

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Ordinance (08-04) to amend multiple sections of The Land Development Regulations of Abbeville County, Ordinance 04-34, adopted December 13, 2004. Planning Director Lanny McKay informed Council that the changes requested were for the five (5) year maintenance bond to be reduced to three (3) years per the recommendation of Mr. Buddy Agan, Public Works Director and him. Second a wording change in the advertisement verbiage. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

- b) Ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville informed Council that their decisions affect everyday life of County citizens. In budget year 06-07 Council moved the water millage to the General Fund and in 07-08 they suspended it. On 3/28/06 the water fund had \$1,318,406.12 in it, as of 3/27/08 you have \$438,348.20. You have also borrowed one million from the landfill fund. How are you going to pay this back? County Director Scott Moulder said a written response would be sent this week. Mr. Irwin continued Budget work sessions accomplish nothing, but to shuffle money around. You have out spent your dreams. If you continue this way we will just be digging deeper into our reserve funds. Face facts there is not enough money. You are spending more money than is coming in. What would happen if an emergency occurs? Do you have a clue? We are in serious trouble here; yet seven (7) went to Florida for this All American City Award, airline tickets and two (2) days of playing golf. Where is the trophy? Just a fun paid vacation. The County is broke and two of you are going to Hilton Head for five days. Where are you priorities? We are in hard times and you need to be home. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 2008
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Norris gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Norris stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2008, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Jenny Lynch, Supervisor and Ms. Denise Epps, Medicaid Program Coordinator for the SC Department of Health and Human Services presented information on the SC Healthy Connections Kids (HCK), a healthcare insurance program administered by their department. To participate in this program an applicant will need to meet the same requirements as Medicaid applicants. This program also, has the addition of vision and dental.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of ordinance (08-03) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.8 acre tract of land located off of Gin House Road and identified by tax map number 046-00-00-81 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development (RDD). Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of ordinance (08-04) to amend multiple sections of The Land Development Regulations of Abbeville County, Ordinance 04-34, adopted December 13, 2004. Councilman Simpson made a motion to amend the Maintenance Bond to reflect three (3) years. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading as amended. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Second reading of ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008. Chairman Norris moved this item to after Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add Resolution 08-23 as item #5. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

a) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (08-19) to authorize the transfer of \$34,467.07 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (08-20) authorizing execution of an agreement for Abbeville County to participate in the Upper Savannah Home Investment Partnerships Consortium. Resolution died due to lack of motion.
- 3) Resolution (08-21) recognizing and congratulating Ms. Jane Hannah for her dedication and job performance. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman Norris presented the resolution along with other documents from various state agencies to Ms. Hannah.
- 4) Resolution (08-22) authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Robotronics for the purchase of Pluggie the Fireplug, Buzz E. Smoke Alarm and Safety House. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 5) Resolution (08-23) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Gunnwood Construction for professional services related to the development of an Upper County Recreational Facility. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Gunnells abstaining.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder requested that the meeting for June 23, 2008 be moved to June 30, 2008 due to advertising for budget requirements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration— Jeff Simpson, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Mike Davis, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Vice Chairman McClain made a committee nomination to place Ms. Remle' Johnson in the At Large position available on the Development Board. Councilman Calhoun seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Davis opposed.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson and Mike Davis. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman McClain to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues on the Multi-County Industrial park fees, retiree insurance benefits, property purchase and an economic issue. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Davis left the meeting during executive session.

Chairman Norris reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that there were two issues which needed to be addressed.

- a) Second reading of ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008. Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend section 34 to adjust the percentages to reflect a distribution of revenues from the Abbeville/Anderson Multi-County Industrial Park according to the prorate share of ad valorem taxes, provided that Abbeville County shall receive \$150,000.00. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Vice Chairman McClain opposed. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading with the amendment. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Vice Chairman McClain opposed.
- b) Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to move the June 23, 2008 meeting to June 30, 2008. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items): None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 pm.

Done this 30th day of June, 2008

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
William C. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council