

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

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on March 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 (*arrived late), Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, and Andrew Graves. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator) Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (*arrived late - 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 (SCANANA), 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, Dan McLeod, Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Mike Hanna (Hanna Engineering), Wilmer Arnette (Trico Water Company), D.C. Barbot (Barbot Engineering), Shipp Daniel (Solicitor's Office), Shannon Munoz and Glenn Lane (PD Regional Council of Governments), Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), and Steve Rogers (Dillon County Tax Assessor); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting. He asked that those in attendance not have conversations during the meeting as it is distracting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Harold Moody motioned to approve the agenda. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 02/26 & 03/18/14 Called

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor. (*Archie Scott arrived)

NEW BUSINESS

BIDS - GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014

Mr. Young explained the purpose of the bonds was to finance the Justice Center. He told that the bid package was sent to 13 banks and that two bids were received as follows: BB&T 1.48% and First Citizens Bank 1.61%. **T.F. Finklea motioned to accept the low bid from BB&T. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

BIDS - NORTHEASTERN COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL PARK WATER & SEWER SYSTEM.

Mr. Young explained that five bids were received and that the low bid from Frank Horne Construction, Inc. for \$567,803.57 is recommended by Mike Hanna (Engineer) and himself. (*Betsy Finklea arrived) **Joe Johnson motioned to accept the low bid (Frank Horne Construction) subject to the City of Dillon receiving an easement from Love's Travel. Bobby Moody seconded. All, except Archie Scott, voted in favor.**

APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL SITE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – PAYNE A INDUSTRIAL SITE

Tonny McNeil asked Council to discuss this in executive session, along with two other items on the agenda (1) Approval of Architect Agreement as to Proposed Logistics Center and (2) Resolution Concerning Speculation Building Expansion. **Randy Goings motioned to table this until discussion in Executive Session. T.F. Finklea seconded and all, except Archie Scott, voted in favor. Mr. Scott stated he was not voting.**

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APPROVAL OF PEE DEE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – EDA GRANT AWARD NO. 04-01-06875

Mr. Young told that this is normal procedure under the grant, which funds a new entrance road for Harbor Freight. **T.F. Finklea motioned to approve the contract. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT (PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT)

Mr. Young told of the request by the Sheriff, who has worked something out on a contract basis with Shipp Daniel, as this is required at the Jail. Mr. DuBose told that this is required by Federal law as we house Federal prisoners. **Archie Scott motioned to table the matter until the Public Safety Committee can discuss this with the sheriff. T.F. Finkea seconded and all were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT AGREEMENT AS TO PROPOSED LOGISTICS CENTER

To be discussed in Executive Session.

BIDS – ROADS AND BRIDGES SHOP ROOF

Mr. Young told that three bids were received (FBI - \$35,000, Monty Grey Construction \$11,600 and Roof Co. \$17,950). Richard Gaddy explained that the current roof was flat and this will be an A frame roof. He recommended the low bid by Monty Grey. **Joe Johnson motioned to accept the low bid of \$11,600 by Monty Grey. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

PURCHASE OF SHERIFF'S COMPUTERS (STATE CONTRACT)

Mr. Young asked that the Public Safety Committee meet to review this. **Joe Johnson motioned to table the matter and refer to the committee. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following requests: \$175.00 payable to Family Sports Center for Invoice 5555 for Lake View Recreation all-star basketball uniforms from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$150.00 payable to Dillon Middle School for student's Washington DC trip on May 19 through May 23, 2014 from all Councilmember's recreation accounts \$25.00 each; \$175.00 payable to Dillon School District Four, Programs for Exceptional Children "Spring Games" to be held in May, 2014 from all Councilmember's recreation accounts \$25.00 each; and \$75.00 payable to Dillon County Boys and Girls Youth Center for construction and equipment from Archie Scott, Randy Goings, and Andrew Graves' recreation accounts \$25.00 each. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

DEBRIS REMOVAL POLICY

Mr. Young briefly spoke about what the SC Department of Transportation was doing through the FEMA assistance due to the ice/snow storm which occurred last month. Councilman Goings suggested that the County come up with a policy possibly as a seasonal clean-up schedule for the rural areas. He noted that senior citizens need some assistance and told of problems with debris dumped in some areas such as the St. Mary's cemetery. **Archie Scott motioned to table and refer the issue to the Public Works Committee. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.** Mr. Young spoke of a pilot program which Horry County is beginning. Chairman Graves told that we may need to put litter patrol in the budget and have the person write citations and have them appear in court.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told that the report shows \$1,474,078 revenues over expenses. Discussion was held concerning the County's good bond rating, strong tax base, and accomplishments made in recent years.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEE

PROPOSED SHERIFF/CORONER BUILDING

Mr. Young told that the Committee agreed to seek a price on the building as dried in and sub-contracted out, hoping to save money. Mr. Goings told that he and Winna Miller had worked on the project but are not yet ready to make a presentation to Council.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

COMPACTOR (CATERPILLAR 816F) REPAIR

Mr. Young told that this is landfill equipment in the shop with an estimated cost to repair at \$12,000 to \$13,000. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve giving Mr. Young the authority to repair the equipment up to \$13,000. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. DuBose told that the Lockamy Scrap Metal property (adjacent to the landfill) was purchased today thus allowing for the vertical expansion of the C & D landfill.

He also told that Love's has approved and should be signing soon, the sewer easement with the City of Dillon.

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

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose told that the company name is TCP Capital, LLC and Startek USA, Inc. **Harold Moody motioned to have third reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND (TAX MAP #59-14-4-2 RECYCLING FACILITY)

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. Young told that the Building Committee recommends this. **Bobby Moody motioned to have second reading by title only (as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.** Tonny McNeil told Council that he would like to discuss the building as an economic development product if it is not sold.

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$400,000

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. Young told this deals with the purchase of three pieces of equipment: a fire/pumper truck (Station One), a backhoe and a fuel truck for Public Works (Roads and Bridges) at an estimated cost of \$359,219. He proposed financing for seven years. **Archie Scott motioned to have second reading by title only (as set for in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

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RESOLUTIONS

SPECULATION BUILDING EXPANSION

To be discussed in Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD - REPLACING RANDY GOINGS

Mr. Goings told that he does not have a recommendation yet. **Archie Scott motioned to table the appointment. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Mr. DuBose told that the purpose for the Executive Session was to discuss three agenda items: Approval of Industrial Site Certification Program – Payne A Industrial Site; Approval of Architect Agreement as to Proposed Logistics Center; and Resolution Concerning Speculation Building Expansion. **Bobby Moody motioned to go into executive session. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

APPROVAL OF INDUSTRIAL SITE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – PAYNE A INDUSTRIAL SITE

Mr. McNeil told that the estimated cost is \$55,000, with SC Commerce to reimburse 75% (\$41,250) and another grant (Duke Energy) to fund \$10,000. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the site certification (estimated cost to Dillon County of \$3,750). Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT AGREEMENT AS TO PROPOSED LOGISTICS CENTER

Tonny McNeil asked Council to table this matter. **Archie Scott motioned to table. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

RESOLUTIONS

SPECULATION BUILDING EXPANSION

Archie Scott motioned to approve the resolution to approve local funding support for a match of 20%, up to and not more than \$350,000, for a Rural Product Development Initiative grant contingent upon obtaining grants from other entities to defray the 20% match. Bobby Moody seconded. Voting in favor were: Bobby Moody, Andrew Graves, Randy Goings, and Archie Scott. Voting opposed were: Joe Johnson, Harold Moody, and T.F. Finklea. Motion carried by majority vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Andrew Graves, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____