

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 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.

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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (07-01) to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Anderson County for Project Enviro. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- b) Third reading of an ordinance (07-02) to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Anderson County for Project WSPP. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to table third reading to allow Anderson County to catch up with us. Councilman Simpson 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 (07-03) to invoke the provisions of Section 12-217 (B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended to provide that reassessment of all property in Abbeville County, South Carolina subject to an ad valorem property tax be postponed for one (1) property tax year.
 - 2) An ordinance (07-04) to amend the FY 06-07 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof.
- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (07-05) designating Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs as an entity in Abbeville County to provide transportation to the elderly or persons with disabilities. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (07-06) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to develop the Abbeville County Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The County Director introduced the newly hired County Planner Mr. Lanny McKay.

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, however, Councilman McClain read a letter he prepared in regards to the EMS issue in the Lake Secession area (letter attached).
- 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, however Councilman Norris called for a meeting of the committee to be held later in the week.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given, however Councilman Thomas called for a meeting to be held at a date to be determined later.
- 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 an Economic Development issue, a contractual Economic Development issue and a personnel issue. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed.

Councilman Davis made a motion to have the County Director sign a grant award with the South Carolina Department of Commerce (agreement attached).

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 8:50 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest R. Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

