

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING #2
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Forrester, Calhoun, Norris, Brown, Director Burns, Attorney Pruitt, Clerk to Council Carol Chrisley

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order as follows:

a. Adopt an ordinance authorizing a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone lots 1 through 18 and lot 20 as an area near Lowndesville on Hwy. S-1-70, Horseshoe Road located approximately 1600 feet easterly of the Corp. Line at Allen Creek Bridge as described in the plats.

b. Adopt an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution Or An Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement Of An Amount Not Exceeding \$210,000 Relating to the Purchase of Certain Equipment By Abbeville County, Authorizing the Execution Of Other Necessary Documents and Paper, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Director Burns said, for the record, that the award of this bid would be to BB&T at an interest rate of 3.47%. This was equipment used at the landfill and consisted of a compactor and knuckle boom that are requirements.

c. Adopt an Ordinance to preserve 2.5 acres of unaltered wetlands and 5.7 acres of uplands buffer at the Abbeville County Landfill access road.

No public comments were received and the Chairman called the public hearing to a close.

I. Chairman Walker called the regular meeting to order.

First item on the agenda was approval of September 9, 2002 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

II. Presentations:

III. Committee Reports:

Councilman Brown, Chair of the Personnel & Administration Committee said the two items under their committee needed to be looked into further. He said that further on in the agenda were two items under new business, item C. that he requested to be handled immediately.

Chairman Walker, Chair of the Finance Committee concerning expenditure of surplus monies from the bond issue. Director Burns said they received clearance on the Voitis

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Grant, which will be closed out, and a check should be coming for the remaining funds of about \$15,000. Director Burns said they would prepare a resolution for the next month's meeting with the total figures available.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Office Space: Vice Chairman Gunnells Chair said the committee met and would like to recommend they make the move or address the County Director to make the move for Voc. Rehab to go to the old DARE office below the basement floor of the courthouse which will give them the opportunity to move Building Codes and Planning into the County Office Bldg. In addition, the committee recommended that work begin on the office immediately adjacent to the director and council and rather than cutting a hole through the wall and tying them together, that the other office be repaired and updated, etc. and be linked with an intercom. Chairman Gunnells made a motion to move the Voc. Rehab to the Courthouse in the area of the old DARE office and move the Building and Codes to the existing Voc. Rehab offices. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion that was passed unanimously. Chairman Gunnells made a motion that the office adjacent to the County Director and Clerk to Council be prepared for occupancy by the County Director. This would be mainly cleanup work and would come out of Bldgs. & Grounds. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.

4. Old Business:

A. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone lots 1 through 18 and lot 20 as an area near Lowndesville on Hwy. S-1-70, Horseshoe Road located aprox. 1600 feet easterly of the Corp. Line at Allen Creek Bridge as described in the plats. Councilman Forrester made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in the amount of \$210,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Abbeville County, Authorizing the Execution Of Other Necessary Documents and Paper and other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Brown made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to preserve 2.5 acres of unaltered wetlands and 5.7 acres of uplands buffer at the Abbeville County Landfill access road. Councilman Norris made a motion to have 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

5. New Business:

A. Request by Treasurer Judy Scott to transfer \$48,669.5 from LOST Acct. to General Fund. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve a resolution to transfer \$48,669.5 from LOST Acct. to the General Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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B. Report on Air Compressor-Fire Commission. Director Burns said that a provision in the county's purchasing policy says everything over \$5,000 in value must be approved and the bid let by council with the exception of issues that involve health, safety and welfare. The air compressor for the fire commission went out which meant they could not fill the air tanks that are needed in the event of a fire. After consulting with some council members concerning this, he issued a purchase order to procure this equipment at a cost of approx. \$17,000. The policy says when this is done, a report is to be provided to Council so they are aware that the action has taken place and a waiver of the procurement policy has taken place. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to accept the action that Director Burns has taken regarding the replacement of the air purification system. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of a Resolution instructing the Finance Department to retroactively compensate those Detention Center Officers whose salaries were not increased effective January 1, 2002. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

D. Approval of a Resolution instructing the Abbeville County Finance Department to immediately request payment from retired employees currently covered by the State Health Plan. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells. Director Burns stated that inadvertently the finance department wasn't aware that insurance premiums went up for retirees dating back to January 1, 2002. From January 1 to the present, we have paid approximately \$5000 on the insurance premiums for retired county employees. Built into the motion is the understanding that in the event it is necessary, the county will set up a payment plan for up to six months to recoup the funds for the two month period. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Director Burns said there was another item that he would like to add to the agenda. He has received a request on behalf of the Probate Judge to issue a purchase order for the purchase of a computer system containing hardware and the like. It was budgeted in this year's budget. As he mentioned earlier, any purchase in excess of \$5000 requires the award to come from county council. This was a \$9,400 purchase. It was budgeted and she intended to buy it and she got the necessary quotes to purchase it. It would take a vote of council to award the bid and purchase the equipment. Councilman Forrester made a motion to add this to the agenda that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the Probate Judge's request for software and hardware to be used in her office. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

