

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Forrester, Norris, Thomas, Brown, Calhoun, Director Burns, Attorney Pruitt, Clerk to Council Carol Chrisley

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

First item on the agenda was approval of August 26th and 29th County Council meeting minutes. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve minutes with two corrections noted in the August 26th minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Norris. Councilman Gunnells abstained. Motion passed to approve minutes.

II. Presentations:

A. Sheriff Goodwin to request additional funding. He addressed council by requesting additional beds for the female prisoners in the LEC. He asked that he be permitted to transfer funds within the jail line items to come up with the sum of \$3,321.60. After a brief discussion Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Councilman Brown, Chair of the Personnel & Administration Committee presented to Council an annual and sick leave policy for Abbeville County Employees that work either a 12-hour shift or a 24-hour shift. The Committee asked council to accept the resolution. Councilman Brown said they would like to make one revision to this resolution wherein it refers to a 24-hour employee. It should have two asterisks beside it indicating the maximum accumulation not to exceed 360 hours. Motion passed unanimously to accept the resolution. The next item was consideration of a policy for the payment of retirees Health Insurance. Chairman Brown requested that this remain in committee.

B. Finance: Chairman Walker had nothing to report.

C. Public Works; Vice Chairman Gunnells, Chair said the committee met and after looking at the request from Malcolm Moore, the recommendation was to deny the request since there was only one resident on the road and it did not comply with Ordinance #90-19. Motion was made to deny the request with Councilman Norris abstaining. With reference to Setters Lane, they would like to keep it in committee until the public works director could investigate the rights-of-way. There was some discussion of P & N Drive and putting it into the county road system. V. C. Gunnells made the recommendation that the Mayor of Donalds make a request of the County Transportation Committee for funding instead of bringing it before Council.

The next item on the agenda was the possible award of the bid to fund the CMI REX compactor and knuckle boom. Director Doug Burns said that two bids were very close and that he was awaiting a recommendation from bond counsel regarding the appropriate bid to accept. He asked that Council agree to award the bid based on the receipt of a recommendation from bond counsel. Chairman Walker asked if the award of the bid could wait until third reading of the ordinance, and was informed that it could. Council therefore agreed to wait until the next meeting to award the bid.

D. Councilman Norris, Chairman of Public Safety addressed Council by saying that as the liaison of the fire commission they asked him to convey to council a request to use the entire building they presently occupy. He asked that this be turned over to the Ad-Hoc Committee on space. Chairman Walker said that he would assign this to the committee.

E. Councilman Thomas said, as liaison to the GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission that all council members would be receiving an invitation to a reception to welcome in the new executive director from 6:30-8:00pm at the Greenwood Country Club on Sept. 26h.

4. Old Business:

A. Consideration of 2nd Reading of a request from Woodfern Associates to rezone lots 1 through 18 and lot 20 as an area near Lowndesville on Hwy. S-1-70, Horseshoe Road located approximately 1600 feet easterly of the Corp. Line at Allen Creek Bridge as described in the plats. Councilman Brown made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution Of An Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in an Amount Not Exceeding \$210,000 Relating to the Purchase of Certain Equipment by Abbeville County, Authorizing the Execution Of Other Necessary Documents and Paper, And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Councilman Brown made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Gunnells and passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to preserve 2.5 acres of unaltered wetlands and 5.7 acres of uplands buffer at the Abbeville County Landfill access road. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have 2nd Reading that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passes unanimously.

5. New Business:

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

B. Approval of Proclamation for Industry Appreciation Week. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the Proclamation that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

6. Director's Report:

The report included letters from Lex Walters, President of Piedmont Tech., Charter Communications, Abbeville Auction and a Meeting To Set Goals and Priorities.

7. Executive Session:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.