

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- a) Ordinance (08-05) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the requirements of S.C. Codes 6-29-510 (E), and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280. Hearing no comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

- b) Ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested to know how the Council was going to pay back the one (1) million dollars borrowed from the Landfill. What is the purpose of the bond? Council is waiting for a big egg in Prysman to hatch a money tree. How can you increase 6 mils with the government having a cap? County Director Moulder stated the reserve millage is not under the restrictions placed by the state. Hearing no further comment, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 30, 2008
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Councilman Davis

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Norris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Norris stated for the record that the agenda has been posted and notice has been provided to the local news media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2008, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items):

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested to know what Ordinance 08-07 entailed. County Attorney Lee Roper informed him that it is an amendment to include a grant for the retaining wall at Prysmian Cable.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of ordinance (08-04) to amend multiple sections of The Land Development Regulations of Abbeville County, Ordinance 04-34, adopted December 13, 2004. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Third reading of ordinance (08-02) to accept the deed of Right-Of-Way from the property owner of Bobcat Lane in Abbeville County. Chairman Norris made a motion to table this ordinance per the request of the County Planner Lanny McKay. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c) Second reading of ordinance (08-05) to adopt the amended Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan and its official map, as updated per the requirements of S.C. Codes 6-29-510 (E), and 6-7-1210 through 6-7-1280. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- d) Third reading of ordinance (08-06) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2008. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion is 3-2-1 with Chairman Norris, Councilmen Calhoun and Gunnells for, Councilman Simpson and Vice Chairman McClain opposed and Councilman Thomas abstaining. This motion did not pass.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) First Readings: New Policy – All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary per Ordinance 05-11.
 - 1) Ordinance (08-07) authorizing the amendment of that certain fee agreement by and between Prysmian Power Cables and Systems USA, LLC and Abbeville County, South Carolina to add an infrastructure improvement grant and other matters related thereto.

- 2) Ordinance (08-08) to purchase two (2) acres of property at a price of \$10,000.00 from Faye H. and Thomas Alexander on state secondary road #291 known as Sherard Circle for the construction of a convenience/recycle center.
- 3) Ordinance (08-09) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a one (1) acre tract of land located at 4595 Old Calhoun Falls Road and identified by tax map number 130-00-00-042 from General Commercial (GC) to Rural Development District (RDD).
- 4) Ordinance (08-10) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.3 acre tract of land located along Gin House Road and identified by tax map numbers 046-00-00-081 and 046-00-00-034 from Forest Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development District (RDD).
- 5) Ordinance (08-11) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 3.7 acre tract of land located along Highway 28 and identified by tax map numbers 046-00-00-043, 045, 049 and 080 from Forest Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development District (RDD).
- 6) Ordinance (08-12) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 3.51 acre tract of land located along Parnell Road and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-222 (PT.) from Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (08-24) to authorize the transfer of \$32,349.10 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (08-25) authorizing execution of an agreement for Abbeville County to participate in the Upper Savannah Home Investment Partnerships Consortium. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration— Jeff Simpson, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Mike Davis, Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain, 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.

- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson and Mike Davis. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Norris reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that there was one issue which needed to be addressed and turned the meeting over to the County Attorney.

Lee Roper the County Attorney informed Council that the Budget Ordinance 08-06 was not approved. However, Council could reconsider the vote on the ordinance any time before the approval of the minutes. Councilman Simpson made a motion to reconsider the vote on Ordinance 08-06. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Vice Chairman McClain made a motion to amend the ordinance by reducing the General Fund expenditures (and the amount transferred from the Infrastructure Fund) by \$125,000.00. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0. Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading of ordinance 08-06 with the amendment. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items):

Ms. Judy Adams of 1196 Nation Road, Abbeville requested that Council see about grant money for digging wells in her neighborhood. Council said they would see if any was available.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Done this 14th day of July, 2008

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
William C. Norris, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council