

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Ordinance (08-02) to accept the deed of Right-of-Way from the property owner of Bobcat Lane in Abbeville County. Hearing no comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.
- b) Ordinance (08-03) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.8 acre tract of land located off of Gin House Road and identified by tax map number 046-00-00-81 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development (RDD). Hearing no comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2008
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Norris gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Norris stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 605 Highway 20, Abbeville stated to Council that the 2005, 2006 and 2007 budgets proposed problems, which have resulted in more services then the County can pay for. The infrastructure fund was frozen and moved to the General Fund and now discontinued. The Good Samaritan Sales Tax all spent along with the infrastructure fund money. County Council has overspent their dreams and dug deep into reserve funds. You have no choice, but to cut services. Face the facts cash flow is short.

PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Norris presented a resolution to Carolyn Paul on her retirement and Sheriff Goodwin presented her a plaque.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of ordinance (08-01) authorizing the amendment of the agreement for development of the Joint County Industrial and Business Park within Abbeville County, South Carolina (Enviro Project) executed on January 8, 2008 by and among Abbeville County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park so as to include additional property in Abbeville County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of ordinance (08-02) to accept the deed of Right-of-Way from the property owner of Bobcat Lane in Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Second reading of ordinance (08-03) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.8 acre tract of land located off of Gin House Road and identified by tax map number 046-00-00-81 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development (RDD). Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve second reading. 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 per Ordinance 05-11.
 - 1) An ordinance (08-04) to amend multiple sections of The Land Development Regulations of Abbeville County, Ordinance 04-34, adopted December 13, 2004.
 - 2) An ordinance (08-05) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the five (5) year requirement under S.C. Code Sections 6-29-510 (E) and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280.

3) An ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008.

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (08-15) to authorize the transfer of \$49,330.45 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

2) A resolution (08-16) recognizing and honoring Ms. Sally Hughes for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

3) A resolution (08-17) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Briggs Construction Equipment of Greenville, S.C. in the amount of \$52,350.00 plus sales tax (\$56,013.50) for one used Case 621 CXT Articulated Wheel Loader with a 2.25 cu. yd. G.P. bucket. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

4) A resolution (08-18) recognizing and honoring Ms. Carolyn Paul for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to add this resolution to the agenda. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun 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. No report was given.

b) Personnel and Administration— Jeff Simpson, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

c) Public Works—Mike Davis, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.

d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, 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.

f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.

g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson and Mike Davis. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman McClain to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue with Upper Savannah Council of Government and a legal issue on multi county parks. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Norris reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. Pat McGee Dean of Piedmont Technical Schools for this area introduced himself.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Done this 9th day of June, 2008

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
William C. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council