

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 24, 2006
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman O'Quinn and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: 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:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman O'Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2006, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Keith Barnes of the Edgewood Fire Department presented a certificate of appreciation to County Fire Marshall Dan Evatt, Firefighter Specialist Paul Parnell and Fireman Barnes for their Home Fire Safety Simulator.

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.
- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (06-43) authorizing the EMS Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Peach State Ambulance, Inc., for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount not to exceed \$58,645.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (06-44) to congratulate the Abbeville Area Medical Center upon the opening of its new hospital on August 1, 2006 and to recognize the hospital's long history of providing healthcare to its community. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 3) A resolution (06-45) recommending to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) that an unnamed stream in Abbeville County be given the name "Wilder Creek". Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 4) A resolution (06-46) authorizing the County Director to purchase a large format scanner in accordance with the development of the Geographical Information System (GIS). Councilman O'Quinn made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
 - 5) A resolution (06-47) to authorize the transfer of \$57,825.82 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder requested Council's input on a request made by Alvin Hoover of the Abbeville Area Medical Center to be allowed to continue use of accommodations at the old hospital on S.C. 72. Council had no objections to this request at this time.

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, Larry O'Quinn and Billy Norris. 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.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Jeff Simpson and Larry O'Quinn. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Larry O'Quinn, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter in Economic Development and the purchase of property. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and proceeded with New Business.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- 6) A resolution (06-48) authorizing the County Director to purchase a 23.81 acre tract of land for the development of the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Association Complex. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 7) A resolution (06-49) to approve the inducement agreement for Project Blackbird. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 8) A resolution (06-50) to purchase the industrial property for Project Blackbird. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Done this 14th day of August, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council