

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 23, 2016
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on March 23, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, Randy Goings (*arrived late), Robbie Coward, and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present was Alan Berry (County Attorney).

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 McColleston (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, Veron Grimsley, Gerald Berry, Mary Miller, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Jim Haynes (Marlboro County Administrator), Ron King (Marlboro County); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.
(*Randy Goings arrived)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2/25/16

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

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 13 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, AND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976 4-1-170, ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY TO DEVELOP THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's March 3, 2016 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE FOR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Charles Scott explained how he thought that the installment payment of real property taxes would help the poor people and small business of Dillon County. He told that this would be providing a service for the citizens.
(The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's March 8, 2016 edition.)

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION CONCESSION STAND RENTAL BIDS

Richard Gaddy told Council that four bids were received. He opened them and read the bids out: The Bible Way Church \$1,500.00; Randy McCollum \$1,600.00; Eastern Regional Softball League \$2,500.00; Shelawn Wright 3,000.00. **Archie**

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Scott motioned to accept the high bid from Shelawn Wright for \$3,000.00. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

AGREEMENT WITH DILLON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF LAKE VIEW

Mr. Young told Council that this is an agreement between Town of Lake View, SC and Dillon County Sheriff's Department and the purpose of this agreement is to maintain a level of service throughout Dillon County and the Town of Lake View. Major Hulon spoke about the agreement explaining that if they don't put something in place that they will lose victims advocate money. He told that the Counterpart Auditor in Columbia suggested that they contract with the County and get services they need by giving us money one year at a time. This will help Lake View by giving them a part time person who will meet their needs and we will benefit at no cost to our payroll. Mr. Young said that he had talked to Alan Berry, the County Attorney, and he did not have a problem with the agreement. **Robbie Coward motioned to accept agreement with Dillon County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Lake View. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Harold Moody motioned to approve the following requests: \$100.00 payable to American Cancer Society for Dillon County Relay for Life on May 21st, 2016 from Harold Moody's recreation account; \$500.00 payable to Antonio Vaught for tournament of AAU travel basketball team - \$150.00 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$50.00 from Stevie Grice's recreation, \$75.00 each from Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody and Bobby Moody's recreation; \$575.00 payable to Dillon School District Four for Spring Games for Students in the Programs for Exceptional Children on May 13, 2016 - \$75.00 from Randy Goings recreation, \$100.00 each from T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, and Stevie Grice's recreation; \$200.00 payable to Lake View High School for field trip to Boeing South Carolina's DreamLearners program on April 13, 2016 - \$100 each from Stevie Grice and Bobby Moody's recreation. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

Robbie Coward motioned to give \$2000.00 from the general fund, payable to Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

Robbie Coward motioned to give \$2000.00 from the general fund, payable to American Cancer Society for Corporate Sponsor, Relay for Life on May 21st, 2016 for Melissa Thompson's team. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

Robbie Coward motioned to give \$400.00 from the general fund, payable to Lake View High School for field trip to the Boeing South Carolina's DreamLearners program on April 13, 2016. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

DILLON COUNTY ACCOMMODATION TAX REPORT (2014 – 2015)

Bob Newton, Chairman of the Dillon County Accommodation Tax Advisory Committee, has given a list of the projects that they want to fund this year. The Projects are: Latta Springfest - \$4,250.00; Latta Revitalization Project - \$1,400.00; Latta Community Singers - \$1,000.00; Edward House Museum - \$100.00; Latta Christmas Tour of Homes - \$1,000.00; Lake View Christmas on the Boulevard - \$4,250.00; Lake View Historic Signage Program - \$1,000.00; Farm to Table Celebration - \$2000.00; Lake View Community Singers - \$1,000.00; Dillon County Celebrates Main Street - \$8,400.00; Dillon County Theater - \$5,000.00; Taste of Dillon County - \$7,000.00; Dillon County Museum - \$3,000.00; Dillon Historic School Foundation - \$1,500.00; Tourism Advertising - \$7,694.86; Total for all Projects - \$49,094.86.

Archie Scott made motion that along with the Accommodation Tax Report to give \$5000.00 to the Criterion Club and \$5000.00 to the Dillon Historic School Foundation. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

GORDON PARK UPDATE WITH PROPOSAL

Mr. Young told Council that Mrs. Miller would give break down of Gordon Park. Mrs. Miller explained that we are receiving \$12,000.00 from the Pard Grant and that Schafer Foundation is giving \$46,000.00. The County will do the prep

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work. The playground equipment is \$33,571.94. The playground company will do ground cover for \$3,030.25. Fence, 53 x 53 feet around playground equipment, 4 feet high estimated at a cost of \$2,500.00. Walking path is estimated at a cost of \$19,500.00. Duke Energy will put up lights, approximately six, which will be a monthly fee. There will be two, eight inch benches in the amount of \$724.31 for parents to sit on while they watch their kids play. Estimated total is \$59,326.50 to do all work at Gordon Park. The County will have to pay \$1,326.50. Mr. Young told Council that we have a GSA Contract on playground equipment. Fencing and concrete path will be bid out separately through procurement policy. **Randy Goings motioned to accept Gordon Park Update with Proposal. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy reported that currently we have \$588,474.22 more revenue than expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING COMMITTEE – NEW BUILDING FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mr. Young told Council that the Building Committee met with representatives from DHEC concerning the Health Department. They expressed their needs for additional space and location. We are now looking to see what space is available. Mrs. Miller has been working on staff requirements of how much space they will need, which is about 7000 square feet. Mr. Young said that the Building Committee will be researching this matter and will come back to Council with what options are available.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING - AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII SECTION 13 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, AND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976 4-1-170, ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARLBORRO COUNTY TO DEVELOP THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO

Mr. Young told Council that Dillon County will be 99 percent and Marlboro County 1percent and will deal with where Harbor Freight Retail property and where Project Beacon will go. This 99 – 1 percent is required by fee in lieu agreement. **Archie Scott motioned to have third reading. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE FOR INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Robbie Coward motioned to have third reading. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

District One – No appointment at this time. **District Six** – No appointment at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL ADVICE REGARDING ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND ECONOMIC AND CONTRACTUAL MATTER

Mr. Young explained that there would not be an Executive Session due to Alan Berry, County Attorney, was sick.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bobby Moody motioned to have a resolution for Lake View Academic Team. T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.

Robbie Coward asked the Chairman if Clay could write a letter to the Treasurer asking her to come to the Council Meetings and to let Richard Gaddy have online access. Mr. Young said that he would speak with Alan Berry about this

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and find out the legalities. Robbie Coward explained that it would be fine if Mr. Young would just ask her and let them know if she will be coming to the Council Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____