

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2007
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Norris, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun and Councilman McClain

ABSENT: Councilman Simpson and Councilman Thomas

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 McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Thomas McCombs of 106 Diane Court, Greenwood requested that R-8 not be allowed in FA zone.

Mr. Charles Buist of 8445 Mill Road, Greenwood informed Council that he is against R-8 zoning. Stay with the 2 acre limit and leave it as country living.

Mr. TJ Booth of 115 Findlay Road, Greenwood is 100% opposed to one (1) acre lots. Lots should be at least 2 acres and no mobile homes.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Fred Moore, 164 Cochran Road, Abbeville stated that America is in a period of crisis. Council is the last line of defense for Abbeville County. Government has rejected God and Council needs to seek Gods direction for all future decisions. He handed out a DVD entitled “America Freedom to Fascism”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to cancel the November 12, 2007 meeting, due to the Veterans Day Holiday. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

- 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 (07-17) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 5.33 acre tract of land located at the intersection of South Mill Road and Logan Road identified by tax map number 112-00-00-055 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8).

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

County Director Moulder informed Council that the Treasurer was sending out the tax bills and that the audit was still underway and should be completed by December 31, 2007.

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.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Committee recommended the reappointment of Ms. Adrienne Padner to the Library Board. Councilman Calhoun seconded the recommendation. The recommendation was approved 5-0-0.
- 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 Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development issue called Project Voltage and a contract property purchase for GLEAMNS. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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 McClain made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council