

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 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 7:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in 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 agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Norris made a motion to allow five (5) extra minutes for public comment if needed. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Charles Hedden of 656 Williamson Hill Road, Donalds, inquired about the alleged missing equipment and had a petition requesting that the Northeast Rescue Squad be reopened without Linda Vincent or Thomas Brown.

Lemar Hedden of 656 Williamson Hill Road, Donalds, is a volunteer at the Northeast Rescue Squad and wants it to be reinstated.

Alfred Son of 102 McKay Road, Honea Path, stated that if the Northeast Rescue Squad was not re-opened the land would revert back to its original owners.

Coda W. Horne of 7840 Hwy. 252, Honea Path, has lived in the area since 1930 and believes that the Shaw's legacy should be honored. She also states that there are a lot of elderly in the area.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-12) to amend the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by incorporating the unexpected revenues and the expenditure thereof for the employee Christmas bonus and the increase in insurance costs. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-13) providing for the establishment of a vested right to develop property in Abbeville County by amending Article 4 of the Abbeville County Land Development Regulations so as to add Article 4.5. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings were read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
 - 1) 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.

 - 2) 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.

- 3) 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.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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”).

b) Resolutions:

- 6) A resolution (28-05) recognizing the achievements of Mr. Chad Kellum. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 7) A resolution (29-05) recognizing the achievements of Mr. Steven McDade. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 8) A resolution (30-05) authorizing the Abbeville County Director to authorize the Emergency Management Director to hire two additional employees in the Emergency Management Services Division. Chairman Gunnells requested this resolution be put on hold until after Executive Session. When Executive Session ended Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis 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. Chairman Gunnells did however request that the full council meet on May 12, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the budget.
- 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. No report was given. Councilman Norris did however state that Mr. John McMahan would be receiving the Medal of Honor on May 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. on the courthouse steps.
- 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 David Forrester. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—David Forrester, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

Councilman Thomas requested that Ms. Rosa Devette of the Red Cross be allowed a few minutes to speak. She informed council on the fund raiser and invited them to a dinner on May 12, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and asked for a motion on Resolution (30-05).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council