

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2016
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on December 14, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Randy Goings, 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, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris, Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Kelly Jordan, Christian Wolfe; 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 Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the agenda. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/16/16

Archie Scott motioned to approve the minutes. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTION

DILLON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2016 CHAMPIONS

County Attorney Alan Berry read the resolution. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve the resolution. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.** Coach Christian Wolfe and the entire team were present to accept the plaque and resolution. Coach Wolfe thanked Council for their recognition.

RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF INTENT BY DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF FEDERALLY TAX-EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS BY THE COUNTY

County Attorney Alan Berry explained that this resolution related to the GO Bond Ordinance, that a resolution must be done in order to be reimbursed. **Robbie Coward motioned to accept the resolution. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS

2017 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Stevie Grice motioned to approve 2017 Council Meeting Schedule. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

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2017 COUNTY HOLIDAY CLOSING SCHEDULE

Robbie Coward motioned to approve 2017 County Holiday Closing Schedule. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following requests: \$300.00 payable to Dillon Christian School from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$400.00 payable to the Rescue Squad in Lake View (Kemper) from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$300.00 payable to East Dillon Baptist Church for toy drive from TF Finklea's recreation. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

CAPITAL SALES PROJECT REQUEST BY COUNCILMAN BOBBY K. MOODY

Bobby Moody motioned to give money back to County because LV does not want to spend. Archie Scott seconded. There was discussion. Attorney Berry said that if all the projects were completed then the money would go back into the general fund. TF Finklea told Council that the money was earmarked in the budget so it could not go back to the general fund. Archie Scott explained that this needed to be researched more. **Voting for motion were Harold Moody, Randy Goings and Bobby Moody. Voting against motion were Stevie Grice, Robbie Coward and TF Finklea. Archie Scott stated that he is going neutral that is why he did not vote.** He feels that this needs more study and not sure how it is listed in the budget.

RDA APPROVAL

Rodney Berry told Council that he just needed their approval to execute agreement with Marlboro Electric, in reference to Project Badger. Rodney explained that there were no strings. **Archie Scott motioned to approve Rodney Berry to execute agreement with Marlboro Electric. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

ROAD CLOSINGS

County Attorney Alan Berry told Council that this is not really a road closing but closing the crossings at Countryside Road and half a mile down is a dirt road, Skip Drive. CSX has informed us that those crossings need to be closed for many reasons and one is safety. There will be so many cars going thru that area that they don't feel like it will be safe. Road will be open except where the crossings are. There are alternative routes for those that live there. We just need to vote to ask Department of Transportation to handle closure of those crossings. Discussion was held. **Robbie Coward motioned to leave it up to State to close Countryside Road. Archie Scott seconded. Voting for motion were Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, Robbie Coward, TF Finklea, Archie Scott and Bobby Moody. Voting against was Randy Goings. Motion carried. Robbie Coward motioned to close Skip Drive. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

COMMENTS FROM RANDY GOINGS AND BOBBY K. MOODY

Randy Goings and Bobby Moody thanked the Council for working with each one over the years. They both graciously accepted the plaques from the Council.

PUBLIC WORKS – EQUIPMENT ISSUES

Mr. Gaddy told Council that they are repairing the Front End Loader at the Landfill. He also explained that the gas pump at the Prison Camp has not been working due to a software issue but will try to get it resolved. Harold Moody stated that we need to look into replacing two motor graders. Rodney Berry told Council that he would get with the department heads about these matters.

RIF GRANT SIGNATURE APPROVAL

Rodney Berry told Council that these are funds that come from the State, RIF Grant and CDBG Grant. He just needs Council's approval to execute this contract. **Archie Scott motioned to approve Rodney Berry to execute contract. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told Council that currently the net available funds are \$1,232,294.23.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
COUNTY EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Rodney Berry told Council that he is exploring the use of county email addresses. He hopes that the employees can have a County Email address instead of using their personal email addresses.

JUDICIAL CENTER

Rodney Berry told Council that he met with the engineer and architect and talked over scope. FBI has agreed to do whatever architect and engineer put forth. The next day FBI was at the Judicial Center working. The architect and engineer were not satisfied so, they would not sign off on the work.

RECREATION BUS REQUEST

Rodney Berry explained to Council that he is checking with the school to see if there is a bus that they could gift to Dillon County. Mr. Berry also said that if we get the bus that there needs to be stipulations on the bus for Dillon County Recreation.

ORDINANCES

FIRST 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 132 AND 137 FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL 2 (RS2) DISTRICT

Robbie Coward motioned to have first reading. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

FIRST READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$3,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Rodney Berry told Council that this ordinance is to pay for expenses primarily for the Inland Port. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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

DILLON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

District Seven – Stevie Grice - No appointment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER - INLAND PORT – LAND OPTION DISCUSSION

PROJECT VANILLA AND PROJECT BADGER

Archie Scott motioned to go into executive session. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Harold Moody motioned to adjourn. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

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T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____