

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 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). Mr. Charles Marion of 193 Gin House Road, Abbeville requested to know why they were requesting the rezoning to District RDD? Planning Director Lanny McKay informed Council and him that he believed they wanted the flexibility of the RDD District. Hearing no further comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.
  
- 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). Hearing no comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2009  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Klugh gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Chairman McClain led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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:**

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009, regular county council meeting. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Economic Director Steve Bowles played the County's promotional DVD.

## **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. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third 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 Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated the unemployment rate is climbing and we still owe the money to the landfill. We should not use taxpayer's money for this loan. Vice Chairman Gunnells stated no taxpayers money would be used to pay back the loan. Director Moulder stated that the money would be paid back by the company's tax dollars and 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.
- c) Second reading of 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). Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1-0 with Chairman McClain opposed.

- d) Second reading of 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). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Norris made a motion to authorize the County Director to advertise the old hospital for sale. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- 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 (09-03) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Personnel Policies and to rescind all prior Ordinances or Resolutions that may be in conflict.

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (09-05) to authorize the transfer of \$231,031.31 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (09-06) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Carlisle Associates, Inc. for engineering services at the Lakelands Commerce Center. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Council was informed that this would be paid for with a grant of \$98,000.00. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) Resolution (09-07) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) for the purchase of equipment for the Abbeville County Public Works Department. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. Chairman McClain asked what was being purchased and why all at the same time? County Director Moulder informed Council that they got a better rate from the bank when all equipment was included. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a) Finance Committee—Don Campbell, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. Councilman Campbell informed Council that the committee had met with the auditors and they would be receiving the final audit report shortly.

- b) Personnel and Administration—Bryan McClain, Billy Norris and Oscar Klugh. No report was given.
- c) Public Works—Oscar Klugh, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.
- d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, John Calhoun and Ray Gunnells. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination to the Title III Committee, Ms. Becky Bowie for District #3. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made another committee nomination to the Title III Committee, Mr. David Cartledge for District #4. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a final committee nomination to the Title III Committee, Mr. Richard Zimmerman for District #2. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination to the Board of Assessment Appeals, Mr. Raymond Huston for District #6. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination to the Development Board, Mr. Richard Campbell for District #6. Councilman Klugh seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination to the Planning Commission, Mr. John Bedenbaugh for District #7. Councilman Thomas seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a nomination to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Ms. Earlene Boggero for District #5. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination to reappoint Mr. Larry Young to the Zoning Board of Appeals for District #1. Councilman Klugh seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a committee nomination Ms. Harriett Simpson to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board to represent the business sector. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the nomination. Councilman Thomas asked what happened to the persons already serving on this board. Clerk to Council Sopolosky informed him that she had heard from Mr. Alan Hughes that they no longer wished to serve. Councilman Thomas asked that he be notified if someone in his district was leaving a board or committee. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made another committee nomination, Mr. Shawn Overholt to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board to represent the business sector. Councilman Campbell seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a final committee nomination; Mr. James Tisdale to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board to represent a community based organization. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 7-0-0.
- e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Oscar Klugh and Don Campbell. No report was given.

- f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Don Campbell and Bryan McClain. No report was given.
- g) Public Safety—Ray Gunnells, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.
- h) Training & Travel—Don Campbell, Claude Thomas and Ray Gunnells. Councilman Campbell updated Council on the number of requests that had been approved so far.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session for an EMS personnel issue, a property purchase and a contractual issue with the hospital. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chairman McClain reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that no action was needed following executive session.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (sign in sheet only):** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council