

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

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on January 25, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Archie Scott, Macio Williamson, Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council), and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Gerald Poss, Consulting, Yolanda McCormick (Librarian), Susan Norton (Perdue), The Dillon Herald, Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Jamie Estes (Treasurer), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Dan Gruszka, Charles Curry, Terry Morris, Jerry Rivers, Alan Lane, Alvin Nobles (all citizens' request), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Steve Johnson, Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), WMBF News, Dillon County Planning/ Code Enforcement Office, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Ron Bartley (NETC), Sheriff Major Hulon, Chris Clark and Walda Wildman (Independent Auditors), Mayor Nancy Brigman, Toni Graves, Mike Burns, Brad Norris and Dan McLeod (McNair Law), Bill Fleming (Marlboro Electric) ; By fax – Dillon County E911, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott opened the meeting, then newly elected Chairman Aron Gandy presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Macio Williamson motioned to approve the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12/21/11

Lisa Gray told Council of two additions to the minutes concerning the actual purchase prices of equipment on page two and price of property behind the Sheriff's office on page three. **Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTIONS OF CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Scott told that it was customary for Council to vote secret ballot. **Harold Moody motioned to elect the chairman and vice-chairman by secret ballot, as is customary in the U.S. Graves seconded and all were in favor.** Paper ballots were distributed and collected for both offices. Aron Gandy was elected as the new chairman and Joe Johnson was elected as the

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new vice-chairman. Mr. Scott turned the gavel over to Mr. Gandy, who thanked Council for their support.

CHRIS CLARK – 2010-11 COUNTY AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Young told that Council was provided the audit at the December meeting to give them time to review. Mr. Clark told that the audit process went smoothly and a clean opinion was issued with no findings of misuse of funds. He told of two material weaknesses (1) lack of internal controls and (2) lack of adequate controls over payroll and accounts payable processing. He commented on the recommendations listed in the management letter. Mr. Clark told that the County added \$1,054,769 to the cash balance.

NANCY BRIGMAN – TOWN OF LATTA UTILITIES RELOCATION

Mayor Brigman told of the necessity to relocate the Town's utilities outside the Town limits but inside the County of Dillon. She told Council that this is a County issue as much as it is the Town's. She stated this was a \$1.8 million debt and was not asking for funds from the County but suggested the County seek funds from the Federal government (contact Congressman) since it is a Federal issue. Mr. Young told of proposed legislation concerning the project funding and will contact our representative with a letter from the chairman and himself. Chairman Gandy asked Mr. Young and Mr. Dubose to pursue this.

2012 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Chairman Gandy told of two changes from the 4th Wednesday, February and December meetings. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the schedule. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

2012 COUNTY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the schedule. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

OLD RIVER ROAD – PHASE 2 BORROW PIT PURCHASE

Mr. Young told that this was necessary to obtain dirt needed for the IWP landfill closure currently in progress. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the purchase of the five acre pit. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

TRAILER PURCHASES FOR LANDFILL AND ROADS/BRIDGES

Mr. Young asked if this could be moved to the Public Works committee for a recommendation to Council.

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL AGREEMENT WITH SCDOT

Mr. Dubose told that SC DOT has formulated a uniform agreement concerning our public works assisting them during emergencies. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the agreement. Macio Williamson seconded and all were in favor.**

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MARLBORO ELECTRIC - DILLON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Young told that this is a better way to obtain funding for the strategic plan through NESAs and Marlboro Electric Cooperative. He stated that \$25,000 each (\$75,000 total) would come from MEGA site funds on hand, NESAs, and Marlboro Electric. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agreement. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

MARLBORO ELECTRIC - DILLON COUNTY CONSULTANT SERIES

Mr. Young told of marketing conducted for the MEGA site and this proposal to have NESAs contract with consultants to showcase the site to larger industries. The \$50,000 will come from the MEGA site funds on hand. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agreement. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY

Mr. Dubose told that this was provided to Council in December for their consideration. He told that it was in the best interest of the County, staff, and citizens to have a policy to adhere to.

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the agreement. Joe Johnson seconded and all, except Andrew Graves, were in favor. Mr. Graves was opposed to the motion.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young reported expenses to date for the Mohawk building were \$510,527.00 and furnished the Treasurer's report of bank account balances of \$12,468,619. He told that the monthly fuel report was furnished to Council and stated that the budget was running normal for this time of year. He noted that Council had approved a GO bond for the IWP landfill closure and City-County building roof repair but that the bonds have not been issued yet, stating that we may not need it. He told that he would like to meet with the Council's administration committee to discuss the budget projections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Young told that the administration committee had met but did not have any report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Young discussed the enhancement of I-95 and Hwy 34. He stated he will draft a letter to Representative Jackie Hayes requesting approval to clean up the interchange and also apply for a grant (80/20). He told that there is a need to clean up more than the SCDOT contractors do. Harold Moody told of a meeting with the City and others to discuss this several months ago. Aron Gandy suggested also looking at I-95 and Hwy 38.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None

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ORDINANCE READINGS

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

Mr. Dubose told Council he prepared this ordinance upon their request. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the first reading by title only as set for in the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.** Mr. Dubose suggested that before second reading and advertisement of the sale Council needs to approve the terms (deposit requirements, reserve the right to accept or reject any and all bids and the right to negotiate with the bidder, etc.)

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK WITH MARION COUNTY (MOHAWK BLDG)

Mr. Young told that this will put the old Mohawk building into a multi-county park, with Marion County getting the minimum of 1%. (Note: the ordinance read on 07/27/11, 08/24/11 & 09/28/11 concerned Dillon Furniture, not the Mohawk building) **Macio Williamson motioned to approve the first reading by title only as set for in the agenda. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT CASINGS”

Mr. Young asked Council to consider voting after discussion of this in executive session.

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK WITH MARION COUNTY DATED APRIL 1, 2007 (ADD FRANCO)

Mr. Young told that Franco needs to be in a multi-county park. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the second reading by title only as set for in the agenda. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

RESOLUTIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

Archie Scott motioned to approve the proclamation. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

INDUCEMENT AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT - PROJECT CASINGS

Mr. Dubose told that this goes hand in hand with the Ordinance to Authorize Fee-In-Lieu and Certain Credits for “Project Casings” to be discussed in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER

Joe Johnson motioned to go into executive session. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

Bobby Moody motioned to come out of executive session, followed by a second from Macio Williamson. All voted in favor.

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RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT CASINGS”

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the first reading by title only as set for in the agenda. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

INDUCEMENT AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT - PROJECT CASINGS

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Aron Gandy, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____