PUBLIC HEARING:

a) An ordinance (06-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 13.59 acre tract of land located at Lake Secession Road and First Avenue and identified by tax map number 2-5W-6R from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2006
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 September 25, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion with an amendment to the minutes of September 25 of 6-0-1 with Vice Chairman Simpson abstaining. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. James Irwin of 625 Highway 20, questioned Council in regards to the millage increase for the Law Enforcement Center and Library. There was a transfer of 7 ½ mills from the Infrastructure Development Fund to the General Fund at budget time. Now a lack of communication exists between the Auditor, Treasurer and County Council. I request a copy of the bond document and that research be done on bonds. Secondly county vehicles are being used for pleasure and driven out of the County. There needs to be guidelines drawn up for the use of county vehicles and all vehicles should be marked, so the residents can keep track of their use. Lastly, Lake Secession has a voice on the placement of this QRV not this Ad Hoc Committee. Supervision of Department Heads must be implemented and a halt put to excessive spending.

Mr. Harry Stille of Due West, questioned Council was the September 11th or September 13th meeting the official meeting, if it was the 13th he was not notified. I sent a letter to Councilman Norris in regards to the Calhoun Falls Rescue Squad and have not received a reply within the 14 day limit, which will be reported to the Ethics Commission. Mr. McDade went to DMV and secured the title to the ambulance of Calhoun Falls. Why no reply to why Calhoun Falls was taken out of commission? Councilman Calhoun did nothing to help Calhoun Falls Rescue Squad. Why is ownership of the ambulance in two different names? Does Council know about a secret bank account at BB&T? The Treasurer did not know of this account. I did not know that a paid employee could have an account with BB&T. Does it still exist? Where did the money go, given to DEHEC for the purchase of an ambulance? The County is in violation of state law.

Mr. Steve McDade, Emergency Management Director, presented Council with a plaque from the City of Abbeville for the Barrett Laramore award. Mr. David Krumwiede was instrumental in this picture and plaque being presented.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-13) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 13.59 acre tract of land located at Lake Secession Road and First Avenue and identified by tax map number 2-5W-6R from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Norris 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 (06-14) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a one (1) acre tract of land located on Hwy. 72 West and identified by tax map number 134-00-00-183 from General Residential (GR) to General Commercial (GC).

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-62) to show appreciation of the Haigler Street Church of Christ for their fifty (50) years of service to the Abbeville County Community. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Scott Moulder introduced to Council the new Finance Director, Mr. Barry Devore.

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. 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, 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual Economic Development matter and a personnel issue. 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 Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Done this 23rd day of October, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ernest R. Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council