

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 13, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Brown, Thomas, Calhoun, Forrester, Attorney Pruitt, Interim Director, Gene Klugh.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order with prayer given by Councilman Thomas.

I. First item on the agenda was approval of April 22, 2002 County Council Meeting Minutes. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

**II. Presentations:**

A. Presentation of a plaque to the family of Mr. Perrin Anderson to posthumously recognize him for his 25 years of dedicated service to the people of Abbeville County as Chairman of the Planning Commission. Present from the family of Mr. Anderson were his wife, children and grandchildren.

**III. Committee Reports:**

A. Personnel & Administration; Councilman Brown, Chair had nothing to report.

B. Finance; Chairman Walker said the Sheriff had sent a letter to the Public Safety Committee Chair, County Director and Chairman Walker concerning a number of items that were needed to complete the Law Enforcement Center. Chairman Walker said the Law Enforcement Center account had a little more than \$19,000 in it and another \$12,000 was anticipated from grant funds. One item that needed immediate attention was a control room recorder that would cost about \$5,200. The Department of Corrections said that a fence needed to be extended and additional vents were needed in the boiler room. The Sheriff stated that an impound area for cars was needed as well as a kennel for the tracking dogs that are being kept by one of the deputies at his residence. The recommendation from the Finance Committee was that funds in the LEC account be used to complete these items. The County's purchasing procedures would be followed. The council voted 6-0 to accept the recommendation of the committee.

The Finance Committee noted that when the Sheriff made his budget presentation, he requested five replacement cars. After looking at his LEC budget, the committee felt that there would be in excess of \$127,000 left in the Detention Center account. It was recommended a line item transfer be made from the LEC salary account and to the Sheriff's Dept. capital account to permit the lease-purchase of the five cars requested. Another item was the professional services account that is almost expended. The committee recommended that \$3000 be transferred from the salary account into the professional services account in the LEC. After a brief discussion, the council voted 6-0 to accept the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

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Chairman Walker announced that he had been told that county matching funds need to be in place by August 11 to secure approximately \$1.8 million in tobacco settlement money, which Council is planning to use to construct a water line from the Calhoun Falls area to the Diamond Hill/Antreville area. Consultant, Rusty Burns had proposed that for \$3000, he would work to secure the \$1.6 million matching funds and if council was satisfied with his work that he would receive another \$3000. Chairman Walker said the committee recommended that they enlist the services of Rusty Burns. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Councilman Thomas stated that at the last meeting, the need for a replacement vehicle for EMS had been discussed. Chairman Walker asked the Public Safety Committee to look at this since it wasn't clear how badly the damage was to the automobile. Mr. Klugh said that he talked with Steve McDade and he said the vehicle had approximately 150,000 miles on it and it is used as a backup QRV whenever one was down. It's a 1997 model and there are some engine problems and the transmission is bad. Chairman Walker asked that the Public Safety Committee pursue this before any action is taken.

Public Works; Vice Chairman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester, Chair stated that there were some nominations later on the agenda that he would address at that time.

Planning & Industrial Development; Councilman Thomas, Chair said that he had been informed this evening that there were four people who would be attending the workshop/seminar on zoning Thursday in Greenville, SC one of which is Mark Sumner.

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had nothing to report.

Public Safety; Councilman Brown, Interim Chair had nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Office Space; Councilman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc Committee on Computerization of County Government, Chairman Walker, Char had nothing to report.

#### **IV. Old Business:**

A. 2nd Reading to modify our current fiscal year budget to include the transfer of \$130,000 from the Landfill Proprietary Fund into the Landfill Closure Account for the sub-title D Landfill. Councilman Forrester made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Scott and passed unanimously.

B. 2nd Reading to amend Ordinance No. 2000-4 entitled Abbeville Building Codes. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Scott and passed unanimously.

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**V. New Business:**

**A.** 1st Reading on fiscal year 2002/2003 Budget for Abbeville County. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Scott and passed unanimously.

**B.** Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the bills that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

**C.** Vacancies on Piedmont Technical College Board. Councilman Forrester made reference to a memo in council's packet from Dr. Lex Walters concerning the reappointments of Charles R. Williams and Edith S. Collins and requested that they be reappointed to the Board. Councilman Thomas made a motion to reappoint both these members to the Piedmont Technical College Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

**D.** Consideration of Library Board Vacancy. Council decided to put this off until the next meeting until an application could be filled out.

**E.** Consideration to appoint the following to the Planning Commission: Janie S. Aiken- District 3, Frank Love- District 4. Councilman Forrester said they had an application from both of them and made a motion to approve the appointments that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

**F.** Council to consider approval of updated Abbeville County Solid Waste Management Plan. Public Works Director Agan said that the County is required annually to update the Plan. After a brief discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the updated Abbeville County Solid Waste Management Plan. Motion was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously.

**G.** Council to consider approval of land swap of Alewine Road Convenience Center. Mr. Agan said that the site the county acquired for the center would require extensive grading and he recommended that the county swap this property for the site that was initially considered. Both sites are owned by the same person and she is agreeable to the swap. Councilman Forrester made a motion to have 1st Reading to exchange 2 acres on Alewine Road for another two acres on Alewine Road for construction of a convenience center. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

**H.** Approval of contract for hauling stone. Public Works Director Agan stated that under our purchasing policy, we have the option to extend this contract or re-bid it. The Contractor had proposed several options for extending the contract. After a brief discussion, council deferred action on this matter until an adjustment for fluctuations in fuel prices could be investigated.

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I. Consideration of request from Treasurer, Judy Scott to transfer \$45,000.00 from the Local Option Sales tax to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this request. It was seconded by Councilman Scott and passed unanimously.

J. Chairman Walker mentioned that the next Council Meeting was scheduled for Memorial Day, which is on May 27th. Since we are going to be working on the budget he suggested that we cancel this meeting. Chairman Walker made a motion to this effect that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

A full Council Budget Workshop was scheduled on May 23rd at 6PM in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse as well as a Special Meeting to approve bills for payment. Another full Council Budget Workshop was scheduled on June 6th at 6PM in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse. A Finance Committee Meeting was also set for May 28th at 6PM in the Council Chambers at the Courthouse.

#### **VI. Executive Session:**

A. Discuss position of County Director. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker said they would have a Special Called Meeting on May 23rd at 6PM in order to approve bills and to follow-up. Council asked Mr. Klugh to schedule some interviews for the County Director's position for 7:30pm on May 20 and May 23. Councilman Forrester made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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