

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2014
4: 00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on February 26, 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, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Michael Eye (McNair Law Firm), Todd O'Dell (Low Country Billing), Vernon Grimsley (Dillon County Recreation), Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Mike Hanna (Hanna Engineering), Wilmer Arnette (Trico Water Company), Glen Wagner (City of Dillon), Johnny Sapp (Dillon County Detention Center) and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Young asked if Council would strike item 4G (Low Country Billing Landfill Proposal), as he and Richard Gaddy were working on that. Archie Scott stated that Council should consider tabling this instead of removing it from the agenda. **Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor, except Randy Goings. Mr. Goings was opposed.** Mr. Goings stated he had a problem with the subject of storm debris removal not being on the agenda. Chairman Graves stated that he thought Mr. Goings and Mr. Young had discussed the issue and it no longer needed to be on the agenda. Mr. Young stated that he would discuss the issue during the Administrator's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 01/22/14 & 02/04/14 (CALLED)

T. F. Finklea motioned to approve the minutes. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION CONCESSION STAND RENTAL BIDS

Ms. Gray told that four bids were received. Upon opening the sealed bids, she read them as follows: Brenda Clements \$1,200; Henry Campbell \$2,000; John M. Graves \$2,600; Ronald's Skins/James Cabbagestalk \$4,000. **Archie Scott motioned to accept the high bid from Ronald's Skins/James Cabbagestalk of \$4,000 subject to compliance with the bid terms. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

MIKE HANNA – NORTHEAST COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER & SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Young told that the bids for the project are due on March 18, 2014. Mr. Hanna explained the project scope to include a new pump station at Love's Travel Plaza. He stated the estimated cost of the project is \$790,000. Harold Moody requested that Mr. Hanna furnish Council with a sketch of the location of the proposed lines.

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PUMP STATION PURCHASE - NORTHEAST COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Young recommended the County purchase the pump station to speed up the process since it may take up to four months to get it. Mr. Hanna told of the types of pump stations and recommended the Gorman Rupp as sole source. Mr. Young told that Glen Wagner, City of Dillon Manager, states that they are using Gorman Rupp due to easier access to materials and quicker repair times compared to others.

Mr. DuBose told that any motion made should be conditioned on the commitment by Love's Travel Center concerning deeding the pump station site property to the City of Dillon. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the pump station purchase with the condition stated by Mr. DuBose. Randy Goings seconded. All, except Archie Scott, voted in favor. Mr. Scott was opposed.**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DILLON – NEW PUMP STATION & GRAVITY SEWER LINE

Mr. Young told that he, Mr. DuBose and Tonny McNeil had been working on this. Mr. DuBose explained that after the County builds the pump station and sewer lines, this will confirm that the City agrees to accept them. **Randy Goings motioned to approve the agreement. T.F. Finklea seconded and all except Archie Scott, voted in favor.** Mr. Scott was opposed and explained that he has no problem with the agreement but has a problem with the Northeast Commerce Park where Dillon County cannot control what goes on. He also stated that it improves someone else's land and makes it worth more.

DETENTION CENTER SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT – STATE CONTRACT

Mr. Young told of the need for the equipment and that the \$15,518.75 (including taxes) is in the budget. Richard Gaddy told that we obtained another bid (Stanley Convergent Security Solutions for \$18,235 not including taxes) just to compare, even though this is a state contract price obtained from Technology Solutions of Charleston. He told that the later was lower. Andrew Graves asked Mr. Gaddy to check on warranty on the equipment. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the state contact bid (\$15,518.75 from Technology Solutions of Charleston). T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EDA GRANT AWARD

Mr. Young explained the grant (\$1,071,000) would fund another road beside the truck entrance road for Harbor Freight Tools. He told that matching funds (\$459,000) will come from the Tri-County Park Committee and CDBG funds. He told that this gives an entrance to the Tri-County Park and is a substantial improvement and that Dillon County will own the road. **Archie Scott motioned to accept the grant. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

LOW COUNTRY BILLING – LANDFILL PROPOSAL

Joe Johnson motioned to table this item. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told that the report shows \$2,489,981.54 revenues over expenses. Discussion was held concerning the use of the County credit cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None. Chairman Graves gave out the 2014 Committee assignments and asked that each committee furnish a quarterly report. The committees are as follows: Administration - Andrew Graves (chairman), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson; Public Works – Harold Moody (chairman), Archie Scott, T.F. Finklea; Planning – Joe Johnson (chairman), Bobby Moody, Archie Scott; Building – Randy Goings (chairman), Bobby Moody, Andrew Graves; Public Safety – T.F. Finklea (chairman), Archie Scott, Harold Moody; Recreation – Archie Scott (chairman),

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Randy Goings, Joe Johnson.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Young told that we have been working with citizens, municipalities and S.C. Department of Transportation on debris removal and its disposal at the landfill. A private contractor has been hired through SC DOT/FEMA to pick up debris on state roads and haul it to the landfill. He told that DHEC had given approval for the debris to be burned and that he will ask that we be allowed to do the same so that C&D space will not be taken up. He stated we will apply for FEMA funds reimbursement and commended the County Roads and Bridges crew for their work. Bobby Moody told that the FEMA crew was doing a good job in the Lake View areas cutting and hauling off debris.

Discussion was held concerning the court order allowing for picking up debris on the right of ways during an emergency situation. For other times, Mr. DuBose told that Council would have to establish a policy concerning a routine plan to pick up debris on right of ways/public property. He told that a clear policy would eliminate someone continually placing debris on the right of ways. He also stated it would have to state excluded categories and be available to all, not just select citizens.

Archie Scott asked Chairman Graves to set up a committee meeting to discuss a policy and place it on the agenda. Mr. DuBose reminded Council that Dillon County already has a policy regarding convenience centers.

Discussion was held concerning employees who worked overtime due to snow days being compensated and the fairness of some who had to work when others did not. Mr. Graves suggested that the budget committee discuss that issue.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. DuBose told that he anticipated closing the Lockamy Scrap Metal property (adjacent to the landfill) in the next few weeks. Mr. Young told that we hope to advertise the vertical expansion of the C & D landfill by summer.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD 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
Bobby Moody motioned to table the reading. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Johnson motioned to adjourn. Bobby Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

Andrew Graves, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____