

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) An ordinance (06-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 23 acre tract of land located near the intersection of S-1-125 and S-1-72 and identified by tax map number 064-00-00-033 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

- b) An ordinance (06-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 12.5 acre tract of land located at 2121-2596 Hwy. 20 in Abbeville and identified by tax map numbers 070-00-00-104, 122, 068 and 130 from Light Industrial (LI) to Basic Industrial (BA). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2006
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris 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:

Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville, questioned Council on how much of an increase is in the budget related to mandates from the State. Council does not answer questions without looking to the County Director for guidance. Council should know what they are agreeing too. The attempt at the last meeting to explain the difference in the 06 and 07 budget is still unclear. Council must take a closer look at the budget.

Sheriff Charles Goodwin requested that a replacement for County Patrol Cars be included in this year's budget. The County needs to be able to serve and protect the residents.

Pastor Alice Ridgill, pastor of Thornwell Home in Clinton extended a personal invitation to Council for the 3rd annual Jesusfest celebration on 7/22/06.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-09) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. Councilman Thomas made a motion to add amendment for two (2) patrol cars. Councilmen O'Quinn and Davis rescinded their original motions. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve third reading with amendment. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Second reading of an ordinance (06-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 23 acre tract of land located near the intersection of S-1-125 and S-1-72 and identified by tax map number 064-00-00-033 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
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NEW BUSINESS:

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

- b) Resolutions:
 - 1) A resolution (06-36) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 06-07. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 2) A resolution (06-37) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Altman Tractor Co. of Florence, S.C. in the amount of \$54,930.55 plus sales tax (\$58,226.38) for a new Holland TB100 (80HP) tractor with an Alamo 20 ft. side arm boom mower. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 3) A resolution (06-38) to authorize the transfer of \$17,423.50 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 4) A resolution (06-39) to authorize the transfer of \$20,294.54 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman O’Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

 - 5) A resolution (06-40) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Infrastructure Development Fund for development of the County’s Web Site during the fiscal year. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

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. Councilman Norris made a motion to reappoint Mary Lou Edens to the Election Commission and send a letter to the Legislature. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 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, 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 Vice Chairman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development issue. Councilman O’Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Davis left the meeting.

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. Councilman O’Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

