

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Norris, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, 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:

Vice Chairman 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 McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on Resolution 07-48 concerning the millage rates on several issues. The condition of the schools has dropped causing them to receive a rating of unsatisfactory. Second the increase in the Public Safety Fee will become a hardship on Senior Citizens. Discontinue this fee and raise the millage rate to compensate for it. Lastly 9 mills in the General Fund is that enough to cover with the grocery tax being eliminated in November?

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Steve Bowles with Economic Development announced that Carolina Fabricators has relocated in Abbeville County and would have 180 jobs in three (3) years.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of 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). Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- b) Third reading of 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). Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (07-43) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herbert Anderson, Jr. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$117,170.00 for road improvements to Lake Shore Drive in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 2) A Resolution (07-44) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with First Citizens Bank for the purchase of one (1) new Fire Commission Service Truck. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 3) A resolution (07-45) authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Capital Chevrolet for the purchase of a Fire Commission Service Truck not to exceed \$45,000.00. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 4) A resolution (07-47) to authorize the transfer of \$16,033.25 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 5) A resolution (07-48) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 07-08. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis 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. No report was given.
- 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 Councilman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development issue called Project Voltage and a property purchase. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that the meeting would proceed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 6) A resolution (07-46) to approve the purchase of real property in Abbeville County, South Carolina as shown on contract to purchase. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. Thomas McCombs of 106 Diane Court, Greenwood requested Council take a look at the rezoning for Logan Road of which five (5) acres have been requested rezoned to R8. Keep this area Forest Agricultural, if rezoned there is no telling what could happen in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council