ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 14, 2002

Present: Chairman Walker, Councilmen Brown, Forrester, Norris, Thomas, Calhoun, Director Burns, Attorney Pruitt, County Council Clerk Carol Chrisley

Absent: Vice Chairman Gunnells

I. Chairman Walker called the meeting to order with prayer given by Councilman Thomas.

First item on the agenda was approval of minutes for Special Meeting of September 23, 2002. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve these minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilmen Forrester, Norris and Chairman Walker agreed with the motion. Councilman Thomas abstained. Motion passed.

Next item on the agenda was approval of minutes for Regular Meeting of September 23, 2002. Councilman Forrester made a motion to approve these minutes that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Councilmen Brown, Norris and Chairman Walker agreed with the motion. Councilman Thomas abstained. Motion passed.

II. Presentations:

III. Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

IV. Old Business:

A. A Resolution committing the remaining VOITIS Funds and LEC Funds to the construction of an Agricultural Building. Director Burns said these were funds originally budgeted for the construction of the law enforcement center. $5,736.23 remains unspent from the LEC and $15,795 of a VOITIS grant remains unencumbered. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously.

V. New Business:

A. Request from the Natural Resources Conservation Education Advisory Committee for the balance of Title III US Forest Funds in the amount of $13,065.12 allocated to Abbeville County in FY01-02. Director Burns requested that he be permitted to draft a memorandum of understanding between Abbeville County and their organization wherein they agree to provide us with checks showing what funds have been cut, where the funds have been expended, the understanding they agree to expend all funds by the end of the year and that they understand that the Title III funds can only be used for

certain expenditures. If they expend them for items other than those authorized, they will be responsible for repayment. Councilman Brown made a motion to that effect that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of rental of off-road trucks. Director Burns said that one bid was received from Clary Hood, Inc. based in Spartanburg, which has bid $200 an hour for the use of a 35-ton off-road truck. He recommended acceptance of this bid with the stipulation that the total cost would not exceed $7,000. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve this request that was seconded by Councilman Norris and passed unanimously.

C. Request by Development Board to award bid proposal to Davis & Floyd for the preparation of a 72 Business Park Master Plan. Chairman Walker said that Council would like the request for proposals to be developed with all proper specifications for the required work and then re-advertised. When the Development Board advertised the first time, they did not include a written set of specifications. Chairman Walker recommended and asked for a motion that we have a formal request including requirements and specifications prepared and re-submitted for bid. Councilman Thomas made a motion that this request from the Development Board be tabled until proper RFP's are let. Councilman Brown seconded the motion that was passed unanimously.

D. Resolution to transfer funds from the Sheriff LLEBG account. Director Burns said that the Sheriff received a grant in this year's budget and the match was approximately $1,594.00. It is requested that the $1,594.00 be transferred into the grant since it is the match for the grant. When the budget went through it was about $30-40 short, so he authorized the transfer of the additional money and this is a request to transfer all of that in order to meet the match. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the resolution that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of 1st Reading of an ordinance to extend the Donalds-Due West Service Area further into western Abbeville County. Councilman Thomas made a motion to have 1st Reading that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.

F. Resolution between Greenwood and Abbeville Counties regarding the use of a Greenwood County Ambulance. Director Burns said that, unfortunately, we have two ambulances that are down and Mr. McDade had to borrow an ambulance from Greenwood County in case of an emergency. Greenwood County requested that an Agreement be reached between the two counties regarding the use of the vehicle. He received a copy of the Resolution/Agreement from Chuck Watson, Attorney for Greenwood County and he gave it to Mr. Pruitt for his review, which he felt that the language was okay. After further discussion, Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the Resolution that was seconded by Councilman Brown and passed unanimously

G. Request from Delinquent Tax Collector to hire a relative on a part time basis (Section B2 of the personnel policy) Director Burns said there was an instance in the Delinquent

Tax Department wherein one of the employees is going out on medical leave and she will be out between 4-6 weeks. The delinquent tax collector feels confident that she would like to hire a specific individual who happens to be a relative on a temporary basis and had worked in the office before and was familiar with how the office worked. The county personnel policy indicated that nepotism was not permitted in Abbeville County government except in extreme emergencies and for temporary periods of time and, then only with Council approval. Director Burns said that he wasn't going to authorize it and both he and Dot discussed this since he had a problem with hiring relatives and relatives working with relatives. There is a proviso in the personnel policy that allows Council to do it in the event they want to. Chairman Walker asked for a motion to approve hiring a relative to work in the Delinquent Tax Office on a temporary basis. Councilman Thomas made a motion that the hiring can be done of a relative in the Delinquent Tax Office with such stipulations as to the time and period of when the employee returns which is December 1st and continue to search for someone else to come in. Motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. Chairman Walker, Councilmen Forrester and Norris agreed with the motion. Councilman Brown opposed. Motion passed.

V1. Director's Report:

A. Where to hold Council Meetings after the first of the year.
B. Department of Commerce Confirmation
C. Department Reports
D. Budget Cuts
E. Abbeville County Memorial Hospital Foundation
F. Update on Lake Russell Project.
G. Meeting with City of Abbeville On Consolidated Judicial Functions-Meeting with staff set for October 15, 2002.
H. Meeting with Development Board on Thursday, October 10, 7:30
I. Proposed New Agenda Outline

VII. Executive Sessions

Councilman Brown made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Councilman Calhoun and passed unanimously.