

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) An ordinance (07-10) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads Maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Rusty Burns Lane, Maggie Lane, Edwards Lane and removing Moore Lane. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 14, 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 7:33 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Vice Chairman Norris 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 April 23, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):**

Mr. Michael Horn of 286 Powder horn Drive, Honea Path property adjourns Mr. Overholt's property. Works his property for farming and wants to live away from industry. Requests Council help him keep industry out of his front yard.

Mr. Gary Gilmer of Hook Road, Donalds property adjourns Mr. Overholt's property. It is a shame a reasonable settlement cannot be reached. Mr. Gilmer read a letter sent to Mr. Overholt (letter attached).

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (07-07) to sell a one (1) acre (more or less) tract of land identified by tax map number 154-00-00-028 to Paul Campbell. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of an ordinance (07-09) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 208 acre tract of land located off Jets Landing Road and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-172, 173 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Second reading of an ordinance (07-10) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads Maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Rusty Burns Lane, Maggie Lane, Edwards Lane and removing Moore Lane. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
  - 1) An ordinance (07-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a six (6) acre tract of land (off of eighteen (18) acres) located off of SC Hwy. 20/185 and the intersection of J.T. Ashley Road and identified by tax map number 026-00-00-005 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Light Industrial (LI).
  - 2) An ordinance (07-12) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007.
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) A resolution (07-17) congratulating Mr. Brian Keith Barnes of the Abbeville County Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department for receiving a South Carolina State Firefighters Association Scholarship. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion

to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 2) A resolution (07-18) congratulating Mr. Jeremy Burton Manning of the Abbeville County Calhoun Falls Volunteer Fire Department for receiving a South Carolina State Firefighters Association Scholarship. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Vice Chairman Norris presented the resolutions to the two firemen.

- 3) A resolution (07-19) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with C & H Fence Company; 611 Jordan Road; Troy, South Carolina in the amount of \$21,836.00 for installation of a chain link fence with gates at the Abbeville County Landfill; 1094 Gassoway Farm Road; Abbeville, South Carolina. County Director Moulder interjected that according to the procurement policy a business located in Abbeville County receives a 3% reduction off of their bid. This being the case Superior Fence's bid would come in under the bid from C & H Fence. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution with the company being Superior and at a cost of \$22,496.32. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

**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 Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue concerning zoning, an economic issue and a property purchase. Councilman McClain 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):**

Mr. Jerry Kennedy of 985 Martin Road, Honea Path informed Council that he was asked to come before Council and see if they could offer any help to the residents that live in his area. The tap on fee has risen to \$600.00 and most residents are on fixed incomes and cannot afford this. Donalds-Due West Water Authority has no compassion for the citizens, will not even work with them on a payment plan for this fee. Please see if there is any way the County can help ease this issue for the residents.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council