

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- a) Resolution (09-37) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 08-09. Hearing no comments, Chairman McClain closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 13, 2009  
MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Thomas

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman McClain called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Norris 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.

Chairman McClain requested a motion to add Resolution 09-42 to the agenda. Vice Chairman Gunnells made the motion to add Resolution 09-42 to the agenda. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a) Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2009, regular county council meeting. Councilman Klugh seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Wes Covington, a staff attorney with the South Carolina Association of Counties informed Council on the many resources available for counties and county officials from the SCAC.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of Ordinance (09-08) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map on a one (1) acre tract of land located at 112 Oaklawn Drive, Abbeville, and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-163; and also to amend a two (2) acre tract of land on undeveloped Rollinson Street, Abbeville, and identified by tax map number 108-00-00-157; to rezone both tracts from R-8 Restricted Residential (R-8) to General Residential (GR). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Third reading of Ordinance (09-09) amending Ordinance #08-27 (authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$750,000 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) to provide for a fixed interest rate and other matters relating thereto. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Councilman Campbell stated this is the last chance to turn this loan down and requested other council members to vote against this ordinance. The motion carried 5-1-0 with Councilman Campbell opposed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Resolution (09-37) providing for the expenditure of Title III Funds for FY 08-09. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- b) Resolution (09-38) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc. for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- c) Resolution (09-39) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Applied Industrial Technologies of Greenwood, South Carolina in the amount of \$26,920.37 (including sales tax) for the rebuilding of the main compression cylinder on the Logemann solid waste baler. Public Works Director Buddy Agan explained that this baler was used for recycling and the part had a 6 month warranty for installation and an 18 month warranty on repairs. Councilman Klugh made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

- d) Resolution (09-40) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with First Citizens Bank for the purchase of equipment for the Abbeville County Emergency Management Department. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Vice Chairman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- e) Resolution (09-41) authorizing the County Director to purchase a Type II ambulance from Peach State Ambulance, Inc. for the Abbeville County Emergency Management Department. Vice Chairman Gunnells made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.
- f) Resolution (09-42) to authorize the transfer of \$24,472.61 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Calhoun 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 to discuss a personnel issue and an Economic Development issue. 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):**

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville asked where the county is headed. Unemployment is high and the fall 2009 taxes for property are uncertain. Partiality in hiring department heads, lack of management; not County Director at this moment, EMS and 911 overtime up, the morale; enough is enough. Retirement benefits, when the residents turn 65 we are on our own. Cut expenses and stop the favoritism. Let the County Director make a decision, that's what you hired him for. President Obama is not going to give you a stimulus package.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

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

**Abbeville County Council**

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

ATTEST:

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