

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 23, 2007
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:30 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:

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS:

Sheriff Charles Goodwin presented to Deputy Johnny Newton the Life Saving Medal, a certificate and a pin for his uniform. He said you give honor where honor is due. Deputy Newton rescued an occupant from a burning building.

A resolution (07-26) honoring Sheriff's Deputy Johnny Newton for demonstrating an act of heroism and bravery while serving the citizens of Abbeville County. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Chairman Gunnells presented the resolution to Deputy Newton.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (07-25) to authorize the transfer of \$13,900.97 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (07-27) adopting Abbeville County Americans with Disabilities Act 504 Plans. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (07-28) establishing an Abbeville County Americans with Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure by adopting Administrative Policy 07-1. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder informed Council on three grants Abbeville County received: \$100,000 for the Museum, \$97,000 for an incubator building to start small businesses and \$25,000 for a tour video. Also, \$225,000 reimbursement from the state for the Bixby Trial had been approved and would soon be received by the County.

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.

A motion was made by Councilman McClain to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue with the school district. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested that Public Comment Non-Agenda Items be placed back at the beginning of the meeting so issues brought before Council could be discussed in Executive Session and action could be taken.

Ms. Terri Stone of 952 Winona Church Road, Donalds informed Council of a zoning violation in her neighborhood. A Motor-Cross park has been operating for the past two (2) years and there has been no cooperation from the County has a whole. The noise is constant and there is land erosion onto adjoining properties. Council needs to enforce the zoning regulations that have been enacted.

Gary and Marilyn Buffalo of 351 Winona Church Road, Donalds informed Council that they had been in touch with Mr. Paul Agnew in regards to the race track. If they knew this could happen they would not have moved here. The noise starts early in the morning and traffic has increased considerably.

Ms. Donna Borrer of 348 Winona Church Road, Donalds said liberty stops when it infringes on others. This area was zoned residential and should stay residential, enforce the zoning regulations.

Chairman Gunnells asked the County Planner Lanny McKay if this race tract was in violation of the zoning ordinance to which Mr. McKay replied it was in clear violation.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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