

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

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:

Mr. Robert Vaughn of 265 Lake Shores Drive, Iva 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 minutes of the September 11, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion with an amendment clarifying the placement Zoning Ordinance instead of planning guidelines under Planning Committee Reports. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman Simpson abstaining.

Councilman O'Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006, special meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilman Thomas and Vice Chairman Simpson abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Larry Walker of 77 Ideal Point, Lake Secession produced two maps to Council illustrating the distances the QRV unit would be able to reach if placed at Diamond Hill or McGill Fire Station.

Ms. Sarah Snell of 508 Suttles Landing, Iva asked Council why they were wasting the tax payer's money renting a place for the QRV unit when McGill Fire Station was available. Miles do not mean much; it is the amount of people in the area. Diamond Hill School would be only 10 minutes away from McGill Fire Station.

Mr. Robert Vaughn of 265 Lake Shore Drive, Iva informed Council that a meeting of the Lake Secession property owners was held last week, 59 people attended and all but one signed a petition stating that they wanted the QRV Unit at McGill Fire Station. 13 of these people were from the opposite side of the lake. Several issues in favor of the McGill Station were the Deed stipulating its use to the County, Fire Department personnel voted 100% for its placement there, the property already has a well, septic, kitchen, bathroom, shower in place and the security for the building would improve.

Chairman Gunnells informed the residents that in order to get the QRV Unit to the area in a timely manner renting was the only option. Now the time was available to analyze the best location for permanent placement of the QRV. The Public Safety Advisory Committee has been asked to meet to study this.

Mr. Ronnie Ashley, Abbeville County Coroner presented a letter to Council informing them that any unauthorized picture taking at fatal MVA's or the scene of a death would result in arrest. He also informed them that any unauthorized invasion of a deceased personal property will not be tolerated.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-12) to dissolve the EMS Commission originally established through Ordinance 87-05 and replaced by Ordinance 98-01 and to rescind any other ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict with such dissolution. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve changes made to the wording of this ordinance. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder informed Council that the 05 audit has been completed and hand delivered to Columbia. The 06 audit is being started and he promises it will be finished on 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 Thomas to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter on a food program and a legal issue on a road closing. Councilman Calhoun 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Done this 9th day of October, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: 

Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: 

Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council