

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2013
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on March 27, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Andrew Graves. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Lisa Gray (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), Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), 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 (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Frank Brockington, Walda Wildman (Independent Auditor), Judge James Lockemy, Carlie Wiggins (Dillon County Historical Society), Johnnie Luehrs (Chamber of Commerce), Glen Wagner and Todd Davis (City of Dillon), Dan McLeod, Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Mark Williams (Strategic Development), Bill Fleming (Marlboro Electric) and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the agenda. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 02/27/13 & 03/11/13(Called)

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DILLON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST

Mr. DuBose told of the request concerning the gravesite of James W. Dillon and others (one-time \$10,000 grant, \$3,000 annually for maintenance of the Mt. Holly cemetery and \$1,800 for purchase of a historical marker). He stated that this was a policy decision and Council could consider it in the upcoming budget or assign this to the finance committee. Mr. Young suggested assigning this to the finance committee to discuss and report back to Council.

CELEBRATE FREEDOM FOUNDATION – M-37 VEHICLES REQUEST

Mr. Jack Lovelady, President, and Vernie Nance spoke asking for the vehicles to be donated and

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told of their use in the SOaR program. Mr. DuBose asked that the minutes reflect that this organization is a 501(c)(3) and the vehicles will be used for a public purpose. **T.F. Finklea motioned to give the two vehicles to the Celebrate Freedom Foundation. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the following request: \$400.00 payable to Dillon Kiwanis Club for their fundraiser held on March 23, 2013 with \$50.00 each to be taken from Archie Scott's, Harold Moody's, Andrew Graves', and Bobby Moody's recreation and \$100.00 each to be taken from Randy Goings' and Joe Johnson's recreation. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT/BANK STATEMENTS/PAYROLL CHECK REGISTER REQUEST

Archie Scott motioned to direct Mr. Young to provide Council with copies of bank statements and bank summaries of County funds and have at the next Council meeting. Also, if any opposition in obtaining this that he comes back to Council with a briefing so they can get with the County attorney and file documents to obtain the information. Andrew Graves seconded the motion. Harold Moody told that he is in favor of operating in the open but strongly suggests that financial transactions may be viewed on line. Harold Moody, T.F. Finklea and Joe Johnson told that they sat down with the Treasurer who showed them bank statements and was satisfied with that. Mr. Moody told that any of the seven councilmembers can do the same. Mr. Scott told that he didn't feel good about meeting behind closed doors. **Voting in favor were Randy Goings, Andrew Graves and Archie Scott. Voting opposed were Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, Harold Moody and T.F. Finklea.**

Archie Scott motioned to direct Mr. Young to provide Council with the payroll check register beginning next month, whatever is legal to obtain in accordance with the FOIA law. He told that that reason is because we do not have a payroll department and the Treasurer is doing the payroll. **Andrew Graves seconded.** Mr. DuBose explained the FOIA and salary information that can be disclosed. **All voted in favor.**

AGREEMENT WITH BETHEA FARMS AS TO CUL-DE-SACS

Mr. DuBose explained that this is part of Project Tool Shed negotiations and the County's obligation concerning infrastructure. **Randy Goings motioned to approve the agreement. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO UNDERTAKE THE REDEMPTION OF THE COUNTY'S 2008 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND/OR THE 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

Mr. Young provided Council with bond information and asked for approval to pay off the 2008 and 2009A series bonds. He told that he didn't see a penalty for paying them off early. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the authorization. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.**

COUNTY PAYROLL PROPOSAL

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Mr. Young told of the CompuPay proposal being \$492.92 per pay period. He told that this is much less than cost of an employee and no contract is required, we can switch at any time. He asked if Council would consider trying for the remainder of the budget year, through June 30, 2013, at a cost of less than \$3,000 and hopefully this will solve the problem spoken about by the auditor, Chris Clark. He told that he had checked with two local people concerning this but they were not interested. Discussion was held concerning hiring a payroll clerk. Archie Scott recommended sending this to the finance committee. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve CompuPay service for the remainder of the fiscal year. Randy Goings seconded. Voting in favor were Randy Goings, Bobby Moody, T.F. Finklea and Andrew Graves. Voting opposed were Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, and Harold Moody.**

FINANCIAL PROPOSAL – WALDA WILDMAN

Mr. Young told that he asked Ms. Wildman to come explain what she does for the audit process and to explain her proposal for correction of internal controls as addressed in the audit. He told that there were funds in the finance budget to cover her services for the remainder of the budget year. Ms. Wildman made her presentation. Archie Scott recommended the finance committee look at this.

OLD BUSINESS

MARK WILLIAMS, STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC – STRATEGIC PLAN FINAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Williams made the presentation to Council and told of findings and recommendations.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young told that Council had been provided various reports. He noted that the revenues over expenses balance was \$849,910.67 and told that he projects a small surplus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION

CITY OF DILLON PROPOSAL (MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE)

Mr. Young told of the committee meeting with City officials (Glen Wagner and Todd Davis). Andrew Graves told of the discussion of assisting the City if we can afford it, stating that the City would contract with Robert Johnson to lease the property. Mr. Finklea went over the projected revenue and expense figures, furnished by the City, stating the first year projections show they will probably end up in the red about \$10,000 but they may break even next year. Discussion was held concerning the importance of having a golf course when attracting and keeping industry in our area. Mr. Graves told that it looks like one-half of the 1st year's contribution would be approximately \$75,000 and asked if Council was interested in doing this. Mr. DuBose told that this is unappropriated funds and that Council could use unrestricted reserve or a line item transfer by Mr. Young. Mr. Goings and Mr. Scott stated they did not think it is a good idea for the County to participate. **Bobby Moody motioned that the County is interested in pursuing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Dillon to assist with the golf course. Andrew Graves seconded the motion. Voting in favor was Bobby Moody, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Andrew Graves, and Joe Johnson. Voting against were Archie Scott and Randy Goings. The motion passed.**

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ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. DuBose gave an update on Project Tool Shed stating that the sale of the various tracts of land are moving forward and then the project can officially proceed.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012B (OR YEAR OF ISSUANCE - 2013)

Mr. Young told that the bond money will be used for equipment purchases and other projects (Justice/Law Enforcement Center building and equipping the landfill office). **Bobby Moody motioned to have third reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading and approve the ordinance. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR "PROJECT TOOL SHED"

Tabled

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL, CONTRACTUAL, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Harold Moody motioned to go into executive session. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

Robert Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____