PUBLIC HEARING: None

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2006
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Councilman Calhoun

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman Gunnells turned the meeting over to the County Attorney Lee Roper, who went over the procedures to be followed. Councilman Davis nominated Councilman Gunnells. Councilman Norris made a motion to close the nominations. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. County Attorney Lee Roper called for a vote on the nomination of Councilman Gunnells. The vote was 5-0-0. County Attorney Lee Roper turned the meeting over to Chairman Gunnells. Councilman Thomas nominated Councilman Simpson for the position of Vice Chairman. Councilman Norris made a motion to close nominations. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0. Chairman Gunnells called for a vote on the nomination of Councilman Simpson. The vote was 5-0-0.

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 Calhoun arrived.

Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

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 (06-01) authorizing the execution and delivery of a second amendment to agreement for creation and development of joint county industrial business park between Abbeville County, South Carolina and McCormick County, South Carolina, to add a certain parcel of land to such park agreement, amending the ordinance (95-01) of the Abbeville County Council originally authorizing the park agreement, and other matters relating thereto.

   2) An ordinance (06-02) to amend the FY 05-06 Budget for Abbeville County by incorporating expenditure thereof.

b) Resolutions:

   1) A resolution (06-01) authorizing the County Director to extend the contract with Joyce Engineering, Inc., for engineering and environmental services at the County Landfill. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

County Director requested that an item be added pertaining to the emergency repair of the Lakeland's Industrial Park storm sewer system. Mr. Buddy Agan informed the Council that repairs needed to be made immediately to prevent any future damage to the system. Councilman Davis made a motion to add this to the agenda. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0. Councilman Norris made a motion to allow Mr. Agan to proceed with repairs and to obtain verbal bids not to exceed $40,000.00. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Larry Walker informed Council that he was able to find available funds for the Abbeville City Recreation Department and would present Council with a resolution at the next meeting.

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. Councilman Norris nominated Dr. Tiffany Freese to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the nomination. The nomination carried 6-0-0. Councilman Norris nominated Rev. Brenda Lomax to the Accommodations Tax Committee. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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

f) Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun 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 appointed Mayor Johnnie Waller of Calhoun Falls be added to the committee.

A motion was made by Councilman Davis to go into Executive Session to discuss an economic development issue, FMLA personnel issue and County Director issue. 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 Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Done this 23rd day of January, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council