

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) An ordinance (07-03) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an ad valorem property tax be postponed for one (1) property tax year. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- 2) An ordinance (07-04) to amend the FY 06-07 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 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:

Councilman McClain 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:

Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Steve Adams of 1196 Nations Road in Abbeville requested the last two (2) years of crime reports on break-ins in the Lowndesville and Lake Secession areas. There has been a large amount of burglaries in the area and if manpower is the problem has the sheriff requested additional deputies from Council? One other question what happens to the stolen goods once they are recovered?

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Sam Martin of the Burton Center informed Council on resolution 07-09. Burton Center is applying for a grant to study and find out if there is a need in the county for public transportation (ex. Industry and medical). This resolution would allow this study to take place.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of an ordinance (07-03) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an ad valorem property tax be postponed for one (1) property tax year. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (07-04) to amend the FY 06-07 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Simpson made a motion to add resolution 07-09 as item #3. Councilman Thomas approved the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

a) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (07-07) designating the Burton Center to develop and implement a coordinated public transportation system. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas asked for the motion to be reconsidered as the word “implement” was included in the resolution. Councilman Simpson and Councilman Calhoun withdrew their motions. Councilman Thomas made a motion that the resolution be approved with the amendment that “implement” was removed. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. Councilman Simpson wanted “#1” removed from the resolution. Councilman Thomas and Councilman McClain withdrew their motions. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution with the word “implement” and “item #1” removed. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) A resolution (07-08) to authorize the transfer of \$249,688.10 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (07-09) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for the FY 06-07. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder requested final approval from Council to relocate archive storage to a central location (Church Street Offices). A site visit from the State Archive personnel has been performed and they have given their approval of this location.

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. Councilman Thomas informed Council that they had met and were in the process of reviewing the new zoning ordinance.
- 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 Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue in regards to the old hospital and a contractual issue with Donalds-Due West Water Authority. 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
William Norris, Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council