

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2013
4: 00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on October 23, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody 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, Barbara Kemp (CGA Facilities Services), Chris Clark (Clark Eustice Wagner PA), Brandon Norris, Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Kathy Dawson and Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm) John Sweeney (Congressman Tom Rice’s office), Glen Wagner (City of Dillon), Town of Lake View, Will Johnson (Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd, PA) and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –09/25/13 & 10/02/13 (CALLED/WORKSHOP)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING GO BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000, SERIES 2014 AND GO BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000, SERIES 2015 (TABLE)

Mr. Young told that this will be moved to the next meeting due to possible changes. No one signed up to give any public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald on October 3, 2013.)

NEW BUSINESS

JOHN SWEENEY – CONGRESSMAN TOM RICE’S MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Mr. Sweeney told that their office will host mobile office hours from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in Dillon on October 29 and Latta on October 30 and asked Council and staff to help spread the word. He told that there is an office in Florence and explained the services provided.

SCDOT – SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AGREEMENT

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the agreement. T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Young and Mr. DuBose explained that this is the same as has been done every year.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CITY OF DILLON FIRE TRUCK FOR USE AT DILLON COUNTY FIRE STATION FIVE

Mr. Young told that this was at no cost to the County. Fire Chief Jimmy Jackson told that he has checked out the 1977 American LaFrance custom pumper. He stated it would need a new kit (pressure relief) for the transfer valve in the pump and felt he could repair this himself. **Joe Johnson motioned to accept the truck. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the following: \$100.00 payable to Fork Lodge #258 for their skeet shoot from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$135.00 payable to Sumter County Recreation for Lake View's football and cheerleading tournament fees from Bobby Moody's recreation; and \$45.00 payable to Latta Revitalization Commission for home tour ad campaign from T.F. Finklea's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. Chairman Scott asked if it was okay to donate to Dillon Christian School (request for year book ad). Mr. DuBose stated Council probably needs a policy stating that it will serve a public purpose and confirm their 501C3 status.

AMBULANCE PURCHASE (REPLACE WRECKED UNIT)

Bobby Moody motioned to approve followed by a second from Archie Scott. Mr. Young told that he believes the wrecked unit is totaled and that our insurance is reviewing as another vehicle was at fault. He stated he is not sure how much will be paid by the insurance and should know more at the next meeting. Upon Chairman Scott asking Mr. DuBose's opinion and being told that we should wait until we hear from the insurance company, Council deferred the matter to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BIDS – BINGHAM FIRE STATION (2ND RFB)

Andrew Graves motioned to accept the low bid. Randy Goings seconded. Mr. Young explained that four sealed bids were received with the low bid being from Precision Contractors Inc., Laurinburg, NC, in the amount of \$187,535.00. He explained that this is a turn-key job except for the heater in the truck bay and that the cost may increase for the cost of the bid bond. He stated this will be funded from the capital projects sales tax monies. **All were in favor.**

CHRIS CLARK (CLARK EUSTACE WAGNER, PA) - ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT PROPOSAL COST

Chairman Scott asked that Council defer this to the next meeting. Mr. Young told of receiving an email from Mr. Clark with a range from \$10,000 to \$12,000 for the procedures.

JUSTICE CENTER – CGA FACILITIES SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR REDESIGN OF SHERIFF/CORONER BUILDING

Mr. Young told that the building committee had discussed this at their meeting held on October 22, 2013. The proposed fee from CGA Facilities for redesign and rebidding is \$25,300 with an estimated construction cost of \$750,000. Mr. Goings, committee chairman, stated that the committee recommends possibly going another route to cut cost and do something similar as was done with the Bingham Fire Department. They discussed using the same blue prints that we already have for the building and getting an estimated price on a Butler Building, then decide whether to bid that out or redesign the building. He further stated that we may want to get an estimate on the cut down version and if that is low enough, we may want to bid out the original plan. Mr. Young told that he, Mr. Goings and Richard Gaddy will work on the details.

FINANCE REPORT

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Richard Gaddy told that the report reflects \$395,035.71 expenses over revenues and that revenues should pick up toward the end of the year and in January. He noted that department heads are still doing a good job holding down expenses and are within budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Young told that the Building Committee had met and discussed the changes to the Courthouse repair due to earthquake damage, window and door damage repairs, and security issues. He explained that Jody Munnerlyn, who was the architect when the building was renovated, is working on the project. He told that after the State Archives & History reviewed the project, they asked that we only put up one door on the city-county complex side, instead of the proposed one on each side. Winna Miller told that the cost changed from \$26,550 (Council approved in a prior meeting) to \$21,800 due to reducing the doors from two to one. She also discussed keyed entrances and cameras and estimated the cost of this to be less than \$5,000. Chairman Scott asked for confirmation that the insurance monies will cover all of the costs involved with the total project. Ms. Miller and Mr. Young stated that was correct. Further discussion was held concerning security and use of the Courthouse after the new justice building is complete. Mr. DuBose told that the Clerk of Court is also the Register of Deeds and where the other functions of her office are to be housed at is up to her.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

TOWN OF LAKE VIEW'S REQUEST FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES

Mr. Young told of receipt of a letter requesting this. He stated he would like to get with Larry Jones and the Mayor of Lake View to discuss the request.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

ORDINANCE READINGS

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS TEXAS, LP AND HF TWO LANDLORD (SC) LLC; APPLICATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT TO FEE-IN-LIEU; EXTENSION OF THE FEE TERM BY AMENDMENT TO THE 2001 FEE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED AND REVISED, BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS TEXAS, LP AND HF LANDLORD (SC) LLC; AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Chairman Scott read the ordinance title. **Harold Moody motioned to approve second reading by title only as set forth in the agenda. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE AMENDING DILLON COUNTY ORDINANCES NO. 11-09 AND NO 12-09 WITH RESPECT TO DISPOSITION OF REVENUES REPRESENTING FEE-IN-LIEU PAYMENTS RECEIVED AND RETAINED FROM CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY AND IN A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DILLON, MARLBORO AND MARION COUNTIES PURSUANT TO AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK DATES DECEMBER 12, 2012; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING (TABLE)

Mr. DuBose recommended Council table this until details are worked out in regards to projected revenues.

SECOND READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING GO BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000, SERIES 2014 AND GO BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$1,300,000, SERIES 2015

Chairman Scott read the ordinance title. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve second reading by title only as set forth in the agenda. T.F. Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

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FIRST READING - AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SUCH INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE PROPERTY INITIALLY LOCATED IN MARION COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Chairman Scott read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose explained that this is a multi-county park located in Marion County and will be a 99 percent Marion County and 1 percent Dillon County split. **T.F. Finklea motioned to approve first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BD – REPLACEMENT OF DOUG MILLER

Joe Johnson motioned to appoint Johnnie Luehrs. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

DILLON COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – REPLACEMENT OF RICHARD D. GADDY

T.F. Finklea asked to table the appointment until the next meeting.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER - DISTRICT 5

Harold Moody asked to table the appointment until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Graves motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Robert Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____