

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a) An ordinance (05-29) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads Maintained by Abbeville County, south Carolina by adding Powerline Road, Big Mouth Cove Road and Hill Drive to the County Road System. There were no comments, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- b) An ordinance (05-30) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 2.237 acre tract of land located off Highway 252 as requested by Carl Putnam from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Mr. Carl Putnam of 2861 Fairview Road, Fountain Inn, stated he needed the property rezoned to increase its value and so it would be rezoned for future use. Ms. Cindy Meyers of 8059 Highway 252 stated she did not want the rezoning due to the fact it would increase traffic. Mr. Doug Meyers of 8059 Highway 252, stated he resides on the adjacent property and is against the rezoning because of the type of business may be opened. He also stated it would increase traffic and that there was inadequate law enforcement in that area. Ms. Debbie Crow of 47 Turkey Creek Road, Greenwood, is in favor of the change, because they are in the process of purchasing the property. Mr. Jerry Campbell of Terry Howe and Assoc. Real Estate in Taylors is handling the transaction and was not aware that the property was zoned Forest Agricultural. Mr. Dennis Brock of 8049 Highway 252, states his property is across the street and he is against the rezoning. Ms. Judy Brock of 8049 Highway 252, is against the rezoning because you have no control over what business may be opened. No other comments were made, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

## **ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2005 MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Forrester, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun, and Councilman Norris.

**ABSENT:** Councilman Simpson

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Gunnells led the audience in 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 agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Chairman Gunnells added the minutes of the October 6, 2005 special meeting. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-2, with Chairman Gunnells and Vice Chairman Forrester abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Jimmy Irwin of 625 Highway 20 requested several issues with Ordinance (05-28) on county wide water be clarified. Mr. Rock Reinhart of 167 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, stated people should not be billed for a service until they receive it. County wide water should be taken in small stages.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-26) to amend the FY 05-06 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$7,615.00 in additional revenues and appropriating the same. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-27) to lease 180 square feet of the Abbeville County Office Building located at Highway 28 By-Pass to the South Carolina Forestry Commission for a cost of \$1,620.00 per year for a

three (3) year period. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- c) Second reading of an ordinance (05-28) to create and establish the Abbeville Water District in Abbeville County, South Carolina; to establish the area, boundaries and method of government thereof; to authorize an annual levy and collection for the operation and maintenance thereof and other matters related thereto. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to table second reading for further revision. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- d) Second reading of an ordinance (05-29) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Powerline Road, Big Mouth Cove Road and Hill Drive to the County Road System. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e) Second reading of an ordinance (05-30) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 2.237 acre tract of land located off Highway 252 as requested by Carl Putnam from FA,, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Councilman Norris made a motion to table second reading till more information could be obtained. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- f) A resolution (65-05) authorizing the County Director to purchase a Court Indexing, Fines/Fee, Bench Warrants, Family Court, Clerk Bookkeeping, Clerk Inquiry and New Server for the Clerk of Court's office for Abbeville County from Smith Data and to convert existing records to the new system at a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this resolution until it could be revised. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) A resolution (05-68) establishing a policy regarding use of county vehicles for IRS purposes. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this resolution at the request of the Finance Dept. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 2) A resolution (05-69) placing all payments to bailiffs under the Abbeville County payroll system. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this resolution at the request of the Finance Dept. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**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, Billy Norris and David Forrester. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Norris requested council review Boards and Commissions for any upcoming vacancies.
- 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 David Forrester. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Ad Hoc Committee—Claude Thomas, Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. Committee met and has reviewed the last new FA zone. These zones have been rewritten and are included in council packets.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed.

- a) Councilman Thomas made a motion that Mr. Larry Walker be hired as interim County Director. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to go back into Executive Session to discuss an economic matter. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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


The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Done this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005

**Abbeville County Council**

By:   
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By:   
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council