

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on December 13, 2017 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Jack Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not Present Robbie Coward

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, Bill Patel, Tonya Brown, S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, A. Humes, Bill Patel, Matthew Elvington, B.Herring, Kiahanna Patterson, WBTW News, Susan McDonanld ; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rodney Berry, County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Charles Taylor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TF Finklea motioned to approve the agenda. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/07/17(called), 11/15/17(regular),11/17/17 (called), 12/01/17 (called)

Harold Moody motioned to approve the minutes. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK. (PROJECT BIO)

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's, November 21, 2017 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES AND TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDED BUDGET. There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's, November 28, 2017 edition.)

NEW BUSINESS

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DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Vice-Chairman Stevie Grice and County Administrator, Rodney Berry recognized Richard Gaddy as Department Head of the Month. Richard is the Finance Director. Rodney thanked him for all the hard work that he does. Richard was presented a gift card. Employee of the month was Lisa Gutliffe, who works at the Probate Office. She was presented a gift card.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Stevie Grice motioned to approve the following requests; \$550.00 payable to East Dillon Baptist Church for the annual toy and food drive, December 20, 2017, \$200.00 from TF Finklea, \$100.00 each from Stevie Grice, Harold Moody and Jack Scott, \$25.00 each from Archie Scott and James Campbell's recreation; \$216.00 payable to Family Sport's Center for 11-12 Allstar football team District Champs for trophies \$50.00 each from Jack Scott, Harold Moody, TF Finklea, and Stevie Grice, \$8.00 each from James Campbell and Archie Scott's recreation; \$325.00 payable to Criterion Club for Christmas cheer to families in the community, \$200.00 from James Campbell, \$50.00 each from Stevie Grice and Harold Moody, \$25.00 from Archie Scott's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

RONALD CRAWFORD – DEMOLITION EFFORTS.

Mr. Crawford explained that in four months the County has only torn down one trailer and one house and that now Newtown cannot find equipment. He stated that it seems like they start and then just stop. Archie Scott explained to Mr. Crawford that the County cannot tear down a house everyday, that we only have so much man power. Councilman Scott also stated that progress is being made because at one time there was nothing being done.

STATION #9 – HURST EXTRICATION TOOLS

TF Finklea motioned to purchase Hurst Extrication Tools from Palmetto Rural Fire Department for \$6,000.00. This is to replace their current 30 year old extrication tool. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

NESA – JEFF MCKAY PRESENTATION

Linda Hayes introduced Jeff McKay who is from NESA. Jeff told Council that NESA's job is to work with Tonny McNeil and the County Administrator. He explained that three counties come together collaboratively and that in January the annual report is released. He stated that 2017 for Dillon County was a good year but 2018 is shaping up to be a better year.

CONTRACTUAL MATTER TO PERFORM WORK ON REMOVAL OF WATER LINES AT HARBOR FREIGHT

This is to remove current water lines on Harbor Freight property. There were two bids – one from Copperhead Cove Marine for \$37,568.00 and one from Clayco in the amount of \$147,727.71. James Campbell motioned to take the lowest bid of \$37,568.00. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT TRI COUNTY PARK

There were five bids for the new road construction at Tri-County Park – 1) D&L Sitework -\$3,798,506.78; 2) Palmetto Corp. - \$5,024,926.18; 3) RH Moore - \$4,090,500.10; 4) Richardson Con. - \$6,997,215.70; 5) Cherokee -\$4,938,035.48. TF Finklea motioned to go with the lowest bid which is D & L Sitework in the amount of \$3,798,506.78. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY CLOSINGS SCHEDULE

James Campbell motioned to approve 2018 County Holiday Closing Schedule. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

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APPROVAL OF COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Stevie Grice motioned to approve 2018 Council Meeting Schedule. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of December 13, 2017 with available balance \$754,728.40.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

HARBOR FREIGHT GROUNDBREAKING COMMENTS

Rodney Berry told Council that Harbor Freight had held their Groundbreaking earlier in the day(December 13, 2017) and that the Governor, Commerce Department, Marlboro Electric and many Officials from Harbor Freight.

MARINE CORP BAND COMMENTS

Rodney Berry stated that the Marine Corp Band was at Dillon High School on December 12, 2017. It was a free concert and had a very good crowd. Vice-Chairman Stevie Grice introduced the band.

CARESOUTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rodney Berry stated that December 18, 2017 that Caresouth would have a groundbreaking and that they will house our DHEC Building.

NESA EVENTS

Rodney Berry explained that NESA is having a conference on December 14 and 15, 2017 at the beach and that most Administrators and Economic Developers will be there.

ORDINANCES

THIRD READING – A SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND, SERIES 2018, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF SUCH BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AMENDING ORDINANCE 14 -11 OF DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF “PLEGGED REVENUES” AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Harold Moody motioned to have third reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK.

James Campbell motioned to have third reading. TF Finkla seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 041-14-00-001 PROPERTY OWNERS BRYAN AND RACHEL MCKENZIE FROM FURAL (RU) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) PROPOSED LOCATION HIGHWAY 301 NORTH, DILLON, SC 29536.

Harold Moody motioned to have third reading. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 069-00-00-099 PROPERTY OWNER INEZ GLENN MCLAURIN FOWLER FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO RURAL (RU) PROPOSED LOCATION HIGHWAY 57 SOUTH DILLON, SC 29536.

Harold Moody motioned to have third reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

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THIRD READING- AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER

034-00-00-026 PROPERTY OWNERS WALTER AND JACK PRICE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO RURAL (RU).

Stevie Grice motioned to have third reading. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 069-00-00-102 PROPERTY OWNERS WALTER AND JACK PRICE FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) TO RURAL (RU). Harold Moody motioned to have third reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES AND TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMENDED BUDGET.

James Campbell motioned to have third reading. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF ALL OF DILLON COUNTY’S INTEREST IN TAX MAP #104-08-12-003 LOCATED ON BAMBERG STREET IN LATTA TO LATTA RESCUE SQUAD, INC., AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Stevie Grice motioned to have first reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE FROM DILLON COUNTY TO CONNER H. BRACEY OF .54 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF TAX MAP PARCEL 040-00-00-034, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

James Campbell motioned to table first reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ASSIGNMENTS OF CERTAIN LAND OPTION AGREEMENTS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “ASSIGNMENTS”) FROM DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) TO MDT HOLDINGS, INC. ACTING FOR ITSELF, ITS SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNEES, OR TRANSFEREES, AND ANY AFFILIATES (THE “COMPANY”); AND (2) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Harold Moody motioned to pass resolution. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER – UPDATE ON ANNOUNCED PROJECTS

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

TF Finklea motioned to come out of executive session. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

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ADJOURNMENT

JAMES CAMPBELL motioned to adjourn. HAROLD MOODY seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved