

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2005
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Forrester

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Charles Williams 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 agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville, requested information on who the grant was for, how much the grant was for and what this would cost the County (resolution 48-05).

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Phillip Ray and Mr. Jerry Peace of the Solicitors office gave a short presentation on their Worthless Check Program. This program would cost the check writer \$121.00 in fees plus the amount of the check. This program would be a win for all except the check writer and would no impact the Magistrate or Victims Advocate.

OLD BUSINESS: None

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 (05-25) to amend the official zoning maps for Abbeville County, South Carolina, by rezoning a six (6) acre tract of land located off Highway 72 West from FA, Forest Agricultural to BI, Basic Industrial.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (48-05) endorsing the expenditure of county funds as a required match for a Community Development Block Grant for the Secession Ave. Extension Housing Rehab Project. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. County Director Burns stated that the grant was for those whose houses were in desperate need of repair. The grant could be as high as \$500,000.00 and the County would need to match 5%. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman Davis abstaining.
 - 2) A resolution (49-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Satterfield Construction Co., Inc. of Greenwood, S.C. in the amount of \$228,919.24 for road improvements to Ball Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) A resolution (50-05) establishing Abbeville County's support for the Guard and Reserve. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- 4) A resolution (51-05) authorizing the acceptance of audit findings for fiscal year 03-04. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 5) A resolution (52-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into an agreement with the Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial Circuit to establish a worthless check program. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this resolution for further discussion. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Billy Norris and David Forrester. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris nominated Ms. Kristy Willey to the Library Board. Councilman Davis seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given. Councilman Norris stated that several Fire Stations were being awarded FEMA Grants.

A motion was made by Councilman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun left during executive session.

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that the following items would be added to the agenda.

- 1) Authorization for EMS to add non-emergency transport. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the item. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.
- 2) Authorization to pay for a water line in Noble Estates at a cost not to exceed \$21,863.00 in cost of which Donalds-Due West Water Authority would pay \$15,000.00. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the item. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:06 pm.

Done this 12th day of September 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: 

Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 

Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council