9. Director's Report

Mr. Burns addressed council by saying that he had three items to bring to council's attention. The first item was an update on the request of council to contact the Development Board and set up a meeting between county council and the board. In a letter from the Development Board Mr. Gilbert would like to meet with the board on

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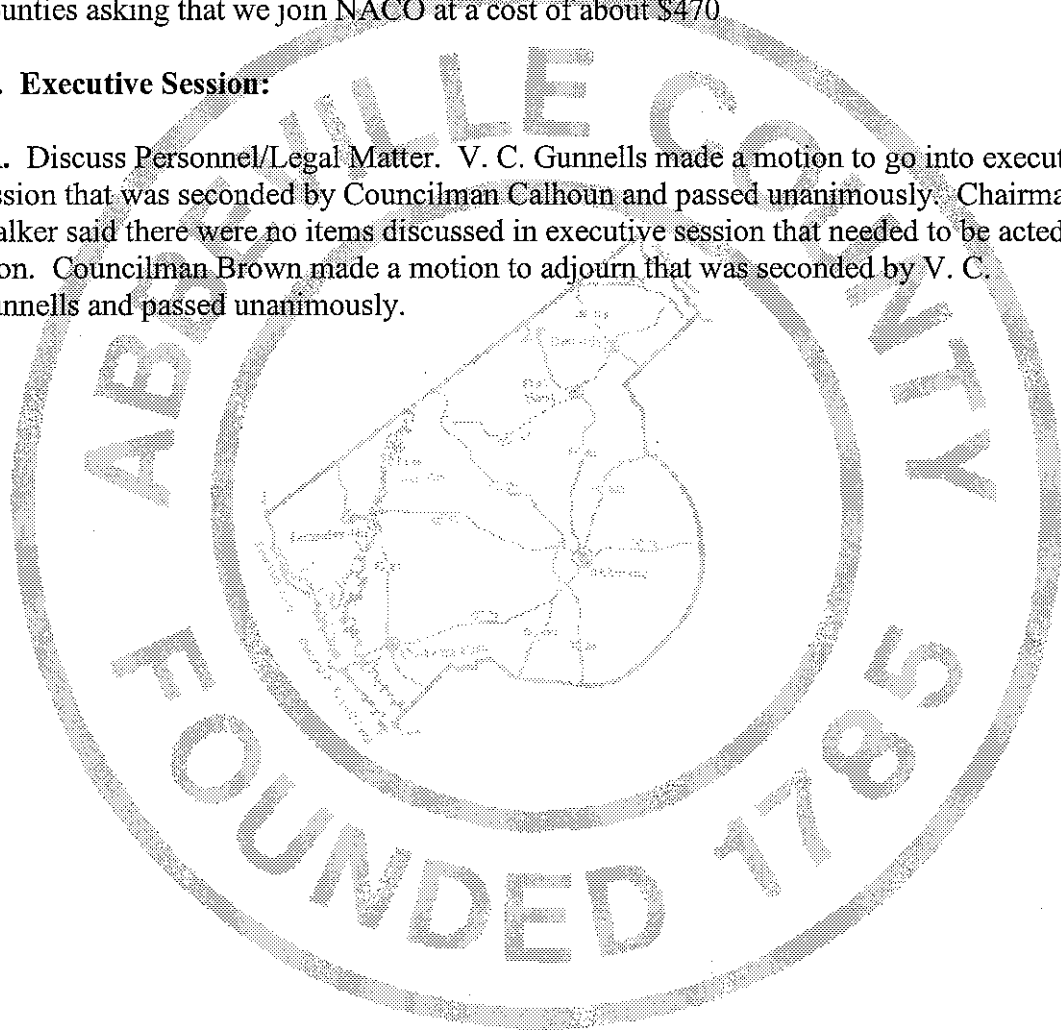
either October 8th or 10th. It was decided that October 10th would be suitable at 7:30 in the opera house.

Mr. Burns said that he received a request from the City of Abbeville that the Chairman and Public Safety Committee attend a meeting on October 1st at 7PM with the City Council regarding the possible consolidation of judicial functions and/or the use of the judicial facilities at the Magistrate's Office by the City of Abbeville.

Mr. Burns said that he received a request from the President of the SC Association of Counties asking that we join NACO at a cost of about \$470

10. Executive Session:

A. Discuss Personnel/Legal Matter. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker said there were no items discussed in executive session that needed to be acted upon. Councilman Brown made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously.



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