

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2002

PRESENT: Chairman Walker, V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Calhoun, Brown, Forrester, Norris, Interim Director Klugh, Attorney Pruitt, Clerk to Council Carol Chrisley

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. with prayer given by Attorney Pruitt.

I. First item on the agenda was approval of minutes as follows: Councilman Brown made a motion to approve minutes of the July 8th meeting that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve minutes of the July 22nd meeting that was seconded by Chairman Walker and passed unanimously. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve minutes of the July 29th meeting that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve minutes of the August 5th meeting that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

II. Presentations:

III. Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports at this time.

IV. Old Business:

A. Request from the City of Abbeville for final Sewer payment of \$50,000. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Brown. V. C. Gunnells said that after looking at it, we did owe it and it was justified. Chairman Walker said that payment would be made from an economic development line item in the general fund but tabled the payment until Council could clarify which line item would apply to the payment.

V. New Business:

A. Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve bills that was seconded by V. C. Gunnells and passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of a Resolution #02-6 (1) Consenting To The assignment And Assumption By And Between Great Dane Limited Partnership And Strick Corporation Of That Certain FILOT Agreement Between Abbeville County And Strick Corporation; And (2) Other Matters Relating Thereto. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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C. Approval of Resolution #02-8 calling for a referendum on the Hospital. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of Computer software for the Coroner's Office. Council heard a presentation by Deputy Coroner Sam Ferguson who stated that the software had not been budgeted and they were led to believe that the state would pay for it but that didn't come through. After a brief discussion Councilman Forrester made a motion that funds in the amount of \$1549.70 be transferred from the non-departmental contingency, which included \$995 for the software and \$495 for the maintenance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

E. Acceptance of Solid Waste Grants from DHEC. Chairman Walker said that this was more of a formality than anything else but we needed to accept it. V. C. Gunnells made a motion to accept the Solid Waste Grants from DHEC for the sum of \$14,850 to establish a collection center for recycling of used motor oil and a second grant of \$6,500 to be paid to the contractor for the cost of the collection, transportation and processing waste tires to be recycled. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

F. Acceptance of grant from DHEC for Emergency Services. Chairman Walker said that this was a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$18,494 and is to be divided among the various emergency service providers within the county, 4% of the grant to go to Ashley Transport and the balance to be pooled by the other providers in the County for the purchase of a new frontline Quick Response Vehicle. Councilman Norris made a motion to accept the grant in the amount of \$18,494 that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously. V. C. Gunnells asked if this was a matching grant of 5.5% to come from EMS, which Mr. Klugh said that it was, and the funds were included in their budget.

G. Consideration of annual and sick leave for library personnel. Chairman Walker asked the Personnel Committee to take this under advisement and bring it back to council at its next regular scheduled meeting in August with a recommendation.

H. Consideration of request from the Treasurer to transfer \$9,000 from the LOST funds to the general fund. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve the transfer that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of leave accumulation for personnel working 12 and 24 hour shifts. Chairman Walker assigned this to the Personnel Committee for study and to come back with a recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

J. Set meeting date to establish millage rate. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion that we establish a meeting at 7:30 on Monday, September 23rd as the date to establish our millage rate. Councilman Calhoun seconded this motion that was passed unanimously.

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K. Approval of Resolution #02-9 recognizing the accomplishments of Anderson County for winning awards for its Regional Drug Laboratory and Transit System and congratulating Anderson County on its accomplishments. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve said resolution that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

VI. Addendum To Agenda

A. Committee Assignments. Chairman Walker stated that we had a new council member, Billy Norris and he switched some appointments around on the seven standing committees. He noted that this does not require any action on the part of Council. He had one change at this time that was Councilman Calhoun. He indicated that under the GLEAMNS Board he had Councilman Calhoun as the liaison with Councilman Thomas as the alternate. Councilman Calhoun reminded Chairman Walker that Councilman Thomas Chairs the GLEAMNS Board so he should act as the liaison and let Councilman Calhoun serve as the alternate.

B. Chairman Walker announced a Called Council Meeting for August 13th at 6:30PM to discuss the status of matching funds for the waterline.

V11. Executive Session

A. Two Contractual Matters. Councilman Brown made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Chairman Walker reconvened regular session and stated that there was no action needed as a result of the matters discussed in executive session.

Councilman Brown made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

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