

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2014
4: 00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on January 22, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, and Andrew Graves. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator) Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Lisa Gray (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), 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), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Frank Brockington, Bo McInnis, Michael Eye, Brandon Norris, Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Kathy Dawson and Lisa Morris (preceding six with McNair Law Firm), Angela Baker (Dillon Soil Conservation District), Barbara Kemp (Carter Goble Associates), Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Benton Henry (Photographer) and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the beginning of the meeting until Andrew Graves was elected as the new chairman. Chairman Graves presided over the remainder of the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

ELECTIONS OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Ballots were given out for election of Chairman. Ms. Gray then collected the ballots, read the results and announced that the Chairman for 2014 is Andrew Graves by a majority vote of Council. Archie Scott turned the gavel over to Mr. Graves, who made a few comments.

Ballots were given out for Vice-chairman. Ms. Gray then collected the ballots, read the results and announced that Vice-chairman for 2014 was Harold Moody by a majority vote of Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/11/13

Archie Scott motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AMENDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF DILLON COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF REVENUES REPRESENTING FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED AND RETAINED BY DILLON COUNTY FROM CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY AND IN ONE OR MORE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARKS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND ONE OR MORE PARTNER COUNTIES PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARKS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING

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There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly notice in The Dillon Herald's December 17, 2013 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND HORRY COUNTY WITH PROPERTY LOCATED IN HORRY COUNTY (PROJECT ORBIT); TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES BY BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THE PARK; TO APPLY ZONING AND OTHER LAWS IN THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION IN THE PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PARK REVENUES WITHIN THE COUNTY

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly notice in The Dillon Herald's January 2, 2014 edition.)

NEW BUSINESS

SOIL CONSERVATION ANNUAL REPORT – ANGELA BAKER

Ms. Baker presented the report to Council and explained an upcoming grant project, their essay contest, and financial information.

FIRE HYDRANTS – BINGHAM AND FLOYDALE FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Mr. Young explained that Trico Water Company was working on this with us. He told of the need to bore under the road in order to place the hydrants on the same side as the fire departments, which makes the cost higher. He stated the approximate cost is \$26,000 each. **T. F. Finklea motioned to approve funding the two fire hydrants (Bingham and Floydale Fire Department locations) from the capital projects sales tax funds. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

JUDICIAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Young informed Council that the architect and FBI Construction have requested an extension until November 2014, about one additional month, due to the weather. No action was necessary.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy told that as of December 31 2013 we were -\$263,467 (revenues over expenses) and discussed property tax revenues. Archie Scott asked for an explanation concerning information he received in his packet of a check stub showing "void" and how the figures add up on the stub. Mr. Gaddy checked into the matter and reported back that the check in question had more details than one stub could hold, therefore it ran over to the next check. Chairman Graves asked Council to contact the finance department if there are any questions concerning their packets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

PROPOSED CORONER/SHERIFF BUILDING

Winna Miller gave out information to Council and explained the options. Design I is the original plan with a roughed in Butler building and an estimated cost of \$900,620. Design II plan consist of moving the Sheriff's storage (1st & 2nd floors) beside the Coroner's offices (1st & 2nd floors), which eliminates 1 bay, and the 2 remaining bays would remain attached to the Sheriff's storage (1st & 2nd floors). The upstairs would be divided between the Sheriff and Coroner using the stairway as the divider. The estimated cost of Design II is \$703,420 (which includes \$25,300 for architect design). Mr. Young asked to refer this to the Building Committee. Chairman Graves agreed to table the matter until the committee meets.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Young told that he and Tonny McNeil have an economic development matter to discuss in Executive Session. He told that the Tri-County Industrial Park Committee will meet the following Monday afternoon. He stated that the audit should be completed and to Council in the next couple of weeks.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING - ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AMENDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES OF DILLON COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISPOSITION OF REVENUES REPRESENTING FEE IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED AND RETAINED BY DILLON COUNTY FROM CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY AND IN ONE OR MORE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARKS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND ONE OR MORE PARTNER COUNTIES PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARKS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose explained that this provides a mechanism to recoup funds spent by Dillon County in Industrial Parks, purchasing land for the Harbor Freight project, the Mohawk Building expenses, and the like, before other taxing entities in Dillon County receive their portion. He told that Marion and Marlboro Counties would not be effected by their percentage of the fee-in-lieu. Mr. Young told that this only effects the new section of Harbor Freight, not the old, and stated it would be 2015/2016 before we see any of the funds. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve third reading and approve the ordinance. Bobby Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

SECOND READING - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND HORRY COUNTY WITH PROPERTY LOCATED IN HORRY COUNTY (PROJECT ORBIT); TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES BY BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THE PARK; TO APPLY ZONING AND OTHER LAWS IN THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION IN THE PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PARK REVENUES WITHIN THE COUNTY

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose and Mr. Young explained that this concerns a joint industrial park located in Horry County with one percent of the revenue coming to Dillon County.

T.F. Finklea motioned to approve second reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

WASTE DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND LEE COUNTY LANDFILL, SC, LLC

Mr. DuBose explained that the current agreement will expire on December 31, 2016. He told that staff recommends Council approving the proposed agreement which will extend it for another 15 years, changing pricing slightly and some of the nomenclature. Harold Moody made comments and also recommended Council approve this. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Mr. Young asked Tonny McNeil to stay to discuss a potential industry. **Bobby Moody motioned to go into executive session. Joe Johnson seconded and all voted in favor.**

Harold Moody motioned to come out of executive session. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

Andrew Graves, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____