

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on September 23, 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), Alan Berry (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 McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Morning News, Kenneth Smith, Steve Rogers (Dillon County Tax Assessor), Jacorie McCall, Dan McLeod, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris, Mike Burns (McNair Law Firm), Gerry Fleming, Tonie Martin, Rhonda Leonard, Terry Brown, Roscoe Oxendine, Sandra Ligon (State of SC Human Affairs Commission), Mitchell Carter and S. Brown (SCDOT);By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Bobby Moody motioned to approve agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08/26/15

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL PROPERTY REASSESSMENT IN DILLON COUNTY BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-43-217(B), SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's September 8, 2015 edition.)

NEW BUSINESS

SAUNDRA LIGON – SC HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION (COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL)

Ms. Sandra Lion spoke to Council about the SC Human Affairs Commission. She told that this is a state agency created in 1972 for the prevention and elimination of discrimination in housing, employment

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And public accommodations based on race, sex, age, national origin, religion disability and familiar status. She explained that this agency has worked to link state government to community groups by assisting in the establishment of Community Relations Councils. Ms. Lion told that there is no cost involved and she is asking that the county council members approve a resolution and nominate two or more citizens from their districts to serve on the council. Mr. Young told Ms. Ligon that he will communicate with her and they will come up with a program to bring back to council.

WAYNE GREEN – KARATE KIDS

Wayne Green thanked the council for their generous support of his karate students. Then he presented the Dillon County Administrator Clay Young and each councilman with a 2015 Appreciation Award.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Young told council that he and Mr. Berry had looked at the agreement and this agreement enables us to work together with SCDOT. This agreement gives us an outline, if there were to be an ice storm.

Archie Scott motioned to accept Snow and Ice Removal Agreement By and Between Dillon County and The South Carolina Department of Transportation. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the following: \$108.00 payable Family Sport Center for gloves and knee brace for softball from Archie Scott's recreation; \$110.00 payable The Lake View High School Viewpoint for quarter page in yearbook from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$75.00 payable to Powell's Sanitation, Inc. for memorial service on Alice Street on September 12, 2015 from Archie Scott's recreation. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told Council that currently we had a negative 254,255.16 more expenses than revenue. This negative trend will continue until December when taxes come in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There are no committee reports at this time.

ORDINANCES

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL PROPERTY REASSESSMENT IN DILLON COUNTY BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-43-217(B), SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED

Bobby Moody motioned to have third reading. Harold Moody seconded. Voting in favor were Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Jr., Stevie Grice and Harold Moody. Opposed was Robbie Coward.

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT BEACON X, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE SPONSOR AFFILIATES; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

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Mr. Young told Council that he and Mr. Berry have talked with McNair Law Firm and that there is some language that needs to be clarified. He suggested delaying second reading. **Archie Scott motioned to defer to next meeting. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Bobby Moody motioned to approve second reading. Harold Moody seconded. There was discussion. Archie Scott explained that some of the money will be put to good use such as equipment and ambulance and he is for all that but, as far as right now he doesn't think that he has sufficient evidence that would surf ice borrowing this type of money at this time. Robbie Coward said that he did not have a problem buying the ambulances or equipment but borrowing \$980,000.00 to put in the general fund to operate on in case the gas line is not made is what he has a problem with. Mr. Coward said that he could not vote to borrow \$980,000.00, when we will have borrowed money three times in less than a year for the Judicial Center. Stevie Grice asked what the extra money is for. Mr. Gaddy replied reimbursement for the Judicial Center, Computer Upgrades, Brush Truck for Station #4, and a truck for Code Enforcement. **Voting for the motion were Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, T.F. Finklea, Jr., Randy Goings and Bobby Moody. Opposed to motion were Robbie Coward and Archie Scott. Motion carried.**

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$750,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE LESSOR THEREOF TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Bobby Moody motioned to approve second reading. Stevie Grice seconded. There was discussion. Robbie Coward said the reason we are doing a lease purchase is because we can't borrow any more money. Councilman Coward said why can't we tie the GO Bond and the Lease Purchase together, borrow what we need and change the amount of the bond. Archie Scott explained that he is for what we need. He asked where is the evidence that we need this equipment and the ambulances. Randy Grimsley, EMS Director, told the council that he did have ambulances that were broken down, one the transmission is out and another the front end is damaged. Harold Moody told council that this is a common practice for the County to do a lease purchase for equipment; we have done this lease purchased numerous times. Randy Goings commented on purchasing the equipment and not the ambulances because this is what was discussed at the Public Safety Meeting. Chairman Finklea explained that Mr. Grimsley told that policies have changed at McLeod's and that if a patient has a broken leg or traumatic injury they have to be taken to Florence instead of Dillon. Chairman Finklea called for a vote. **Voting for the motion were Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, T.F. Finklea, Jr., Randy Goings and Bobby Moody. Opposed to motion were Robbie Coward and Archie Scott.**

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APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

District Six – No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING OF APPEALS

District One – No appointment at this time. District Six – No appointment at this time. District Seven – No appointment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____