

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 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. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested to know what the changes to be made were. County Director Moulder informed him the FMLA policy was updated to meet government standards and a cell phone policy was added. Hearing no further comment, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

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

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

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Gunnells

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Campbell 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.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to add Resolution 09-16 to the agenda under new business. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009, special county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-2 with Councilmen Thomas and Campbell abstaining.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Hal Johnson, CEO of the Upstate South Carolina Alliance gave a 2008 update.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Third 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). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Chairman McClain opposed.
- b) Third 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 Campbell made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c) Second reading of Ordinance (09-03) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Personnel Policies and to rescind all prior Ordinances or Resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (09-04) to enact regulations concerning the employment of unauthorized aliens by Abbeville County, agencies receiving county funding and other matters relating to unauthorized aliens.

b) Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution (09-08) designating Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs as an entity in Abbeville County to provide transportation to the elderly or persons with disabilities. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 2) Resolution (09-10) recognizing and honoring the Abbeville High School Wrestling Team for winning the Class AA State Championship. Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Thomas read the resolution, while Chairman McClain presented it to the wrestling team.
- 3) Resolution (09-11) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Superior Fence of Abbeville, South Carolina in the amount of \$12,981.19 for the Sharon Convenience Center chain link fence system with gates. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- 4) Resolution (09-16) opposing State Bill H3581 which allows the State of South Carolina to change the local government fund appropriation formula which will reduce aid to subdivisions paid to local governments to subsidize the cost of providing mandated state services. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) Finance Committee—Don Campbell, Bryan McClain and Claude Thomas. No report was given.
- 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. No report was given.
- 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. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Campbell to go into Executive Session for an Economic Development issue and a contractual issue with Sharon Fire Department. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Done this _____ day of _____, 2009

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Robert B. McClain, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council