ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2002

PRESENT: V. C. Gunnells, Councilmen Thomas, Agan, Brown, Calhoun, Forrester, and Interim Director Klugh

ABSENT: Chairman Walker, Attorney Pruitt

Vice Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

4. First item on the agenda was approval of February 25, 2002 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilman Agan made a motion to approve minutes that was seconded by Councilman Brown. Councilman Agan made mention of some grammatical errors and that we add Homeless Coalition after Mary Lou Wilson of GAMES. Councilman Thomas abstained. Motion passed to approve minutes with corrections.

**5. Presentations:**

a. Steve McDade to discuss the pending Buck for Life Legislation and request Council to pass a resolution in support. He said that this initiative was designed to help provide a financial supplement for the state's emergency medical services and that legislation in the General Assembly would add one dollar to every vehicle registration. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Agan made a motion that Council approve this resolution supporting the Buck For Life and the money to be applied to the existing EMS budget. Councilman Brown seconded the motion. Councilman Calhoun agreed with the motion. Vice Chairman Gunnells, Councilmen Forrester and Thomas opposed. Motion, therefore, failed on a tie vote.

**6. Committee Reports:**

Personnel & Administration; Councilman Brown, Chair had no report at this time.

Finance, Chairman Walker, Chair was not present

Public Works, Vice Chairman Gunnells, Chair who stated he had an update on some of the issues that had been addressed out at the landfill. There were some memos for information.

Intergovernmental Relations; Councilman Forrester Chair referred to a draft ordinance that was in Council's packet of guidelines for County Boards and Commissions. Councilman Agan said that the EMS Commission, Development Board, Election

Commission should be added to the list. By consensus, it was determined to consider this matter under new business

Education, Recreation, Health & Welfare; Councilman Calhoun, Chair had nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety; Councilman Agan, Chair had nothing to report at this time

Ad-Hoc Committee on Office Space; Vice Chairman Gunnells, Chair had nothing to report

Ad-Hoc Committee on Computerization of Government, Chairman Walker, Chair was not present.

Planning and Industrial Development; Councilman Thomas, Chair had nothing to report.

**7. New Business:**

**(a)** V.C. Gunnells said that a motion needed to be made to put the new draft ordinance on guidelines for Boards and Commissions on the agenda, for 1st Reading. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. Councilman Thomas commented by commending the committee for coming up with the draft. He had reservations that all segments of the community were not being adequately represented on Boards and Commissions. He felt that the proposed ordinance would help to remedy that concern.

**(a)** Approval of bills for payment. Councilman Forrester made a motion to pay bills that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. After a brief discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairman Gunnells recognized Mrs. Parker who requested that the road passed her house which was about 1/8 of a mile be paved (John Gray Road). Councilman Thomas made a motion that Mrs. Parker be added to the agenda that was seconded by Councilman Forrester and passed unanimously. She went on to say that she was anxious to get the packet for getting petitions that she had previously requested and wanted to go on record as having come back for a second time asking for the information but it was her understanding that a package had been mailed today.

**(a)** Approval to authorize the Chairman to sign an agreement whereby the Consortium of Counties for the Upper Savannah region continues for the purpose of implementing and carrying out as a Workforce Investment Area the provisions of Public Law 105-220, the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and any amendments thereto. Ann Skinner addressed Council by saying that this was just reaffirming a relationship that had existed for more than a decade. Abbeville is part of the area of Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda that has joined together to serve employers and job seekers. It started out under the Job Training Partnership Act and is now part of the

Workforce Investment Act. Councilman Agan made a motion that we support this Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Thomas and passed unanimously.

**(a)** Consideration of request from Judy Scott to approve transfer of $70,000 from the LOST Account to the General Fund. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve this transfer that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

**(a)** Randy Caldwell, Chief Building Inspector to request that mobile homes older than 1976 already in the county not be permitted to be used as a residence if power is disconnected from the home Councilman Thomas made a motion to table this until Council had the opportunity to study it further. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously to table this.

**(a)** Update report from Lisa Wiles, Finance Director, on external auditor's invoices. She said there were two more invoices that were due on the 2001 audit, in the amount of $25,000 and another in the amount of $5000. After a lengthy discussion, Council received it as information.

**8. Executive Session:**

**(a)** Personnel matter concerning the Director and Director of Public Works. Councilman Brown made a motion to go into executive session that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously. After returning to regular session, Vice Chairman Gunnells said no action is to be taken other than calling a Special Council Meeting next Monday evening, on March 18th at 8PM after the Tax Reassessment Meeting. Councilman Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 9:10PM that was seconded by Councilman Agan and passed unanimously.