PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2005
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the audience 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 November 28, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

b) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2005 special county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

c) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2005 special county council meeting. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Davis abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Councilman Calhoun arrived for the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Brad Cuttill, City of Abbeville Recreation Department requested a contribution from County Council of $6,000.00 to defray costs of resurfacing the Pete Smith Tennis Courts. Chairman Gunnells stated that Council would take this under consideration and let him know when a decision was reached.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Norris made a motion to add items #4 thru #7. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (84-05) to authorize the transfer of $29,653.25 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

2) A resolution (85-05) to authorize the transfer of $16,276.76 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

3) A resolution (86-05) acknowledging and recognizing The Honorable David (Tojo) Forrester for his dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

4) A resolution (87-05) to authorize the County Director to purchase a copier, fax, printer combination unit from SCM Office Supply not to exceed $7,280.00. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5) A resolution (88-05) authorizing the payment of a Christmas bonus to all Abbeville County employees for year ending December, 2005. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

6) A resolution (89-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into agreements to purchase materials and services needed to further the construction of the Farmer's Market. Councilman Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

7) A resolution (90-05) providing for the expenditure of accounts payable from the Infrastructure Development Fund for a vehicle for the Assessor's office. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Larry Walker spoke to council about the Department of Corrections findings on the County Prison condition and that they were preparing a cost estimate to bring the prison into compliance with their D.O.C. requirements.

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—David Forrester, 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, Darrell Smith, Randy Ruble, Carroll Ellis and Dan Evatt. Chairman Gunnells reported they are investigating for funding of a station to be established in the Donalds area and remodeling of the North East building.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter with Donalds-Due West Water Authority and personnel issues in regards to courthouse security, Clerk to Council, Finance and County Director. Councilman 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 Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Done this 9th day of January, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council