

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2014
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on February 4, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S. 3rd Ave. Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, Archie Scott, Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, Andrew Graves, and T.F. Finklea. Not present was 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 – 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), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McColleston (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Frank Brockington, Bo McInnis, Heywood Proctor, Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), and Shannon Munoz (Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Councilman Goings gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda followed by a second 1by Randy Goings. All voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

HARBOR FREIGHT – AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT CONCERNING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND BILLBOARDS

Mr. Young told that he and Mr. DuBose had been working with Harbor Freight’s attorneys concerning a retail operation. Mr. DuBose explained the \$250,000 originally agreed upon concerned the Stuckey’s site. This turned out not to be practical and the amendment is needed to state that the facility will be located in the vicinity of the I-95 and Highway 34 interchange. He stated that Dillon County doesn’t pay any monies until the operation opens. He also stated that the version before Council indicates the building lease shall be for a minimum of five years and that this should read ten years instead. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the amendment (with the change of ten years instead of five) T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

DILLON, MARION, MARLBORO COUNTIES (TRI-COUNTY) INDUSTRIAL PARK CORP. - CHANGE ORDERS RELATING TO HARBOR FREIGHT PHASE II EXPANSION

Mr. Young gave out information on the (Tri-County Industrial) park and Harbor Freight Projects and explained the change orders and asked for Council’s approval provided that Tri-County funds and CDBG funds are as stated in the information handed out. He stated that the Tri-County Industrial Park Committee and the other two counties (Marion and Marlboro) have approved this. He stated that Change Order Seven was still under negotiation.

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Mr. Young told that we may receive an EDA grant for the Phase I Roadway project. He also stated he will ask SC Department of Commerce to reinstate the original \$1.46 million.

Archie Scott motioned to approve Change Orders One through Seven (with a total of \$80,000 for change order seven) based upon CDBG and other funding as presented. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

TOWN OF LATTA – SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Mr. Young gave Council information concerning funds given to the Town of Latta for sewer showing that the balance as of July 1, 2013 was \$611,111.00 and the balance now remaining is \$292,172.01. He stated this was coming from the old capital projects sales tax (general ledger account #45-7-5013-5022). No action was needed.

OLD BUSINESS

EXTENSION OF LEASE BY AND BETWEEN HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC. AND DILLON COUNTY (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOHAWK BUILDING)

Mr. DuBose explained that the original lease provided for a one year extension, which Harbor Freight is now requesting. He told that if they go beyond the extension date of March 31, 2015 the lease amount changes to \$14,000 per month. No action was needed.

NORTHEASTERN COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL PARK (GADDY PROPERTY) – WATER & SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Young gave information to Council and told that no action is needed. He told that Mike Hanna, Engineer, estimates the cost at \$790,000 for the project. He stated we have receive a check from Marlboro Electric Coop for \$271,167.00 to go toward this project.

Tonny McNeil gave information to Council concerning Love’s Travel Center conveying property to the City of Dillon for the pump station site.

Chairman Graves asked Council to work in agreement with each other, stating that they may have differences but need to work as a team.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Johnson motioned to adjourn. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

Andrew Graves, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____