

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) An ordinance (07-05) to repeal and replace Ordinance 02-05 for guidelines for County Boards and Commissions. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 26, 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 7:32 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 Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Chairman Gunnells abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Brad Cuttill, City of Abbeville Recreation Director presented to Council a diagram illustrating the playground that they were constructing at the Pete Smith Recreation Complex. This playground would be made possible with grants, public donations and \$15,000 from the County and City each. Construction on this project is due to begin in May of 2007.

Councilman Calhoun arrived during the presentation.

Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve the playground project. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of ordinance (07-05) to repeal Ordinance 02-05 for guidelines for County Boards and Commissions. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance for further discussion. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Davis opposed.

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 (07-06) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a six (6) acre tract of land located at 454 Highway 71 and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-099 from General Residential (GR) to Forest Agricultural (FA).
- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (07-10) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the computer services agreement for processing charges, software maintenance, printing 2007 vehicles, real & other personal tax and processing delinquent tax notices for Fiscal Year July 1, 2007—June 30,2008 at a cost not to exceed \$91,058.43. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (07-11) authorizing the County Director to purchase a large format plotter in accordance with the development of the Geographical Information System (GIS). Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 3) A resolution (07-12) to authorize the transfer of \$28,105.90 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris 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.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add an item to the agenda in regards to Flat Rock Church. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve a letter of congratulations for the Flat Rock Church expansion to be placed in their souvenir booklet (letter attached). Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. 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. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville stated that there are non-agenda item problems. Moving of Public Comment Non-Agenda items to end of agenda is wrong. He is tired of this type of behavior; I fought for public comment in 2003, 2006 and now. I understand it is the right of the Chairman to change to agenda, but not before consulting with the other Councilmen. This limits Councils ability to help those citizens that come before them. Public Comment Non-Agenda Items needs to be placed back at the beginning of the agenda.

Mr. Steve Adams of 1196 Nation Road, Abbeville requested that the Economic Director make a report to him on what he is working on to bring jobs to the County. Another class is about to graduate and there are no jobs in the County for them to go too. I want to see a report at every meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council