

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1) An ordinance (07-22) to amend and restate the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, South Carolina. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested that Section 3.11.7 part E be changed to include “or within a district zoned for commercial or industrial uses. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.
  
- 2) An ordinance (07-23) to purchase two (2) acres of property at a price of \$10,000.00 from Richard S. Crabb at the intersection of Highway S.C. 823 (Mount Carmel Road) and S-1-284 (Sharon Heights Road) for the construction of a convenience/recycle center. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Farmer of 286 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville informed Council that they are opposed to the convenience center being placed in their neighborhood. This will increase traffic and produce smells they do not want. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lyons of 55 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville said the site would be at their churches front door, an eyesore and would produce garbage along the road and increased traffic. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Donaldson of 83 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville said the increased traffic would be a hazard to children playing near the road and loose trash would be flying from vehicles. Ms. Heather Osborne of 378 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville agreed with her neighbors and said this would be a big eyesore and devalue their properties. She requested they keep this away from housing. Mr. Larry Lawson of 417 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville said why take one ugly eyesore away, just to replace it with another. This site would devalue his property and should not be placed in their neighborhood. He also suggested the site be placed off the road in the woods. Chairman Gunnells requested the Public Works Director Buddy Agan to explain why this location had been chosen? Mr. Agan stated that this location had good access and was the only available two (2) acre property for sale, which met the 6 mile radius. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2008  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman Gunnells turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper, who went over the procedures to be followed. Chairman Gunnells nominated Vice Chairman Norris. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. The County Attorney opened the floor for nominations on Vice Chairman. Councilman Simpson nominated Councilman McClain for the position of Vice Chairman. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. The County Attorney turned the floor back over to Chairman Norris.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 8:04 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:**

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman McClain abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):**

Mr. Johnny Donaldson of 83 Mt. Carmel Road, Abbeville stated nothing against Mr. Agan, but this site needed to be on Highway 72. Council would do what they wanted too.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add Resolution 08-03 to New Business as item #3. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- a) Third reading of ordinance (07-19) to accept the deed of Right-Of-Way from the property owners of Hunters Paradise Lane in Abbeville County. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of ordinance (07-20) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Hunters Paradise Lane thru Ordinance 90-20 “An Ordinance establishing criteria for accepting roads other than Subdivision Roads for County Maintenance”. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Third reading of ordinance (07-21) to approve the sale of approximately 7.14 acres of land located in Abbeville County as shown on plat prepared by Dan Proctor dated November 8, 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, to Allen Patterson, Jr. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- d) Second reading of ordinance (07-22) to amend and restate the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas asked that Section 4.7.3 be amended to include 1,500 feet from another sexually-oriented business and amend Section on off premise signs (Section 3.11.7) to include commercial or industrial uses. Councilmen Gunnells and Simpson withdrew their motions. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to revise the ordinance to include the amendments mentioned. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- e) Second reading of ordinance (07-23) to purchase two (2) acres of property at a price of \$10,000.00 from Richard S. Crabb at the intersection of Highway S.C. 823 (Mount Carmel Road) and S-1-284 (Sharon Heights Road) for the construction of a convenience/recycle center. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to table second reading until further study could be done. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Chairman Norris appointed the Public Works Committee and Mr. Johnny Donaldson to look into this ordinance.
- f) A resolution (07-54) to adopt the Vehicle Use Policy for Abbeville County. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### a) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (08-01) to authorize the transfer of \$90,048.91 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (08-02) authorizing the County to grant an easement across property located off of Old Calhoun Falls Highway to Duke Energy for utilities provided to Prysmian. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman McClain abstaining.
- 3) A resolution (08-03) to authorize the transfer of \$233,225.50 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

County Director Scott Moulder informed Council that he would resubmit the grant for the recreation property in March, final amendments to the old hospital were complete and he would have a breakdown for Council soon, if Council had any suggestions for competitive grant applications to let him know, informed Council of the inclement weather procedure in place and requested the Planning Director Lanny McKay to introduce his new assistant. Mr. McKay introduced Mrs. Shera Hall to Council. Councilman Gunnells asked Director Moulder about the GIS System being available to the public and was informed it was still being tested. Councilman Thomas asked about the warning system and Director Moulder informed him that the EMS Director Steve McDade was checking on this.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. The County Audit was completed and submitted on time for the first time in years.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Mike Davis, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. No report was given, but Councilman Simpson wanted to express his appreciation to the public and the County for the ambulance being placed at Lake Secession.
- 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 and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman McClain to go into Executive Session for two personnel issues. Councilman Calhoun 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):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William C. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council