

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2016
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on November 16, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Randy Goings (*arrived late), Robbie Coward, Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, and Bobby Moody. Also present were: Rodney Berry (Interim County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Jamie Sue Stephens (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), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Rhonda Leonard, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The County Council led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Harold Moody asked Council to add under executive session Project Particular and Mr. Fantastic. Archie Scott motioned to amend agenda to add to executive session, Project Particular and Mr. Fantastic. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor. Archie Scott motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of Project Particular and Mr. Fantastic. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. (*Randy Goings arrived)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/26/16, 11/03/16 (called), 11/07/16 (called)

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the minutes. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following requests: \$275.00 payable to Methodist Church Youth Group of Lake View, \$200.00 from Bobby Moody's recreation, \$25.00 each from Archie Scott, Randy Goings, and Harold Moody's recreation; \$275.00 payable to First Baptist Church Youth Group of Lake View, \$200 from Bobby Moody's recreation, \$25.00 each from Archie Scott, Randy Goings, and Harold Moody's recreation; Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Archie Scott commented that he had looked at the airport and the runway. He told Council that the airport looked good and it showed that work had been done at the airport. He believes that it is time to get the airport up and running **Archie Scott motioned for the airport to be up in operation with the administrator to add a director and advertise for a director. Robbie Coward seconded. Voting for motion was: Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Stevie Grice, Randy Goings, TF Finklea, Jr. Voting against motion was: Harold Moody and Bobby Moody.**

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FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy reported that currently we have a negative \$567,981.15 more expenses than revenues as of the end of October. Harold Moody commented that it was reported on October 26, 2016 that there was about \$1.6 million damage from hurricane and that the minutes reflected that we are waiting to see what FEMA and the insurance company are going to pay for repairs. Mr. Rodney Berry replied that expectations are that we do qualify seventy five percent back from FEMA but do not have a number at this time. Randy Goings commented that he knew the Judicial Center was damaged in the process of dealing with the builder. Mr. Rodney Berry told Randy Goings that there would be an update on this matter in executive session.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Rodney Berry told Council this was for information only. He met with EDA to obtain monies for Harbor Freight and we have the ideal application that it addresses all things that need to be addressed. Received letter from insurance company pertaining to the Bingham Fire Department, at this time their ISO rating is a ten, if it were to be a substation combined with Latta Fire Department this would allow the ISO rating to be reduced to a seven, which would save property owners a significant amount of money. Need to look at charging for Landfill fees again. On Wednesday, November 9th, several went to Charleston and met with Board members of the Ports Authority. Monday, December 12, 2016 the Parris Island Marine Corps Band will be performing at the Ellis Performing Arts Center in Latta, SC at 6:30 pm. This is a great Christmas program coming at no cost. The Inland Port has applied for a Fast Lane Grant with DOT and will need support letters from each one.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

District One – Randy Goings - No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

District Seven – No appointment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER – PROJECT BADGER; INLAND PORT LEGAL MATTER – JUDICIAL CENTER

Archie Scott motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Robbie Coward motioned to come out of executive session. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____