

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) An ordinance (07-06) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a six (6) acre tract of land located at 454 Highway 71 and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-099 from General Residential (GR) to Forest/Agricultural (FA). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2007
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Vice Chairman 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 Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Consideration of funding request from Donalds-Due West Water Authority for the extension of a water line on Milt Martin Road in the amount of \$15,000.00. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the request, but at the amount of \$11,998.00. Councilman Thomas further wanted the motion amended to give the money after a review of the Donalds-Due West Water Authority's Master Plan. Councilman McClain rescinded his motion and seconded Councilman Thomas' motion. Vice Chairman Norris requested it read not to exceed \$11,998.00. Councilmen McClain and Thomas rescinded their motion and Councilman Thomas seconded Vice Chairman Norris' motion, which included review of Master Plan and not to exceed \$11,998.00. The motion was 3-4-0 with Councilmen Calhoun, Thomas and McClain for and Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Norris, Councilmen Davis and Simpson opposed.
- b) Second reading of ordinance (07-05) to repeal Ordinance 02-05 for guidelines for County Boards and Commissions. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman McClain wanted the motion amended to identify a change in the previous ordinance to include the wording "owner of a business in Abbeville County". Vice Chairman Norris and Councilman Simpson rescinded their original motion, and then made the motion to include the amendment. Councilman McClain made an additional request to amend the original motion to include the wording "for Development Board only" in section (A) Membership #2. Vice Chairman Norris and Councilman Simpson rescinded their motions again. Councilman McClain made a motion to approve second reading identifying the addition of the wording "owner of a business in Abbeville County" and the addition of the wording "for Development Board members only" in section (A) Membership #2. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Second reading of ordinance (07-06) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a six (6) acre tract of land located at 454 Highway 71 and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-099 from General Residential (GR) to Forest Agricultural (FA). Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary.
 - 1) An ordinance (07-07) to sell a one (1) acre (more or less) tract of land identified by tax map number 154-00-00-028 to Paul Campbell.

- 2) An ordinance (07-08) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 4.95 acre tract of land located off of South Carolina Highway 81 and identified by tax map number 064-00-00-014 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC).
- 3) An ordinance (07-09) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 208 acre tract of land located off Jets Landing Road and identified by tax map numbers 054-00-00-172,173 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8).

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder informed Council that the FY 2006 audit was complete and had been submitted to the state.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Jeff Simpson and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. The committee made a recommendation to Council to reappoint Mr. Frank Love to the Planning Commission. Councilman Davis seconded the recommendation. The recommendation carried 7-0-0. The committee made another recommendation to appoint Mr. Richard Pressly to the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. Councilman Davis seconded the recommendation. The recommendation carried 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, Bryan McClain and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Mike Davis, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville stated that there are unnecessary problems. The new zoning ordinance needs to be looked at with a fine tooth comb. This ordinance will have a big affect on the citizens of Abbeville County. Non-Agenda Public Comment at the end of the meeting is unacceptable. It needs to be placed back at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Bill Rooney of 517 Lakeshore Drive, Iva asked Council why property taxes were not being paid on a quarterly basis. If this process was implemented it would make it easier on the residents of Abbeville County.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council