

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 24, 2013
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on April 24, 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), 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), 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 (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Frank Brockington, Stephanie Rawlinson (Congressman Tom Rice), Bill Fleming (Marlboro Electric), Neill Alford (Bingham citizen), Shannon Munoz (PDCOG), Charlie Bailey, Josh Holt, Malcolm Rogers, Buddy Ray and Larry Cox (Dillon County Fire Chiefs) and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting. He allowed Congressman Tom Rice's representative, Stephanie Rawlinson, to introduce herself and tell of the services their office provides to the citizens.

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 - 03/27/13

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK PROCLAMATION

Chairman Scott asked that this item (11B) be moved up on the agenda. Heywood Proctor spoke concerning Law Enforcement Week activities. Ken DuBose read the proclamation. **T.F. Finklea motioned to approve the proclamation. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

NEILL ALFORD - BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Mr. Alford told that he and Harold Blue had a meeting with Mr. Young and Mr. Graves yesterday about concerns of the next step for the Bingham Fire Department. He told that they have a list of names of volunteers ready to be trained. Mr. Alford suggested using the same building plans as the other fire departments. Chairman Scott told that this was already voted upon and asked Mr. Young if there were enough funds in the Capital Projects Sales Tax. Mr. Young told that there were funds left. He stated there were four fire departments planned for \$250,000 total and that amount was exceeded in building the three that have been completed. He told that Mr. Gandy had previously recommended the 2,400 square foot building and Council approved that. Therefore, Council's approval is needed if they go up to 4,800 square feet. Discussion was held concerning sleeping quarters and the cost to man and equip the department. Mr. Young and Chairman Scott suggested the Public Safety Committee meet and make recommendation to Council.

ALLIANCE CONSULTING - SITE CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL: J. PRICE INDUSTRIAL SITE

Tonny McNeil explained that this is a 175 acre site west of the existing Perdue facility. He told there is a pending project for this site and asked for support and permission to re-certify the site at a proposed cost of \$41,500. He also told of grant funding available from Duke Energy, SC Department of Commerce and NESAs for this purpose. Chairman Scott told that the Council agrees to proceed.

BIDS – PORCHES, DECKS, ROOFS, STEPS & RAMP FOR MODULAR MOBILE OFFICE

Tabled.

ABANDONED CEMETERY PROPOSALS – MCINNIS CEMETERY & ELVINGTON-ROZIER CEMETERY

Bobby Moody motioned to accept these two cemeteries as abandoned. T. F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor. Harold Moody asked for clarification concerning the Miller-Wiggins cemetery listed as private. Mr. Young told that he and Mr. DuBose will discuss it with Terry Morris. Other discussion was held concerning private cemeteries and Mt. Holly cemetery where founder James Dillon is buried.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the following requests: \$200.00 payable to New Jerusalem Holy Church of God for their YPHA youth Easter celebration from Randy Goings' recreation; \$50.00 payable to Neighbors Helping Neighbors Ministry for their fundraiser benefit held on April 5, 2013 from Harold Moody's recreation; \$50.00 payable to American Cancer Society for Relay for Life even on May 31, 2013 from Joe Johnson's recreation; and \$64.80 payable to Family Sports Center (Inv 6336) for softballs for Fork Softball from Bobby Moody's recreation. T. F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Goings asked about a possible dinner sometime this year for first responders. Chairman Scott told that the Administration Committee could look at this.

OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL PROPERTY PURCHASES

Tabled.

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FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young went over the report and told that the revenues over expenses balance was \$398,458.15. He noted that if we continue in line that we should end up close to budgeted figures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None. Mr. Young told that the Public Safety and Administration Committees will probably meet within the next few weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. DuBose told that the information Council had requested concerning payroll has been furnished to them.

ORDINANCE READINGS

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

Tabled. Mr. Young told that work is being done on the final language and all three counties will approve an ordinance.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING

Chairman Scott told that he understands we need product but he doesn't feel this gives Council room to negotiate. Mr. DuBose explained that the actual agreement with details of obligations will be available at second and third reading. **Joe Johnson motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Randy Goings seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott voted opposed.**

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Mr. Young told that Council had a budget workshop on April 17, 2013. **Andrew Graves motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. T. F. Finklea seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott voted opposed.** Chairman Scott told he opposed because of a misunderstanding he had concerning the \$150,000 match from the Schools as to why \$300,000 was allotted in the budget. Mr. Young suggested that he and Mr. Scott discuss this further.

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE DISTRIBUTING PAYMENT OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES RECEIVED BY DILLON COUNTY FOR PARK PREMISES LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARKS

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Mr. DuBose told of prior discussions in regards to recouping expenses (to up fit the old Mohawk building leased by Harbor Freight and other items as part of the Inducement Agreement). He stated this is the first step to place a mechanism as to how Dillon County gets reimbursed.

Joe Johnson motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

FAIR HOUSING

Mr. Young explained that this is necessary for grant funding, etc. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.** Mr. DuBose read the resolution.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK PROCLAMATION

This item was taken up at the beginning of the meeting.

DILLON COUNTY FIRE FIGHTER STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Harold Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Joe Johnson seconded. Archie Scott told that he strongly disagrees with some of the things and feels it is not fair. He stated he thinks the men working at the fire departments know the guys better and should elect the fire chiefs rather than the County Administrator. **Voting in favor were Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Bobby Moody, Harold Moody and Joe Johnson. Voting against were Archie Scott and Andrew Graves.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Robert Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____