PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2005
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Forrester and Councilman Calhoun (arrived during public hearing).

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gunnells called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Gunnells led the audience in 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 agenda was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

a) Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2005 county council meeting. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Simpson abstaining.

b) Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2005 special council meeting. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Simpson abstaining.

c) Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2005 special council meeting. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Councilman Simpson abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Calhoun arrived during public comment.

Carl Putnam of 8049 Highway 252 stated that his building did operate as a Quick Stop at one time and there was never any report of disturbance filed with the police.

Debbie Crow of 47 Turkey Creek Road stated she has the property under contract and if rezoned it would bring in more tax money. The building looks commercial, so it should be commercial.

PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Third reading of an ordinance (05-29) to amend the County Road System, Ordinance 2000-5, Index of Roads maintained by Abbeville County, South Carolina by adding Powerline Road, Big Mouth Cove Road and Hill Drive to the County Road System. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

b) Second reading of an ordinance (05-30) to amend the official zoning map for Abbeville County, South Carolina on a 2.237 acre tract of land located off Highway 252 as requested by Carl Putnam from FA,, Forest Agricultural to GC, General Commercial. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1-0, with Councilman Calhoun opposed.

c) A resolution (65-05) authorizing the County Director to purchase a Court Indexing, Fines/Fee, Bench Warrants, Family Court, Clerk Bookkeeping, Clerk Inquiry and New Server for the Clerk of Court's office for Abbeville County from Smith Data and to convert existing records to the new system at a cost not to exceed $75,000.00. No motions were heard, so Chairman Gunnells moved onto the next agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Thomas made a motion to add resolution (70-05) recognizing Rev. Alice Ridgill. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

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 (68-05) authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Bakers Waste Equipment, Inc. of Morganton, N.C. in the amount of $9,494.00 plus sales tax ($10,063.64) for two (2) 30

cu. Yd. Roll-off Containers to be used for recycling. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

2) A resolution (69-05) authorizing the County Director to purchase a radio system from Motorola for EMS not to exceed $10,800.00. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

3) A resolution (70-05) recognizing Rev. Alice Ridgill for her service to Washington Street Presbyterian Church and Abbeville County. Councilman Calhoun made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Interim County Director Larry Walker spoke about receiving a grant in the amount of $29,700.00 for the water line construction along SC 201 to serve Stoll Fireplace. The match amount of $13,300.00 will be split between the County and Donald's Due West Water & Sewer Authority. He also informed Council on a required compliance review of all borrowers with USDA, Rural Development to determine whether requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have been met. Accordingly, this review has been scheduled for November 8th.

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, Billy Norris and David Forrester. 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 David Forrester. 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.

A motion was made by Councilman Simpson to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter regarding grant writing for Donalds/Due West Upper Abbeville County Recreation and a personnel matter concerning the hiring of a County Director. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Gunnells reconvened the meeting following executive session and announced that one issue needed to be addressed.

a) The hiring of Mr. Rusty Burns to assist Donalds/Due West Upper Abbeville County Recreation Association in the grant writing process for no less than $1,000.00 and no more than $5,000.00. Councilman Davis made a motion we accept the recommendation. Councilman Calhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Davis made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Done this 14th day of November, 2005

Abbeville County Council

By: _____
Ray Gunnells, Chairman

ATTEST:

By: _____
Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council