

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1) Ordinance (08-27) authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$750,000.00 principal amount Abbeville County, South Carolina Special Source Revenue Bonds in one or more series; the application of the proceeds of said bonds to defray the costs of the construction of certain infrastructure improvements in the County and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked who is in charge of these bonds. Face facts you will have no tax revenue from these two companies until 2010. How can we afford this? We need to be concerned with now. You have many high salaried employees who need to have their salaries reduced. You can go to the treasurer and ask for the figures they are available to the public. Figures don't lie, but people do. Hearing no further comments, Chairman Norris closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Norris turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper, who opened the floor for nominations on Chairman. Councilman Thomas nominated Vice Chairman McClain. Chairman Norris made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion and nomination passed 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman McClain abstaining. The County Attorney opened the floor for nominations on Vice Chairman. Councilman Norris nominated Councilman Gunnells. Councilman Campbell made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion and nomination passed 6-0-1 with Councilman Gunnells abstaining. The County Attorney turned the floor over to Chairman McClain.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman McClain 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:

Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008, regular county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Campbell abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items): None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (08-17) authorizing: (1) the execution and delivery of a special source credit agreement by and between Abbeville County, South Carolina (the "County") and Project Palmetto (the "Company"); (2) the joint development of an Industrial Park in cooperation with Anderson County, such park to be geographically located in Abbeville and Anderson Counties and to be established pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended; (3) the execution and delivery of a written agreement with Anderson County to provide for sharing of the expenses of the park and for the distribution of the revenues from the park to the counties and relevant taxing entities within the counties; and (4) other matters related thereto. Councilman Norris made a motion to table third reading at the request of the County Attorney. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (08-26) to amend Ordinance number 2000-04, Section 1, Fee for Handling and Processing Checks for Insufficient Funds. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Second reading of Ordinance (08-27) authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$750,000.00 principal amount Abbeville County, South Carolina Special Source Revenue Bonds in one or more series; the application of the proceeds of said bonds to defray the costs of the construction of certain infrastructure improvements in the County and other matters relating thereto. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated the nation, state and county are in a recession and he is totally opposed to this ordinance. Chairman McClain asked if one of the companies left what would happen. Director Moulder stated

that the wording of the bond would be so that the County would not be liable should a company leave after the bonds were signed. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

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 (09-01) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 1.7 acre tract of land located at 109 Gin House Road, Abbeville, and identified by tax map number 046-00-00-041, from Forest Agricultural (FA) to Rural Development District (RDD).
- 2) Ordinance (09-02) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map on a 2.7 acre tract of land located at 118 Walkers Corner, Iva, and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-122, from Forest Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR).

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (09-01) authorizing the Abbeville County Landfill to enter into an agreement for leachate treatment with the City of Abbeville by the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (09-02) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Rodgers Well Drilling of Greenwood, SC in the amount of \$7,439.00 for the Sharon Convenience Center water well system. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (09-03) to authorize the transfer of \$20,945.58 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (09-04) authorizing the execution of a subordination of mortgage to subordinate the lien of that certain rehabilitation forgivable loan agreement from Roy Glean L. Calhoun and Brenda F. Calhoun to the County of Abbeville dated 10-31-2006. Chairman McClain moved this item to after executive session.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Ray Gunnells, Claude Thomas and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Billy Norris and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Bryan McClain and John Calhoun. Chairman McClain made a committee nomination to the Title III Committee Ms. Janet Alewine. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Chairman McClain made another committee nomination to the Title III Committee Ms. Eula Partain. Councilman Norris seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Chairman McClain made a final committee nomination to the Title III Committee Mr. Neuffer Fleming, Jr. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given, but Councilman Thomas made the announcement that a meeting on the water line for secession street extension would be held at Long Cane Church on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun and Ray Gunnells. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Training & Travel—Bryan McClain, Ray Gunnells and Claude Thomas. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell to go into Executive Session for two personnel issues in regards to Probate and Finance, an Economic Development update and a contractual matter in regards to Resolution 09-04. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one item needed to be addressed:

Resolution (09-04) authorizing the execution of a subordination of mortgage to subordinate the lien of that certain rehabilitation forgivable loan agreement from Roy Glean L. Calhoun and Brenda F. Calhoun to the County of Abbeville dated 10-31-2006. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. Councilman Norris stated more information was needed before passing this resolution. Councilman Campbell asked

if this could be tabled. Councilman Thomas would not rescind his motion. The motion carried 4-3-0 with Vice Chairman Gunnells, Councilmen Norris and Campbell opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Non-Agenda Items): None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2009

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council