

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2012
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on July 25, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Archie Scott, Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson and Harold Moody. Not present was Bobby Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), and Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council). Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) was not present.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Gerald Poss Consulting, 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 (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 (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Lisa Morris and Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm), and Archie Scott; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 06/27/2012

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

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION REQUESTS

Mr. Gandy read the requests. Archie Scott motioned to approve the following: \$300.00 payable to High School Sports Report for ads from Archie Scott's (\$150.00) and Aron Gandy's (\$150.00) recreation; \$196.43 payable to Marther's Fence Company for balance of repairs and new fence and gate at Oak Grove Ball Park from Aron Gandy's recreation; \$120.00 payable to Eastern Regional Softball League for Fork Softball from Bobby Moody's recreation; and \$100.00 payable to City of Dillon Parks and Recreation for funds for the Dixie Belles to attend the 2012 Dixie Softball World Series in Powhatan, Virginia from Harold Moody's recreation. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

BIDS – PEST CONTROL

Mr. Young told that bids were received and reviewed by the Council building committee. He told that a tie was broken, per the procurement policy, leaving Bailey's Pest Control as the winner. Archie Scott questioned if a County employee could be awarded the bid since Mr.

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Bailey worked for us. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the bid award to Bailey's Pest Control (\$430/month) contingent upon review of the County code. Joe Johnson seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott stated that he did not want to vote until the matter was confirmed.**

BIDS – MODULAR OFFICE

Mr. Young told that bids were received and reviewed by the Council public works committee and explained that only one bid of \$24,066.67 from Scotsman for a used unit was received. He stated that the lowest bid on the new unit was for \$34,781.00 from Modular Technologies. Frank Brockington stated that he had looked at the used one and it is in good shape. **Archie Scott motioned to purchase the new unit at \$34,781 because it will last longer and be more sufficient. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

BIDS – EXCAVATOR

Mr. Young told that bids were received and reviewed by the Council public works committee and explained that two bids were received but one (H&E Equipment) was not a Caterpillar make. Ms. Gray told of the Blanchard Machinery bid change to add a manual thumb (cost \$4,686) at Bennett Bethea's request. The Blanchard bid was \$216,538 base plus all options, including the thumb, totaled \$243,376. Harold Moody explained that this equipment is used to dig dirt to repair county roads and cover the landfill. Mr. Graves suggested the committee review the bid again. The item was tabled.

BIDS – MACK TRACTORS

Mr. Young told that bids were received and reviewed by the Council public works committee. Mr. Gandy explained that only one bid of \$115,693.50 each truck (purchasing three for total cost of \$347,080.50) was received from Florence Truck Center. **Archie Scott motioned to purchase the Mack Trucks. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Young asked Council to discuss this in executive session.

GADDY PROPERTY OPTION

Mr. Young asked Council to discuss this in executive session. Mr. Dubose explained that this does not bind the County.

FIRE CHIEF REQUIREMENTS

Joe Johnson motioned that all Dillon County Fire Chiefs also serve as full time engineers hired by, report to and supervised by the County Administrator effective immediately and implemented as soon as is feasible. Mr. Scott stated that the administrator needs to handle the fire departments. Harold Moody seconded. Voting in favor were Harold Moody, Joe Johnson and Aron Gandy. Voting opposed were Archie Scott and Andrew Graves. Mr. Scott questioned the majority vote. Mr. DuBose stated that three was the majority in this case.

LATTA SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY (OAK GROVE – DILLON COUNTY FIRE STATION NINE)

Mr. Young told of receiving a letter from John Kirby requesting the County purchase the Oak

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Grove Fire Department property appraised at \$35,000. Mr. Young recommended the Council do this since we plan to have the department there for a number of years. **Joe Johnson motioned to purchase the property for \$35,000. Harold Moody seconded stating that we need to own the land and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott stated that we already have fire departments in the County and do not need more property.**

OLD BUSINESS

BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY CONTRACT

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the signing of the contract. Andrew Graves seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott stated he was opposed for the same reasons stated in earlier action concerning the Bingham Fire Department.

