PUBLIC HEARING:

a) An ordinance (06-05) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

b) An ordinance (06-06) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Personnel Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2006
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Gunnells, Vice Chairman Simpson, Councilman Davis, Councilman Calhoun, Councilman O'Quinn and Councilman Norris.

ABSENT: Councilman Thomas

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Councilman Norris 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 was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006, regular county council meeting. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilman O'Quinn abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville spoke on executive session being secretive, resolutions being passed with not enough information given to the residents and the lack of cooperation between Council and Donalds-Due West Water Authority.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Davis made a motion to add items C and D. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

a) Second reading of an ordinance (06-05) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Second reading of an ordinance (06-06) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Personnel Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. County Director Moulder informed Council on changes that would be made for the next meeting. The motion carried 6-0-0.

c) A resolution (06-25) authorizing the County Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with SunTrust Leasing for the purchase of six (6) Pumper Fire Trucks. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

d) A resolution (06-26) authorizing the expenditure of funds to purchase six (6) new County Fire Trucks from Taylor Fire Group for $1,016,916.00. Councilman Davis made motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson 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.

    1) An ordinance (06-07) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 2.18 acre tract of land located at Big Mouth Cove and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-087 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8).

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-24) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Bagwell Fence Co., Inc. of Spartanburg, S.C. in the amount of $20,545.00 for guardrails and end treatments on Hanover Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

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 and Billy Norris. No report was given.

d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris made a motion to reappoint Shirley Emden and Rosemary McCurry to the Library Board and Betty Henry to the Election Commission. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given.

f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun and Jeff Simpson. No report was given.

g) Public Safety—John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

h) Ad Hoc Committee—Claude Thomas, Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. No report was given.

i) Ad Hoc Committee—Ray Gunnells, Charles Goodwin, Steve McDade, Ricky Busby, Mayor Johnnie Waller, Darrell Smith, Randy Ruble, Carroll Ellis and Dan Evatt. No report was given.

j) Ad Hoc Committee—Billy Norris, Jeff Simpson, Claude Thomas, John Parkman, Paul Parnell and Will Blackwell. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to go into Executive Session to discuss two (2) contractual economic development issues. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Done this 24th day of April, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council