

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2007
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Chairman Gunnells

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Vice Chairman Norris 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 Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (07-03) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an ad valorem property tax be postponed for one (1) property tax year. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

Councilman Calhoun arrived at the meeting.

- b) Third reading of an ordinance (07-04) to amend the FY 06-07 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson 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.
 - 1) An ordinance (07-05) to repeal and replace Ordinance 02-05 for guidelines for County Boards and Commissions.

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. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. Councilman Thomas informed Council that the completed zoning ordinance has been reviewed by the committee and the Planner is doing a rewrite to bring before Council.
- 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 Councilman Thomas to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal advice issue on a contractual matter and a contractual issue with Donalds-Due West Water Authority. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested that the new proposed zoning ordinance content page 3-4 article 3.4.4 be removed. Manufactured homes not placed in the front yard would create a hardship to those residents that can only place a manufactured home in their front yard. Secondly, resolutions introduced by the Chairman at meetings without prior notice to county residents should not be allowed. Residents have the right to open public forum.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

