PUBLIC HEARING:

a) An ordinance (06-09) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006. Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville, stated that in his review of the budget no increase had been proposed. $1.3 million of Infrastructure Development money being transferred into the General Fund would leave no funds available for county wide water. What would Council do then? The budget reflects a higher amount than reported on last year's budget. Accountability is not something Council understands. It took Council one (1) hour in the budget workshop to figure out where the money for the 4H and Veterans Affairs positions was going to come from. We have no trust in Council. Residents are in a financial bind! Council needs to wake up and cut the budget. Ms. Dorothy Sherard of P.O. Box 605, Calhoun Falls, spoke next. The County cannot continue to rob Peter to pay Paul. Stop injecting hidden agendas. Look at the property owners and think about the tax payers. Mr. Luther Bowman of 722 Bowman Road, Iva, spoke next and stated no budget increase, property taxes were high enough. Stop using water money; the people want the most out of their money. County Director Moulder was asked by Chairman Gunnells to explain the Infrastructure Development Fund transfer. County Director Moulder stated that the $1.3 million was not being moved, but would remain in the fund. The millage was being moved to the General Fund only. Additionally the budget looked larger due to the fact that it now reflected all yearly payments made by the County (ex: local option sales tax rollback, law enforcement center bond and the cost of the Bixby trial). Hearing no further comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 2006
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:55 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 Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman O'Quinn made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2006 budget workshop. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of ordinance (06-08) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 1.87 acre tract of land located at 5910 Hwy. 72 W. and identified by tax map number 154-00-00-030 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to General Commercial (GC). Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

b) Second reading of ordinance (06-09) to establish operating and capital budgets for the operation of the County Government of Abbeville County for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 (06-10) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 23 acre tract of land located near the intersection of S-1-125 and S-1-72 and identified by tax map number 064-00-00-033 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8).

    2) An ordinance (06-11) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 12.5 acre tract of land located at 2121-2596 Hwy. 20 in Abbeville and identified

by tax map number 070-00-00-104,122,068 and 130 from Light Industrial (LI) to Basic Industrial (BA).

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-32) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Cadastra, Inc. to design and develop the Abbeville County Geographical Information System. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

2) A resolution (06-34) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Sturgis Web Services to design and construct the Abbeville County web site. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

3) A resolution (06-35) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction Co. of Liberty, S.C., 29656 in the amount of $130,474.00 for Fire Station driveway improvements in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder requested that Council allow Donalds-Due West Water Authority to move the grant money given for Stoll Fireplace to the Highway 72 project. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion that this request be done. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. County Director also informed Council that the Grant to purchase the land in Due West for the park had been successfully acquired by Abbeville County.

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, Larry O'Quinn and Billy Norris. No report was given.

d) Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Mike Davis and John Calhoun. Councilman Norris made a motion to accept Carl Driver to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to accept Madelyn Ashcraft to the Planning Commission. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to accept William Cann to the Election

Commission. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to reappoint Emma Goodwin and Charles Williams to the Piedmont Technical College Commission. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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

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

g) Public Safety—Larry O'Quinn, John Calhoun and Billy Norris. No report was given.

h) Ad Hoc Committee—Claude Thomas, Jeff Simpson and Billy Norris. No report was given and Councilman Thomas requested that this committee be dissolved. Chairman Gunnells approved his request.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter with Clemson Extension and the Forestry Department. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Done this 26th day of June, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: Ray Gunnells
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council