

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on February 22, 2017 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, 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 was Jack Scott.

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, John Smith, Larry Abraham, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris and Mike Burns; 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 Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robbie Coward motioned to amend the agenda and table Letters H & I. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor. Robbie Coward motioned to approve agenda as amended. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 01/25/17, 02/08/17 (called)

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

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 158.18 ACRES OF LAND SHOWN ON A PLAT OF THE DILLON INLAND PORT PARCEL RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR DILLON COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 46 AT PAGE 284 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO MILLIONN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,400,000.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID 158.18 ACRES AND AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF SAID 158.18 ACRES TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PORTS AUTHORITY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF SAID CONTRACT

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's February 7, 2017 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 16-04, RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE APPROVAL OF A DETAILED BUDGET FOR DILLON COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2017 TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO

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NEW BUSINESS

KENNY SMITH – DILLON COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH CENTER

Kenny Smith President of the Boys and Girls Youth Center spoke to Council requesting \$25,000.00 at \$5,000.00 per year. This money would assist the Youth Center in meeting goals for programs dedicated to youth in Dillon County on a yearly basis. Ruby and Rose book allow literacy program annually to buy books for 4K Elementary, Stewart Heights, South and East Elementary read on a monthly basis and give books to take home. They would like to expand to include Latta and Lake View but budgetary restraints will not permit at this time. Youth Center also conducts annual young women empowerment summit for female youth in Dillon County and surrounding area with motivational speakers. Chairman Archie Scott told Mr. Smith that he appreciates the passion that he has for young people but that there are certain services as a govern body that they must provide. **James Campbell motioned to give \$5,000.00 for the first year and look at it from that point on. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

JOHN SMITH – FIRE DEPARTMENT BELLING PRESENTATION

Rodney Berry told Council that he has been talking with the Fire Departments on saving money in Fire Services and creating revenue. John Smith from Station #3 gave a presentation about Fire Department Billing. Mr. Smith explained to Council that the fire services for last year cost \$1.2 million and the 35 fire fees bring in \$300,000.00. Mr. Smith told Council that he spoke about billing insurance on behalf of all the County Fire Chiefs except one because he could not get in touch with him. He did tell Council that expenditures for his fire department, Station #3, was to provide his firefighters with adequate training, equipment and tools and to provide taxpayers with the lowest ISO rating possible in station 3 district. He told Council that he had given them this information to see if they would like to explore billing, do research and see if it would be worth getting a billing company. Chairman Scott thanked John Smith for his presentation.

ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INC. – QUOTE FOR TILE

Rodney Berry told Council that this was a quote for tile to do work that has already been requested. The amount of the tile is \$13,093.87. Richard Gaddy stated that this is an annual expenditure. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the quote for tile from Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE FOR VAN FOR DETENTION CENTER

Richard Gaddy told Council that the van would be for hauling prisoners. The amount of the van will be \$34,999.00. Major Hulon had requested this van to pick up Federal prisoners and the transport fee would be waived. **Stevie Grice motioned to authorize expenditure for van for Detention Center. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

NESA GRANT FOR INLAND PORT

Rodney Berry told Council that we are doing with the last \$25,000.00 grant that is a matching grant \$50,000.00 to be used toward the buying of The Inland Port. **TF Finklea motioned to approve NESA Grant for Inland Port. James Campbell seconded. Voting for motion was TF Finklea, James Campbell, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, and Stevie Grice. Robbie Coward abstained.**

PROPOSAL – STATION #6, SUBSTATION OF STATION #1

Rodney Berry explained to Council that Station #6 would be a substation of Station #1. There will be no changes except listed under Station #1, which will give a reduction in home owner insurance.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the following requests: \$275.00 payable to Dillon Middle School for an educational trip to Washington, D.C. May 15, 2017 through May 19, 2017, \$50.00 each from Harold Moody, James Campbell, TF Finklea, Robbie Coward, Stevie Grice's recreation, \$25.00 from Archie Scott's recreation; \$400.00 payable to Bicyclist Building Bridges to support Bicyclist Building Bridges annual fundraiser for children whose parents may be incarcerated, \$100.00 each from Archie Scott and Robbie Coward's recreation and \$50.00 each

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from James Campbell, TF Finklea, Stevie Grice and Harold Moody's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

**CSI APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL
(Tabled)**

**FORENSIC AUDIT
(Tabled)**

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of February 22, 2017 with net available funds of \$3,434,959.36.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
JUDICIAL BUILDING**

Rodney Berry told Council that they are continuing to make progress but engineers will not sign off until we have survived a successful rain.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

Rodney Berry told Council that as of today, we should be recipients of \$362,797.00 from FEMA reimbursements. This includes man power, equipment use and some are not completed so we will be due more money. Still doing road repair as result of Hurricane Matthew.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Rodney Berry told Council that they are looking for ways that they can tighten up, financially and man power. At this time they are now using a two call structure response, approved vacation in advance, maintaining daily logs, and no additional pay if you are on the clock,

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OR DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION**

Rodney Berry told Council that there is an existing ordinance and that there are spots that are a nuisance, dilapidated and even crime area. He explained that we must get permission from landowner and an easement to tear down house that fits description. There should be a charge if we go on private land being that we are a public entity. Possibilities are to levy on taxes or charge a nominal fee. Mr. Berry told Council that as a preventative measure that he contacted Judge Birch to look at this matter and he did not see anything wrong with us doing this.

LAKE VIEW REQUEST

Citizens have commented that their baseball field is in ruins due to the hurricane. They have sand clay that was donated and they are asking the County to use manpower to haul five loads of sand clay. Rodney Berry asked the Chairman and Council if they would authorize him to do this for Lake View. They all agreed for the administrator to use the County manpower to haul the sand clay.

ORDINANCES

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Stevie Grice motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded. Voting for the motion were Harold Moody, TF Finklea, Archie Scott, Stevie Grice, and James Campbell. Robbie Coward abstained from voting due to a relative that is connected to the Ordinance.

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RESOLUTIONS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council, read the resolution. James Campbell motioned to approve the Resolution for Black History Month. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

WELCOMING ANDERSON BROTHER'S BANK

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council, read the resolution. Robbie Coward motioned to approve the Resolution Welcoming Anderson Brother's Bank. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

RED CROSS MONTH

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council, read the resolution. TF Finklea motioned to approve the Resolution for Red Cross Month. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD – DISTRICT TWO – JACK SCOTT; DISTRICT THREE – ARCHIE SCOTT

Jack Scott – None at this time.

Archie Scott motioned to appoint Ronnie Gardner, to the Public Private Economic Development Partnership Board. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – UPDATE ON PROJECT SCOTLAND AND PROJECT FREEDOM; SOUTH CAROLINA PORT'S AUTHORITY – JACK ELLENBERG FINAL UPDATE

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

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Jack Ellenberg was not present.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

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