

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
July 8, 2002

The Abbeville County Council met in regular session at the Council Chambers in the Abbeville County Office Building at 7:30 P.M. on July 8, 2002. Present at the meeting were Chairman Larry Walker, Vice-Chairman Ray Gunnells, and Councilmen Scott Brown, John Calhoun, Tojo Forrester, and Claude Thomas. Also present was County Attorney Gene Pruitt.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walker.

- I. Public Hearing: Chairman Walker called to order a public hearing on Ordinance 2-05 to Authorize Transfer and Acquisition of Land for a Convenience Center Site in the Level Land Section of Abbeville County. Chairman Walker explained that a two-acre site had been acquired about one year ago, but that it was not suitable for a convenience center because of the topography. The person that the site was obtained from was agreeable to swapping it for other property in the same vicinity. The purpose of the ordinance was to authorize the swap. No one appeared to speak for against the ordinance. The public hearing was adjourned.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Walker led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Prayer: Councilman Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Councilman Brown moved that the minutes of the June 24, 2002 meeting of the County Council be approved. Councilman Forrester seconded the motion. It was noted that "deferred" had been misspelled under items V, B & C. These corrections were made. By a vote of 6 to 0, Council approved the minutes as corrected.
- V. Presentations: Chairman Walker made a motion to add Flo Leroy with the Abbeville County Library to the agenda under presentations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and approved by a vote of 6 to 0. Flo Leroy presented Mary Elizabeth Land to the Council as the new Library Director.
- VI. Committee Reports: There were no reports.
- VII. Old Business:
  - A. Third reading of Ordinance 02-05: Councilman Brown made a motion to give third reading to Ordinance 02-05 to Authorize Transfer and Acquisition of Land for a Convenience Center Site in the Level Land Section of Abbeville County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.
  - B. A motion was made by Councilman Forrester and seconded by Councilman Brown to give second reading to an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement By and Between Abbeville County, South Carolina and Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation with Respect to Certain Economic Development Property Whereby Such Property Will Be Subject to Certain Payments in Lieu of

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Taxes; and Other Matters Related Thereto. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

- C. A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Forrester to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Inducement and Millage Rate Agreement By and Between Abbeville County, South Carolina, and Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation Whereby Under Certain Conditions Abbeville County Will Execute a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement With Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation with Respect to an Industrial Project in the County, Whereby the Project Would Be Subject to Certain Fees-In-Lieu Of Taxes, and Providing for Related Matters. Chairman Walker stated that Council had deferred action on the Resolution at its last meeting and that it was now in proper form. The Council adopted the Resolution by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Renewal of Lease for S. C. Forestry Commission: By consensus, Council deferred consideration of the lease until its next meeting so that additional information could be obtained.
- E. Renewal of Lease for S. C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department: By consensus, Council deferred consideration of the lease until its next meeting so that additional information could be obtained.
- F. Property for Livestock Arena: Chairman Walker reported that the Development Board had previously set aside land for an agriculture building in the industrial park and that this was an ongoing project and that it will happen.
- G. Discuss use of prison labor to pick up trash on curbside. Chairman Walker reported that the County had received a request from Due West several months ago for the County to assist the Town with inmate labor in picking up trash at the curb as a part of a Town clean-up program. He reported that inmate labor could be used on public property and that this sort of project was permissible. It was the consensus of Council that if in the future a member of Council wanted to pursue such a project that the Council would consider the matter at that time.

#### VIII. New Business:

- A. Approval of bills for payment: A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Calhoun to approve the bills for payment as presented. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.
- B. A motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Calhoun to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the S. C. Dept. of Juvenile Justice for housing juvenile detainees at a rate of \$25.00 per day. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. A motion was made by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Thomas for the County to reimburse the Master in Equity for payment of telephone bills at the rate of \$40.00 per month. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. Request from Probate Judge for computer programs: A motion was made by Chairman Walker and seconded by Councilman Brown to delay action

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on this request until its next meeting so that additional information could be obtained. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

- E. A motion was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Forrester to approve an agreement with the S. C. Dept. of Transportation for inspection of county abridges for safety including signage. The agreement would be for a period of five years. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

IX. Executive Session:

A. Personnel Matter

- B. Contractual Service: Councilman Thomas made a motion to add under contractual service a discussion of a proposed FILOT for Aladdin Manufacturing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and was adopted by a vote of 6 to 0.

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Forrester to go into executive session to discuss these matters. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 0.

Following the executive session, Chairman Walker announced that there was no action required as a result of the executive session.

Councilman Gunnells announced that the Council had reestablished a toll free number for citizens to use when contacting the County concerning county business. The number is 1-800-322-7716.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Gunnells and seconded by Councilman Forrester. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 0 and the meeting was adjourned.

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