

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

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on January 23, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, 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), Harold Moody, The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Joe Johnson, 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 (SCANAs), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Archie Scott, Haywood Proctor, T.F. Finklea, Mike Burns, Brandon Norris, Lisa Morris and Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm), Richard Schafer, James Stephens and Matt Baker (SC Aeronautics), Bill Flemming (Marlboro Electric Coop), Toni Graves, Representative Jackie Hayes and Shannon Munoz (PDCOG), and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/12/12, 12/20/12, 01/08/13, & 01/16/13

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

NEW BUSINESS

SHERIFF HULON & RICHARD SCHAFFER – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS REQUEST

Mr. Schafer spoke about concerns of school safety and told of the current program that has been in place for years. He stated that they are in the process of adding three more school resource officers (at Gordon, Latta and the Technology Center). He stated however, that this leaves all elementary schools uncovered and is asking for help to expand the program.

Sheriff Hulon spoke of several meetings held last month with Representative Jackie Hayes, school officials, City officials, Dr. Kirby with Latta schools, and Chairman Archie Scott. He told that all are supportive and the City is willing to help with fuel for officers

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within the City. Sheriff Hulon furnished Council with information about funding needed. He asked Council to partner with the schools 50/50 in their efforts to put seven more officers in place. He told that the newest school resource officers are a temporary arrangement, working on their days off and that they do use the County vehicle and uniforms. He stated the goal is to begin in August of this year and told of an estimated cost of \$150,000 each from the County and Schools. He stated they would like to know by March whether or not Council may provide funding for next year.

Chairman Scott told that this will be discussed by the budget committee. He also told of a bill proposed in the Senate to fund SROs. Mr. DuBose told that a resolution may be passed stating Council's intent. Chairman Scott asked Mr. DuBose and Mr. Young to discuss further.

JAMES STEPHENS, SC AERONAUTICS COMMISSION - AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN

Mr. Stephens gave Council the plan which envisions what the airport could become. He asked Council to approve the plan so that more funding could be awarded to the County. He told that this plan was provided at no cost to the County and that their department was the liaison between the County and FAA. He stated that once Council approves the plan, the FAA will review, make comments, and sign off on the plan. He told of the needed tree clearing and runway improvements.

Mr. Young told that this was the same basic layout plan as was done in 2008 when we didn't get on the NPIAS, which would qualify us for approximately \$150,000 funding per year.

Harold Moody motioned to adopt the Dillon County Airport Layout Plan. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

RDA FUNDS – MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Mr. Young asked Council to approve acceptance of the RDA funds from Marlboro Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$329,714.28 with \$79, 714.28 of that amount to be credited to Marlboro County for obligations to the Tri-County spec building project. **Bobby Moody motioned to accept the funds. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VEHICLE PROPOSAL

Mr. Young told that this was a state contract price of \$25, 288 for a Chevrolet Tahoe. He told that the funds can be taken from the economic development contractual budget line item. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the purchase. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

FIRE CHIEF REQUIREMENTS

Chairman Scott told that this would be tabled as Council does not want to make any changes. He asked Mr. Young and Mr. DuBose to look at demographics of the County and told that there are minorities qualified for these positions.

OLD BUSINESS

AGREEMENT CONCERNING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND BILLBOARDS

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Mr. DuBose explained the agreement. He stated that Phase III is subject to funding, Phase I has been funded and Phase II is expected to be funded. He noted that Exhibit A was not correct concerning the abandonment of Farley Road and the lined item on page one needed to be put back in the text. Discussion was held concerning any further action needed to finalize the project. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agreement (with changes mentioned by Mr. DuBose). T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

ENGINEERING CONTRACT PROPOSALS – “PROJECT TOOL SHED” WATER, SEWER AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Tonny McNeil read the review panel selection summary which ranked the firms. He told that Weston and Sampson obtained the high score and is recommended by the Tri-County Park Corporation. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve Weston and Sampson proposal. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young told that page 18 of the report reflects \$208,750.27 expenses over revenues and that the expected quarterly allocations are not on this report. He told that we are where we need to be at this time of the budget year and stated a full council workshop is needed to review mid year expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSFER STATION REPAIR (\$36,250)

Mr. Young told that Council was provided a breakdown of the work needed. Harold Moody explained the problems and work to be done. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the repair. Bobby moody seconded and all were in favor.**

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Scott told that the Finance Committee had met and recommends to Council that a finance director and payroll clerk be hired, as was mentioned in the last audit report. He also discussed the check register provided to Council not having an authorized signature on it and would like to put that on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

COUNTY POSITIONS

Mr. Young referred to Chairman Scott’s previous comments concerning the positions.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT SQUEEZE”

Tabled

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012B

Tabled

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THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR "PROJECT TOOL SHED"

Tabled

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND DILLON COUNTY ZONING #18
Andrew Graves motioned to approve the reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor. Larry Jones explained the request.

RESOLUTIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

T.F. Finklea motioned to approve the resolution, followed by a second from Joe Johnson. All voted in favor. Toni Graves read the proclamation and recommended an affirmative action plan stating that more African Americans need to be employed.

APPOINTMENTS

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD

T.F. Finklea motioned to recommend Alan Berry to the board and told that Mr. Berry is willing to serve. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS – CARRIE M. TOWNSEND & EARL GLEASON, JR.

Bobby Moody motioned to reappoint both members. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD – COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3 & 4, CHAIRMAN AND SC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNEES

Archie Scott motioned to table the appointments. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Robert Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____