

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, Vice Chairman Gunnells, Councilmen Forrester, Thomas, Brown, Calhoun, Interim Director Klugh, and Attorney Pruitt

Chairman Walker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30PM. The purpose of the public hearing was as follows:

- a. An ordinance to modify the current fiscal year budget to appropriate and transfer \$130,000 from the Landfill Proprietary Fund to the Landfill Closure Fund. There were no comments.
- b. An ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2000-4 entitled Abbeville Building Codes. There were no comments.
- c. An ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 for Abbeville County.

Alan Hughes, Chairman of the EMS Commission spoke in support of an additional paramedic to be stationed in Due West and restoring line items for rescue squads. George Guy, Chief of the Abbeville Rescue Squad said that \$30,000 was needed for EMS to add an additional person. Dr. Ralph D'More, Medical Director of Abbeville Hospital also supported an additional person for EMS. Steve McDade said there was some confusion about the budget cuts, the need for an additional paramedic, as well as restoring line items for the squads.

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

1. First item on the agenda was approval of May 13, 2002 County Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously as amended.

Next item was approval of minutes of Special Meeting of May 23rd. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve these minutes that was seconded by Councilman Thomas. Motion passed 5-4 with Councilman Gunnells abstaining since he was not at the meeting

II. Presentations:

III. Committee Reports:

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

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B. Finance: Chairman Walker, Chair said they would be addressing the results of some committee actions in later agenda items.

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

D. Intergovernmental Relations: Councilman Forrester, Chair made the appointment of John Marchi to the Library Board as a representative from District 5. There was a question as to whether or not Mr. Marchi lived in District 5. After a brief discussion, Councilman Forrester made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Chairman Walker and passed unanimously.

E. Planning & Industrial Development: Councilman Thomas, Chair had nothing to report.

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

G. Public Safety: Councilman Brown, Interim Chair. Councilman Brown said that he and Councilman Forrester met with Steve McDade and had an opportunity to drive the vehicle that was being requested. It drove well and the engine responded well but he did notice some issues that may relate to the front end. He felt it was an issue that needed to be looked at further before a decision was made to replace the vehicle. He said that he would get together with Steve McDade and get someone to further evaluate the condition of the vehicle and cost of repairs. Councilmen Forrester, Brown, Gunnells, Walker voted for the motion. Councilman Calhoun and Thomas opposed. Motion passed.

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

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

IV. Old Business:

A. **3rd Reading** of Ordinance 02-4 to modify the current fiscal year budget to appropriate and transfer \$130,000 from the Landfill Proprietary Fund to the Landfill Closure Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

B. **3rd Reading** of Ordinance 02-02 to amend Ordinance No. 2000-4 entitled Abbeville Building Codes. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve 3rd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of contract for hauling stone. The contract for hauling stone with J.W. Herron Trucking expires at the end of June. The contractor has offered to extend the contract for a period of one year provided the county agrees to pay an additional 1.6%

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CPI per ton for the stone and to establish a proviso for the cost of fuel. The base price for fuel would be \$1.25 per gallon. If the price of fuel exceeds \$1.35 per gallon, the county will pay an additional \$1.00 per load. If the price is less than \$1.15 per gallon, the cost per load will decrease by \$1.00 Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve the contract that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

D. Authorize the sale of surplus property and authorize the county director to contract with an auctioneer to conduct the auction. Councilman Brown made a motion to declare as surplus machines and equipment listed in a memo from the County Director dated June 6, 2002 and to authorize the sale of the surplus equipment at public auction and to authorize the Director to select an auctioneer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

E. Approval of use for Title III U. S. Forestry Funds. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to adopt the proposed plan approved by council on March 25, 2002 and to amend ordinance 02-7 to include these funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

F. 2nd Reading of an Ordinance 02-5 to authorize a land swap for a convenience center. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

V. New Business:

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

B. Consideration of 1st Reading of an ordinance to rezone approximately 2.15 acres located at 1639 Mt. Lebanon Road, Donalds, SC from Forest Agriculture to Light Industrial to allow for a plating business. The zoning change is being requested by John T. Kirkpatrick, the property owner. Councilman Thomas made a motion to deny this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Chairman Walker, Councilmen Brown and Forrester agreed to deny this request. V. C. Gunnells opposed denying this request. Motion passed to deny the request.

