

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Norris, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman McClain.

ABSENT: None

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 Thomas 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 Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilman Simpson and Vice Chairman Norris abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville informed Council that the County is not supplying luxury cars for people to do their jobs in. Who is receiving what car and are these cars to be marked? People resent spending their money on Expeditions, which get poor gas mileage.

PRESENTATIONS: 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 (07-15) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 1.1 acre tract of land located off of Vineyard Drive and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-230 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).
- 2) An ordinance (07-16) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 589 acre tract of land located off of Horse Shoe Road and identified by tax map number 100-00-00-001 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Reapprove resolution (07-31) authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Bobby Jones Ford for the purchase of eight (8) new automobiles. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-3 with Vice Chairman Norris, Councilman McClain and Councilman Simpson abstaining.
- 2) A resolution (07-36) to authorize the transfer of \$13,984.61 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Vice Chairman Norris made the following committee recommendations Ms. Elsie Bentz to be reappointed to the Library Board. Councilman Davis seconded this recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0. Ms. Susie New reappointed to the Title III Committee. Councilman Simpson seconded this recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0. Mr. Frank Love reappointed to the Title III Committee. Councilman Davis seconded this recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0. Mr. Anthony Quarles appointed to the Title III Committee. Councilman Thomas seconded this recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas reappointed to GLEAMNS. Councilman McClain seconded the recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.

g) Public Safety—Mike Davis, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter on the Sheriffs cars and a legal issue on the Calhoun Falls Ambulance lawsuit. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville informed Council that he was aware of the fact that the County sends Council on vacation every year to the Hilton Head Conference. This is for Council and their family, not babysitters and friends. Additional people should pay their way. Money is tight, use it wisely. Reimburse the County it is not our obligation to pay.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council
(Recorder did not tape meeting)