

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) An ordinance (07-14) to amend the Abbeville County Land Development Ordinance 04-34, so as to amend Article 2, Section 5, entitled Private Streets. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked if Council would read the entire ordinance. Council requested that the Planning Director Lanny McKay explain the ordinance. He said it is a one road standard on sub-divisions. It requires developers to adhere to the same standards as the County and Dept. Of Transportation do. At the next meeting would be an additional amendment for the small developments. County Fire Marshall Dan Evatt spoke that this ordinance would make the roads safe for ambulances and fire trucks. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 9, 2007
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas 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 Davis made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the June 25, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS:

Economic Director Steve Bowles informed Council that he was going around the county speaking on the Development Board, which does more than bring business to the County. We need a vision or plan for Abbeville County. If money was no object what would your district look like? A visioning process can help. When a town takes pride in itself then business' will come. The Development Board will stand behind anyone in the County and help them to realize their visions for making Abbeville County a better place.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (07-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a seven (7) acre tract of land located off of Gregg Shoals Road and identified by tax map number 087-00-00-003 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (07-14) to amend the Abbeville County Land Development Ordinance 04-34, so as to amend Article 2, Section 5, entitled Private Streets. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. Chairman Gunnells and Vice Chairman Norris would like to see all amendments on ordinance at one time. Councilmen Thomas and McClain rescinded their motion. Councilman McClain made a motion to table this ordinance until all amendments could be presented at one time. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (07-23) designating August as "Attendance Awareness Month" in Abbeville County. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
 - 2) A resolution (07-24) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc. for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson 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—Bryan McClain, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. Councilman McClain read a letter from Mr. Thomas Suttles who is in his district resigning from the Development Board due to poor health.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Vice Chairman Norris stated that the committee recommends the reappointment of Mr. Horace Thomas to the Planning Commission. Councilman Davis seconded the appointment. The appointment carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Bryan McClain and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Mike Davis, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue with the old hospital. Councilman Simpson 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville stated it was interesting that the 6/25/07 meeting was a course in Economics 101. Not against Lake Secession getting an ambulance, but they got one only because Northeast received one. Hope Council has a better handle on this new group at the Northeast station. Department management is needed. Public comment should all be at the beginning of the meeting as before, so those who did not wish to stay for the whole meeting or were unable to stay could be heard.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council