PUBLIC HEARING:

a) An ordinance (06-07) to amend the Abbeville County official zoning map for a 2.18 acre tract of land located at Big Mouth Cove and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-087 from Forest/Agricultural (FA) to Restricted Residential (R-8). Hearing no comment, Chairman Gunnells closed the public hearing.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2006
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:31 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 Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2006, regular county council meeting. Councilman O'Quinn seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilman Thomas abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin of 625 Highway 20, Abbeville presented Council with a letter requesting an itemized list of expenditures from the Infrastructure Development Fund.

PRESENTATIONS:

Sheriff Goodwin presented a plaque to Officer Frank Uldrick who has retired.

Chairman Gunnells presented a plaque to Mr. Larry Walker for his service to Abbeville County as Interim County Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (06-05) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Purchasing Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

b) Third reading of an ordinance (06-06) to adopt new, updated Abbeville County Personnel Policies and to rescind all prior ordinances or resolutions that may be in conflict. Councilman Davis made a motion to table third reading. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

c) Second reading of an ordinance (06-07) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for a 2.18 acre tract of land located at Big Mouth Cove and identified by tax map number 054-00-00-087 from Forest/Agricultural to Restricted Residential (R-8). Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

d) A resolution (06-18) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Smith Data for the computer services agreement for processing charges, software maintenance and hardware maintenance, printing 2006 vehicles, real & other personal tax and processing delinquent tax notices for Fiscal Year July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 at a cost not to exceed $94,683.17. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Thomas 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.

b) Resolutions:

1) A resolution (06-27) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walters Paving & Construction Co. of Liberty, S.C., 29656 in the amount of $13,591.74 for asphalt paving of the parking area of the new Farmers Market located at 265 Industrial Park Road in Abbeville County, South Carolina. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

2) A resolution (06-28) to authorize the transfer of $289,208.49 from the Local Option Sales Tax Account to the General Fund. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Chairman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

3) A resolution (06-29) authorizing the County Director to enter into a Lease/Purchase Agreement with Bank of America for the purchase of six (6) Pumper Fire Trucks. Vice Chairman Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

County Director Moulder elaborated on the contract with Smith Data and requested a budget workshop be held on 5/1/06.

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 reappoint Elizabeth Ferguson and Marilyn Helms to the Election Commission. Councilman O'Quinn 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.

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. No report was given.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue in regards to the Clerk to Council. Councilman Norris 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 Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Done this 8th day of May, 2006

Abbeville County Council

By: Ray Gunnells
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: Lynn Sopolosky
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council