

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AMENDED JUNE 11, 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 7:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 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). Chairman Gunnells read a letter from Mr. Overholt withdrawing his request for rezoning (letter attached). Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to remove the public hearing and second reading of ordinance number 07-11. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  
- 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. Chairman Gunnells moved this public hearing to before old business.

**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 Thomas made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the April 23, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):**

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on the budget. He reminded Council that the increase in the public safety fee would be a \$3.50 increase for each household including Senior Citizens who are on a fixed income. Remove the fees and increase the millage so if the taxes were not paid the property could be sold on the courthouse steps. Why a 9 mill increase if we receive relief from the state? County Director Moulder explained the procedure of roll back factor. Mr. Irwin continued with we have no increase in industry gentlemen. County vehicles need to be driven to make every mile count. Is the infrastructure fund still holding at 1.3 million? County Director Moulder answered yes. Mr. Irwin asked why do you still show a section in the budget for EMS Commission, was this not dissolved? County Director Moulder informed him the naming of the item had not been changed, but would be to reflect the expenditures still in that line item.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) 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. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third 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. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of 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). Removed during public hearing.

- c) Second reading of 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. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen McClain and Simpson opposed.

#### **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 (07-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a seven (7) acre tract of land located off of Gregg Shoals Road and identified by tax map number 087-00-00-003 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).
- b) Resolutions:
  - 1) A resolution (07-20) to authorize the transfer of \$21,183.80 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
  - 2) A resolution (07-21) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Bakers Waste Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$14,071.50 for the purchase of one (1) 40-yard receiver roll-off container and two (2) 40-yard open top roll-off containers. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. 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. Chairman Gunnells reported that the committee is working hard at placing the two (2) ambulances in the budget and hope to have it for third reading.
- 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. The Committee recommended Ms. Phyllis Small to the Library Board. Councilman Davis seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. The Committee recommended Mr. Ray Peck to the Development Board. Councilman Simpson seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0.
- 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 Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue concerning a FOIA request. Councilman Calhoun 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):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

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

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

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