—Ray Gunnells, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
  
- h) Training & Travel—Don Campbell, Claude Thomas and Ray Gunnells. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Gunnells to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues with EMS and the Treasurer and a contractual issue with the old hospital. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville said the county is short on money. This is not the time for a salary increase when you have people on part time. Forget the budget look at the expenditures. The amount of money from EMS versus what is going out of EMS. Listen to the people, take control and take action. Many would rather have a job then something promised at 65.

Councilman Thomas informed all that Councilman Klugh was retiring on August 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. from 31 years has elder at the Long Cane AME Church.

Chairman McClain announced a special meeting will be held on August 31, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council