

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 25, 2005  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gunnells, Vice-Chairman Forrester, Councilman Davis, Councilman Thomas, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Norris.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:**

Chairman Gunnells stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville, spoke in opposition of auditors and requested a copy of the Clerk of Court Report (resolution 03-19).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Mr. Ben Kochenower of Cline Brandt Kochenower & Co., P.A. explained the financial statement. They are still waiting on reports from the Clerk of Court and Treasurer. This is the first year the county is using the G.A.S.B.Y 34 format required by the federal government. Believes the evaluation of internal controls is fair. Accounting estimates are reasonable. There were no big changes in the audit adjustments. Must ask if council is aware of any fraud or allegations of fraud going on in county? Are they aware of the risk? These are discussions needed.

Councilman Calhoun arrived during the auditor’s presentation. Councilman Norris made a motion to add a presentation by Fred Sebastian of B.P. Barber. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Fred Sebastian of B.P. Barber & Associates, Inc. spoke on the update of the Solid Waste Management Plan. This plan was created to better explain to DHEC the recycling and waste reduction, plus several other categories.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-18) creating a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (a “Park”) with Greenwood County, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, and by Sections 4-1—170, et. Seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (collectively the “Act”) which will be geographically located within the municipal boundaries of the County of Greenwood, State of South Carolina, and authorizing the execution and delivery of the attached Joint County Business Park Agreement (the “Agreement”). Councilman Thomas made a motion to pull this ordinance off the table. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b) Third reading of an ordinance (05-22) to rezone a six (6) acre tract of land located off Camel Road along Lake Secession from FA, Forest Agricultural to GR, General Residential. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c) Third reading of an ordinance (05-23) to approve the purchase of approximately 27 acres of land with improvements located at 217 Old

Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville County from Chevron Phillips. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-2-0 with Councilmen Norris and Simpson in opposition.

- d) Third reading of an ordinance (05-24) to approve the lease of approximately 5 acres of land with improvements, being a portion of the Old Chevron Phillips property, to a business planning to locate in Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this ordinance. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Gunnells requested a motion to add item 4. Councilman Norris made a motion to add item 4. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Chairman Gunnells requested a motion to add item 5. Councilman Norris made a motion to add item 5. Councilman Davis 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.

- b) Resolutions:

- 1) A resolution (44-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Nance Lawnmower, Inc. of Abbeville for the purchase of a new lawnmower in the amount not to exceed \$8,400.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 2) A resolution (45-05) revising the Abbeville County Solid Waste Management Plan, developed by Abbeville County following the guidelines specified in “The Act” of 1991, as a planning tool for Solid Waste Management. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 3) A resolution (46-05) to authorize the County Treasurer to loan various departments monies from the general fund for FY 05-06 and to require the repayment of said loans before the end of the fiscal year. Vice Chairman Forrester made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- 4) A resolution (47-05) to amend resolution number 04-38 to authorize the County Treasurer to require the repayment of said loans as soon as practical and feasible. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0.

- 5) Councilman Norris made a motion on cancel the August 8, 2005 meeting due to the fact all would be attending the conference in Hilton Head the week prior. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Informed Council that the rewrites on the Forest Agricultural Zones are complete and have been given to the Planning Commission. Apprised Council of the Security report on the Courthouse. Requested that the Chairman follow through with the appointments to a committee to review the recommendations provided by the structural engineer on the county courthouse.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

A motion was made by Councilman Thomas to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contractual or legal matters. Vice Chairman Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vice Chairman Forrester left during executive session.

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that the County Director be instructed to contract with an auditor for the Clerk of Court Audit. Councilman Thomas made such a motion. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to Adjourn. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Done this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005

**Abbeville County Council**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

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