

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2015
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on April 22, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Charlie Bailey, Delores Smith, Winna Miller, Calvin Matthews, Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Morning News, Kenneth Smith, Douglas Pernell (Dillon County Animal Shelter), Steve Rogers (Dillon County Tax Assessor), Shannon Munoz (PDCOG), Gerry Fleming, Tonie Martin, Rhonda Leonard, Terry Brown, Rosco Oxendine; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Archie Scott motioned to approve agenda with addition to add Project LifeSaver as part of the agenda and Sheriff Hulon and Archie Scott will elaborate. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/25/2015

Harold Moody motioned to approve the minutes. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS, PROVIDING THE DUTIES THEREOF, AND PROVIDING FOR APPEALS THEREFROM TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DILLON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DILLON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994

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AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY AMENDING AND ENACTING DILLON COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT FEES

There was no public input on all ordinances. The public was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald on April 02, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS REQUEST

Council received a letter from Neighbors Helping Neighbors requesting funds for their organization. **Robbie Coward made a motion to give Neighbors Helping Neighbors \$2000.00. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

TIMBER SALE FOR C&D LANDFILL VERTICAL EXPANSION

Richard Gaddy told that this is regarding property at the landfill, actually timber to cut is where vertical expansion is to go, it is a small tract about 15 acres. Main purpose is to get cleaned off so we can move forward with the vertical expansion. Earl Dutton looked at property and said there are some pockets of descent timber. His suggestion was to go with a cut and pay agreement, where timber is sold at the mill and the County will receive their portion at that time. **Harold Moody motioned to sell timber. Archie Scott seconded. Robbie Coward said he would like to discuss this.** Robbie Coward said that the timber should be bid out. Ken DuBose explained that you can advertise under procurement or single source procurement as Mr. Gaddy was doing getting Earl Dutton to sell timber, pay him commission, those that cut will get a commission and Dillon County will get the rest. Chairman Finklea called for another vote. **Robbie Coward motioned to put the timber up for advertisement and go with the highest bid. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following: \$150.00 payable to American Cancer Society for Relay for Life event on May 1st, 2015 for the VICTORIES team - \$50.00 from TF Finklea's recreation account and \$25.00 each from Randy Goings, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, and Harold Moody's recreation account; \$175.00 payable to The Miss South Carolina Scholarship Organization for Mikeya Murphy - \$50.00 each from Harold Moody and Archie Scott's recreation and \$25.00 each from Randy Goings, Bobby Moody and TF Finklea's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

DILLON COUNTY FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Mr. Young told Council that he had a request from Dillon County Free Medical Clinic who is hosting a banquet to raise funds to meet their budgetary needs for the coming year. **Robbie Coward motioned to give Dillon County Free Medical Clinic \$1000.00. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

ANIMAL SHELTER INTAKE BUILDING

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Mr. Gaddy told Council that they had previously approved a 20x40 storage building in the amount of \$12,000.00 that would come from the one percent sales tax money. Douglas Pernell came back and said he needed a larger one, 30x50, at the cost of \$23,900.00 and it will be paid out of the one percent sales tax money. Also, Douglas Pernell said that he had \$5000.00 in donations toward this for a total of \$18,900.00. **Stevie Grice motioned to build Animal Shelter Intake Building to specifications. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told Council that at the end of March we had a negative \$803,878.00. He stated that we paid \$250,000.00 for Harbor Freight Retail Store and have not received the quarterly income from the State.

