

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2006
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman O'Quinn and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Steve McDade, Emergency Management Director informed Council on the receipt of the Barrett Laramore plaque presented to the County for its Emergency Preparedness Program.

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville informed Council that since the previous meeting he has received calls from three (3) other cemeteries requesting that the County maintain them also. Historical significance cannot be the only reason for maintaining a cemetery. The County would be opening a can of worms, if it entered into the cemetery business.

Ms. Carole Adam of 380 Deacon Road, Calhoun Falls read a letter to Council in regards to the misplaced right of way easements for the paving of Deacon Road. Buddy Agan of the Public Works Department was asked to elaborate on the situation. He stated that Deacon Road was on the list for paving back in January of 1991. It fell off the list then reappeared back on the list in 1993. Records for that time are very sketchy. Chairman Gunnells requested that all efforts be made to locate the missing documents and a traffic count on the road begun.

Mr. Robert Vaughn of 265 Lake Shore Drive (Lake Secession Area), Iva requested of Council that since Anderson County has limited the EMS services to the Lake Secession area, what would the purpose of a Quick Response Vehicle (QVR) be? Would this be a permanent location for our area and what would be the hours of operation? Mr. Steve McDade of Emergency Management responded per Councils request that an ambulance would be dispatched at the same time as the QRV and that the QRV is equipped with the same equipment as an ambulance. The station would be manned 24/7.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
 - 1) An ordinance (06-12) to dissolve the EMS Commission established through ordinance 87-05 and to rescind any other ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict.
 - 2) An ordinance (06-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 13.59 acre tract of land located at Flatrock Road and First Avenue and identified by tax map number 2-5W-6R from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8).
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (06-56) for the placing of a Quick Response Vehicle (QVR) at the McGill Fire Station. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution with the amendment that McGill Fire Station be replaced by Lake Secession area. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (06-57) for wheel chair services to be provided. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 3) A resolution (06-58) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction Co. of Liberty, SC 29656 in the amount of \$75,727.05 for road improvements to Westwood Road and Hanover Court in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (06-59) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Southeastern Environmental Waste Equipment Co., 104 Chesney Lane, Columbia, SC in the amount of \$8,150.00 for a TC300 Wheel Crusher designed to de-rim passenger and light truck wheels. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (06-60) for the extension of the agreement with Southern Home Accents. Chairman Gunnells requested that this be tabled until after Executive Session and Council agreed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder informed Council that the move of Finance, County Director and Clerk to Council offices has been completed. He will be performing second interviews for the Finance Director position on 8/29/06 and that the audit is almost complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Larry O'Quinn and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. The Committee nominated Ms. Jane Stone to the Library Board and Mr. George Gardner to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Davis seconded the nominations. The nominations carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and Larry O'Quinn. No report was given.

- g) Public Safety—Larry O'Quinn, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter in relation to an Economic Development issue. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and continued with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 6) Resolution (06-60) previously tabled by Chairman Gunnells. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.


The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Done this 11th day of September 2006

Abbeville County Council

By 
Ernest R. Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council