

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) An ordinance (07-17) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 5.33 acre tract of land located at the intersection of South Mill Road and Logan Road identified by tax map number 112-00-00-055 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Chairman Gunnells made an announcement that the New Covenant Tabernacle had withdrawn its request for the rezoning and the public hearing was then cancelled.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 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:

Councilman McClain 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 McClain made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2007, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Simpson and Thomas abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Second reading of an ordinance (07-17) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 5.33 acre tract of land located at the intersection of South Mill Road and Logan Road identified by tax map number 112-00-00-055 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R8). Chairman Gunnells stated that the request for rezoning was withdrawn by petitioner.

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 (07-18) authorizing a fee agreement by and between Project Voltage and Abbeville County, South Carolina whereby, under certain conditions Abbeville County, South Carolina will provide certain economic development inducements to Project Voltage to induce Project Voltage to expand its existing manufacturing facility located in Abbeville County, South Carolina.

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (07-49) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Design South Professionals, Inc. for professional services related to the development of a countywide water system plan. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (07-50) identifying a certain economic development project to be located and constructed in Abbeville County, South Carolina by Project Voltage authorizing a fee agreement by and between Project Voltage and Abbeville County, South Carolina whereby, under certain conditions, Abbeville County, South Carolina will provide certain economic development inducements to Project Voltage to induce Project Voltage to expand its existing manufacturing facility located in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Vice Chairman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman McClain abstaining.

Chairman Gunnells asked the Economic Director to come forward and elaborate on resolution 07-50. Mr. Bowles revealed that Project Voltage was the code name for Prysmian Power Cables and Systems USA, LLC. The company would be expanding its facilities here in Abbeville County and would be adding to its work force.

- 3) A resolution (07-51) to authorize the transfer of \$15,013.75 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (07-52) to authorize the expenditure of Accommodation Tax monies as recommended by the Accommodation Tax Committee. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder informed Council that the on line auction was in place with Govdeals. No longer would the county need to stock pile surplus items, the profits have been increased dramatically and the money for the item was returned to the account from which the item had been purchased.

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. No report was given.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. Councilman Thomas requested that Council consider November 1, 2007 for a Zoning Ordinance Workshop (mass email will be sent out).
- 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.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development issue. Councilman Simpson 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items): None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2007

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council