

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) An ordinance (05-20) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a .77 acre tract of land located at 87 Hidden Cove Lane and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-075 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GR, General Residential. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
- b) An ordinance (05-21) to sell a one (1) acre tract of land along Old Calhoun Falls Road. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 27, 2005
AMENDED MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman 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 agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

Chairman Gunnells announced that council needed to go into executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to receive legal advice relating to a threatened claim against the county.

Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to go into executive session. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Norris made a motion to return to regular session. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2005 Budget Workshop. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilmen Calhoun abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neuffer Fleming of 4921 Highway 28 North, Abbeville spoke in favor of an increase for fire trucks. He stated fund raisers are not enough anymore.

Nate Overholt of 1997 Highway 20, Abbeville also spoke in favor of fire trucks and the difficulty in raising money with fund raisers.

Kathy Ferguson of 81 Charles Creek Road, Iva spoke in favor of fire stations.

Dale Wilson of 1157 Old Douglas Mill Road, Abbeville spoke in favor of a 4H Coordinator.

Bridget Powell of 1190 Mccalla Park Road, Lowndesville spoke in favor of a 4H Coordinator. Think of this as an investment in our future, which is our youth.

PRESENTATIONS:

Hal Johnson (Executive Director), Jennifer Noel (Vice President of Marketing) and Jody Bryson (Vice President of Public Relations) of the Upstate Alliance made a presentation showing the advantages to remaining within their organization.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-18) creating a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (a "Park") with Greenwood County, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, and by Sections 4-1—170, et.

Seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (collectively the "Act") which will be geographically located within the municipal boundaries of the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and authorizing the execution and delivery of the attached Joint County Business Park Agreement (the "Agreement"). This ordinance remained tabled.

- b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-9) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005; To provide for the levy of taxes for Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005; To provide for other county purposes: To authorize the county to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and to provide for the repayment of sums borrowed by the county governing body: To provide for certain fiscal and other matters relating to county government. Councilman Thomas made a motion to amend ordinance to include Upstate Alliance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-4-0 with Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Forrester, Councilmen Norris and Davis in opposition. Councilman Norris made a motion to amend the ordinance to include 4H Coordinator. Motion died due to no second. Councilman Norris made a motion to amend the ordinance to include a 3 mil tax increase for the Fire Department. Motion died due to no second. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Third reading of an ordinance (05-19) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating \$15,000 in revenues received from the Department of Health and Environment Control and expending the same on capital improvements. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Second reading of an ordinance (05-20) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a .77 acre tract of land located at 87 Hidden Cove Lane and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-075 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GR, General Residential. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- e) Second reading of an ordinance (05-21) to sell a one (1) acre tract of land along Old Calhoun Falls Road. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Norris made a motion to add items 2 & 3 to the agenda. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 (05-22) to rezone a six (6) acre tract of land located off Camel Road along Lake Secession from FA, Forest Agricultural to GR, General Residential.
- 2) An ordinance (05-23) to approve the purchase of approximately 27 acres of land with improvements located at 217 Old Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville County from Chevron Philips.
- 3) An ordinance (05-24) to approve the lease of approximately 5 acres of land with improvements, being a portion of the old Chevron Philips property, to a business planning to locate in Abbeville County.

b) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (37-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the upgrades to the Magistrates hardware and software at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Informed Council about seminar attended held by Assoc. of Counties on Workers Comp. Insurance. Abbeville County was increased 15.2%. Staff meeting will be held to go over procedure.

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. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Thomas stated that his committee was ready to discuss additional zoning districts.
- 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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Forrester to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Davis 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.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.


The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Done this 11th day of July, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council