

PUBLIC HEARING:

- a) An ordinance (06-12) to dissolve the EMS Commission established through ordinance 87-05 and to rescind any other ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Mr. Harry Stille, P.O. Box 203, Due West posed a question to Council asking them to table ordinance 06-12, because the ordinance 87-05 had been amended by another ordinance in 1998, which made 87-05 nonexistent. Why dissolve the EMS Commission? Chairman Gunnells responded that the EMS Commission was created to give the various squads a voice; now that all were under Abbeville County EMS the Commission was no longer necessary. Mr. Stille responded that Council represented all the tax payers in the County; if Calhoun Falls could have been allowed to function then those that were paid could be placed in the Lake Secession area. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

- b) An ordinance (06-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 13.59 acre tract of land located at Flatrock Road and First Avenue and identified by tax map number 2-5W-6R from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Simpson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:45 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:

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion with an amendment to resolution #1. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Rock Reinhart of 167 2nd Avenue, requested that Council place the QRV unit at the McGill Fire Station. This land was donated to the County by Mr. McGill with the stipulation that if it was not used as a Fire or EMS station that the property would revert back to them. The fire station was made ready for an EMS unit to be placed there. Why spend money to place the unit at the convenience center, when the fire station was ready?

Mr. Robert Vaughn of 265 Lake Shore Drive, Iva handed Council a graph depicting the distance that the QRV vehicle would travel if placed at either the McGill Fire Station or the Convenience Center.

Mr. W.P. Rooney of 517 Lake Shore Drive, Iva informed Council that there has not been any road maintenance done on his road for ten (10) years. The road has hazard conditions and when he reported it to the Public Works Department; he was informed that they had no money. This is a County road and he wanted Council to take action.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of an ordinance (06-12) to dissolve the EMS Commission established through ordinance 87-05 and to rescind any other ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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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 (06-61) authorizing the County Director to enter in to a Lease/Purchase agreement with First Citizens Bank for the purchase of five (5) new automobiles. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder requested Council’s guidance on the request from the non-profit mental health organization for office space. Council took this as information.

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. Councilman Thomas requested a push be made on the updated Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance.
- 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 Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development issue and a personnel issue in regards to the Finance Director position. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 Calhoun made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest R. Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council