C. Proposals for groundwater monitoring. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the proposal from Shealy Environmental for groundwater monitoring. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

D. Approval of contract for purchasing fuel. This was delayed until the next meeting.

E. Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Not Exceeding \$800,000 Principal Amount Hospital Facilities Revenue Bond (ABBEVILLE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL) Of Abbeville County, South Carolina, Pursuant to Article II, Chapter 7, Title 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina

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1976, as Amended; The Application Of The Proceeds of Said Bond To Be Made Available To The Board of Trustees of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital to Finance the Costs Of Acquisition Of Certain Real Property And Improvements And the Construction Of Certain Related Improvements; The Entering Into Of Certain Covenants And Agreements And the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating To The Issuance Of The Aforesaid Bond including A Loan Agreement Between Abbeville County And the Board of Trustees Of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, And An Assignment Thereof, And a Mortgage Of Real Property Pertaining to the Hospital; And Other matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Thomas made a motion that this be 1st Reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

F. Approval of a Resolution to Approve the Financing Of the Cost of Acquisition Of Certain Real Property And Improvements And The Construction Of Certain Related Improvements By The Board of Trustees Of Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Through the Issuance and Delivery of an Abbeville County, South Carolina Hospital Facilities Revenue Bond (Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Project) (The "Bond") In An Amount Not Exceeding \$800,000; Authorizing A Petition To The State Budget And Control Board Of South Carolina For Its Approval of such Undertaking Pursuant To Title 44, Chapter 7, Code Of Laws of South Carolina 1976, As Amended; And Providing For Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of request from Treasurer, Judy Scott to transfer \$45,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax to the General Fund. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

H. Consideration of agreement with Greenwood Library for services. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the Agreement that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

I. Contract renewal with CCC dealing with Green Boxes and Roll-off rentals at the Convenience Centers. Councilman Thomas made a motion that we renew the contract with CCC. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown. The only change was the cost of moving brown boxes at the convenience centers. This went from \$100 per move to \$101.6. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Discuss C & D Landfill. Director Klugh said that Public Works Director Agan met with representatives of B.P. Barber. He said that the cost of the road had gone up due to engineering. The estimated cost is \$365,000, which includes the 2700' haul road, and stream crossing and \$300,000 for the landfill. Mr. Klugh said that the next step would be to meet with the CTC to determine funds that might be available for the haul road. After that we would have the information we needed to talk with the banking institutions to see about the issuance of revenue bonds.

Chairman Walker said that he had two items to add to the agenda. One of the items was a request from the tax collector to increase her budget for the current year and the other a

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request from the Treasurer for additional funds to implement a fixed tax program known as GASB. Chairman Walker made a motion to add these items to the agenda that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker referred to a letter from Ms. Coates who was getting ready to mail out certified letters and she will be well beyond her budget. Mr. Klugh said that she would be mailing out about 4,000 delinquent notices at a cost of \$7.14 per notice. After a brief discussion Chairman Walker made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from the lump sum distribution to the Tax Collector's postage fund. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was a motion to transfer \$4000 into the Treasurer's Dept. from the lump sum distribution for a fixed asset program. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to approve this transfer that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

VI. Executive Session:

A. Discussion of County Director and Planning Director.

B. Personnel Matter

C Councilman Brown made a motion to add to the executive session the Development Board Director to discuss a contractual matter. Motion was seconded by V.C. Gunnells and passed unanimously. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker reconvened regular session by saying there was one item that needed council consideration. He asked that a motion be made for an offer of employment for a county director. Councilman Brown made a motion that we hire Steven B. Ford for county director for \$64,000 a year contingent upon completion of a favorable background check.

Motion was seconded by V.C.Gunnells and passed unanimously. Councilman Forrester made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously.

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