

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) 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. There were no comments, so Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2005
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 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Steven McDade, EMS Director 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2005 Budget Workshop. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilmen Davis abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melinda Chambers of 763 Mud Creek Road, Calhoun Falls a real estate attorney representing several residents spoke in opposition to a rezoning request on Old Calhoun Falls Road (Ordinance 05-15).

Stacey Connors of the United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville requested Councils authorization to pursue an ELOA grant application.

Michael Johnson of 4536 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Calhoun Falls referred to murders and racism in the area and asked what Council was doing about it.

Wayne Owens of 4594 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Calhoun Falls spoke in favor of the rezoning request on Old Calhoun Falls Road (Ordinance 05-15).

Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke about privatizing some County Departments and pursuing county wide water system.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-14) to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance so as to amend Section 723, entitled Parking, Storage, or Use of Campers or other major recreational equipment. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Councilman Norris made a motion to amend the ordinance by removing 20 day clause. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading as amended. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.
- b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-15) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 10,000 square foot portion of a 7.21 acre tract of land on Old Calhoun Falls Road as shown on tax map parcel 130-00-00-042 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Councilman

Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.

- c) Third reading of an ordinance (05-16) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 30,000 square foot portion of a tract of land on Highway 81 N. as shown on tax map number 153-00-00-009 from FA, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Third reading of an ordinance (05-17) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a one (1) acre portion of a 13 acre tract of land on Jets Landing Road shown on tax map parcel 055-00-00-023 from FA, Forest Agricultural to LI, Light Industrial. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun in opposition.
- e) 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"). Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- f) Second 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. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- g) Second 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 Thomas made a motion to approve second

reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add authorization for United Way. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Norris made a motion to add resolution (36-05) to authorize the transfer of \$90,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund Account. Councilman Calhoun 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 (05-20) 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.
- 2) An ordinance (05-21) to sell a one (1) acre tract of land along Old Calhoun Falls Road.

b) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (34-05) extending a five year exemption to an unrelated purchaser for National Refrigeration Company. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (35-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Cullum Electric and Mechanical, Inc. for the installation of several HVAC units at the DHEC/DSS building at a cost of \$12,463.00. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Approval of United Way applying for ELOA Grant. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Calhoun Seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (36-05) to authorize the transfer of \$90,000 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund Account. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interviewed Green Thumb employee for greeter position at courthouse.

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. Councilman Norris nominated Pauline Thomas to the Planning Commission. Since this was a committee nomination no second was needed.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Councilman Thomas stated that his committee needed to meet 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 Councilman Norris 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:

Councilmen Thomas and Norris left meeting early.

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and asked for a motion on the reclassification of fire employee. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the reclassification. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.


ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.


The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Done this 27 day of June, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: 
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council