ORDINANCE READINGS

Ken Dubose told that the first three ordinances deal with Planning Commission, Tax Appeals, and Board of Zoning. The members will serve during term of Council members district by district. All seats are vacant under new ordinance so appointments will need to be made. Mr. Dubose also added that Council would need to amend the ordinances and add: until their successor is appointed and qualified. **Archie Scott made motion to amend the ordinances and add, until their successor is appointed and qualified. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. Archie Scott made motion to approve the ordinances as amended. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

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Stevie Grice motioned to approve ordinance. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 26-273 FROM A RESIDENTIAL 2 DISTRICT (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) DISTRICT

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Harold Moody motion to have second reading. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 107-065 FROM RESIDENTIAL 2 DISTRICT (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) DISTRICT

Bobby Moody motioned to have second reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Archie Scott moved for discussion concerning the budget, asking if this is a proposed budget or actual budget. Mr. Young explained that this is basically the same as it has been done in previous years by title only. Chairman Finklea told that he would have a Full Council Workshop soon and that everyone will know what is in the budget. Mr. Young told Council that this is the first reading of the proposed budget. Mr. Coward told that some of the Council just received the budget information a few days prior and that there are a lot of mix ups in it. Mr. Coward asked why can't we hold off and look at this at another time? Mr. Young replied that it takes three readings. Archie Scott said to table this and have a full Council workshop next week. Harold Moody commented on last year's budget that more money was spent than was taken in, causing the County to go into reserves. He said that in government, there are two ways – have more money or cut spending. He told Council that they have eight weeks to balance the budget. Mr. Coward told that there are ways to balance the budget and mentioned items such as Mr. DuBose's Law Firm got \$13,000 besides his pay last month, if we let that go on then we are in trouble like the rest. Chairman Finklea told Council that there has been discussion and he asked for a motion. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading by title only. Harold Moody seconded. Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, Bobby Moody, and Harold Moody were in favor. Robbie Coward, Archie Scott and Randy Goings, opposed. The motion carried.**

RESOLUTIONS

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Mr. Young told that Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments requests this in order for us to obtain grant funding. Ken DuBose read the resolution. **Archie Scott motioned to pass resolution for Fair Housing Month. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK PROCLAMATION

Ken DuBose read the proclamation. **Stevie Grice motioned to approve the Proclamation for Law Enforcement Week. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

PROJECT LIFESAVER (ADDED TO AGENDA)

Archie Scott asked Sheriff Major Hulon to talk about Project Lifesaver. Sheriff Hulon told that Project Lifesaver is to provide a timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to autism and other related conditions. He explained that it would take \$7,500.00 to start the project which would include purchasing tracking equipment, transmitters, batteries, bracelets, etc. and this will be supported solely by donations. He said that he already had many people volunteering to help with Project Lifesaver. Chairman Finklea thanked Sheriff Hulon for this information. **Archie Scott motioned to approve to give \$2000.00 to Project Lifesaver. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

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District One – Randy Goings nominated Marvin Goings. (Later, during the Dillon County Board Of Assessment Appeals appointments, Mr. Goings realized that Marvin Goings should not have been appointed to the Planning Commission. He stated he will make his appointment later for this board.). Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. District Two – Bobby Moody nominated Josephine Gilchrist. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Three – Archie Scott nominated Bobby McDuffie. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Four – TF Finklea nominated Glenn Greene. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. District Five – Harold Moody nominated Hattie McInnis. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor. District Six – No appointment at this time. District Seven – No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING OF APPEALS

District One – No appointment at this time. District Two – Bobby Moody nominated Ray Brown. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Three – Archie Scott nominated William M. Payton. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. District Four – TF Finklea nominated James L. Hayes. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Five – Harold Moody nominated Ervin Coward. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. District Six – No appointment at this time. District Seven – No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

District One – Randy Goings reappointed Marvin Goings. (At this time Randy Goings realized that he should not have appointed Marvin Goings to the Planning Commission). Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. District Two – Bobby Moody nominated Allen Price. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. District Three – Archie Scott nominated Christina Fowler. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. District Four – TF Finklea nominated Lavern Brigman. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Five – Harold Moody nominated Gerald Arnette. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. District Six – No appointment at this time. District Seven – Stevie Grice appointed Tom Rowland. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTER

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. DuBose told Council that FOIA requires that we state the purpose of Executive Session for benefit of the press, there are two proposed real estate purchases and a nuisance abatement.

Bobby Moody motioned to go into Executive Session. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. Stevie Grice motioned to come out of Executive Session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____