PUBLIC HEARING: None

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 13, 2006
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led 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 was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville requested an explanation on the amount of the replacement of funds to the Infrastructure Development Millage Special Revenue Fund stipulated in resolution 06-15.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-03) to lower the property assessment rate on aircraft from 10.5% to 4.0% for Abbeville County. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Vice Chairman Simpson abstaining.

b) Third reading of an ordinance (06-04) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 12.805 acre tract of land located at Willow Point and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-333 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Residential (GR). Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve third 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.

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-14) authorizing the County Director to advertise a request for proposals from qualified web service providers to design and maintain an Abbeville County web site. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

2) A resolution (06-15) repayment to Infrastructure Development Millage Special Revenue Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

3) A resolution (06-16) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with the Upper Savannah Council of Governments to update the Abbeville County Comprehensive Plan of 1999. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

4) A resolution (06-17) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the Forms and/or supplies agreement fiscal year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 at a cost not to exceed $8, 374.78. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5) A resolution (06-18) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the computer services agreement for

processing charges, software maintenance, and hardware maintenance, printing 2006 vehicles, real & other personal tax and processing delinquent tax notices for fiscal year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 at a cost not to exceed $94,683.17. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Simpson asked that the resolution be tabled for further study. Councilmen Thomas and Calhoun withdrew their motions. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to table 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. 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 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. Committee has met and progress is being made.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at the Courthouse and contractual matters with the Coroners Office, Donalds-Due West Water Authority and Smith Data. Councilman Norris 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 Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Done this 27th day of March, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council