MOHAWK BUILDING REPAIRS

Mr. Young asked Council to hold off on this until they discuss the Harbor Freight Lease agreement.

MEGA SITE FUNDS

Mr. Young told of funds remaining and an upcoming informal meeting in August to look at options.

SPEC BUILDING – DILLON, MARION & MARLBORO COUNTIES INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Young told that the Tri-County Park committee will meet to discuss options of the locations of the spec building. He told that we did obtain a grant from SC Department of Commerce.

FIREMEN PHYSICALS

Mr. Young told of having obtained five proposals which staff is still reviewing. He told that he had met with the fire chiefs last week. He stated a special called meeting may be held on August 8th and this can be addressed then. Archie Scott said that he understood that OSHA requires this. Harold Moody agreed and told that it is a liability issue also. Mr. Johnson stated that some can be honorary firemen or support firemen, not front line fire fighters if they are not physically able. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Young if he was going to carry out this policy. Mr. Young stated that he would.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young told that page 18 of the report reflected figures and that expenditures were probably accurate but that revenues do not include the quarterly funds that will come from the State. He stated we are finalizing the fiscal year. He told that we had run a surplus in the debt service fund. He also mentioned the equipment purchases to be made and bonds to be issued for that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Young told that we had a couple of committee meetings and that most of the items were covered on this agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

AIRPORT RUNWAY SEALING PROJECT UPDATE

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Mr. Young told of receiving a grant from SC Aeronautics Commission and that we should receive additional grant funds from the FAA. He stated Council had approved making application a while back and he recently received the grant documents, signed and returned them. He told that the grant amount was around \$134,000, a small change of around \$1,000 from the initial amount. The state portion is 75% and County portion is 25%. He stated we had also asked for some additional technical items.

PERSONNEL POLICY - RETIREE INSURANCE

Mr. Young told of providing information concerning GASB 45 to one of the Council committees and that we need to address this at the next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

ORDINANCE READINGS

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

Tabled

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

Mr. Young told that this is for equipment purchases and may be less than this amount but that he should have more specific amount by third reading. **Archie Scott motioned to have second reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

FIRST READING – PROVIDING FOR CLOSING OR DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

Mr. Young told that he, Mr. DuBose and Larry Jones will continue to work on the ordinance. Mr. DuBose told that he had prepared the ordinance at request of Council. He explained the process and told that it is difficult to recoup funds spent to demolish buildings. **Joe Johnson motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Andrew Graves seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott stated that he has not had time to review the ordinance.**

FIRST READING – 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

Mr. Young told of receiving a letter from the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic Development Corporation requesting Council include this on today's agenda. He stated we should have more clarification by the next meeting. **Harold Moody motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC.

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Mr. Young told that this will be discussed further in executive session. **Harold Moody motioned to have first reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING #18 - TAX MAP #33-00-00-442
JOHNSON PROPERTY FROM RS-2 TO GC**

Mr. Scott told that this was in his district and asked Mr. Young if Mr. Johnson had talked with him about this issue. Mr. Young stated that he had not and that Mr. Johnson had gone through the Planning Commission process. Larry Jones explained the process and told of the Commission's recommendation to deny the request. Mr. Scott stated that he does not think Council needs to do anything. Mr. Gandy called for a motion. **Andrew Graves motioned to have first reading by title only. No second was made therefore, the motion failed.**

RESOLUTIONS

**TO RESCIND RESOLUTION ADOPTED JANUARY 25, 2012 WHICH AUTHORIZED
THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INDUCEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND "PROJECT CASINGS"**

Mr. Young told that the resolution of January 25th was never signed. He told that he sent a letter to the company notifying them that the agreement was off and that we will try to work with them in the future. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Joe Johnson seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Mr. Scott told that did not vote because he was getting feedback concerning this.**

APPOINTMENTS

PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD

Tabled

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONTRACTUAL
MATTERS**

Archie Scott motioned to go into executive session. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

(Note Archie Scott left the meeting during executive session)

Harold Moody motioned to come out of executive session, followed by a second from Joe Johnson. All voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Johnson motioned to adjourn. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

Aron Gandy, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____