PUBLIC HEARING:

a) An ordinance (06-03) to lower the property assessment rate on aircraft from 10.5% to 4.0% for Abbeville County. Hearing no comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

b) 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). Hearing no comments, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 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 7:35 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:

Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Lex D. Walters, President Piedmont Technical College informed Council on the location of the proposed new site and the architectural plans for the permanent annex in Abbeville County.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

b) Second 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). Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Calhoun 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.

Councilman Norris made a motion to add item #2 a resolution (06-13). Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-12) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with an independent contractor to serve as Project Manager to implement a Geographic Information System. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

2) A resolution (06-13) accepting Ad Hoc Committee results. 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. No report was given

e) Planning and Industrial Development—Claude Thomas, Ray Gunnells and John Calhoun. No report was given. Workshop on FA zones will be held tomorrow at 7:30.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Calhoun to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter with the Coroners Office. 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 9:30 pm.

Done this 13th day of March, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council