

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 23, 2014
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on April 23, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott (*arrived late), Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Joe Johnson, 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), 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, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Dan McLeod and Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Alexia McKoy (Nurse Practitioner Student), Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Shannon Munoz (PD Regional Council of Governments), Walda Wildman (CPA), Jerry Huggins (Dillon County Veterans Affairs Officer) and Steve Rogers (Dillon County Tax Assessor); By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Andrew Graves presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/26/14 & 04/08/14 (Called)

Harold Moody motioned to approve the minutes. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND (TAX MAP #59-14-4-2 RECYCLING FACILITY)

Mr. DuBose explained that no bids were received on this matter. He recommended the ordinance be tabled.

There was no public input. (The Public Hearing was properly noticed in the April 3, 2014 edition of The Dillon Herald)

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$400,000

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NEW BUSINESS

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS - CHANGE ORDERS/ADDENDUMS

Mr. Young explained that our property and liability insurance has paid \$32,140.64 (earthquake damage claim). He told that additional work proposed will cost the County \$16,084.36. Winna Miller explained that the Council had discussed the change orders for the doors to be Spanish Mahogany (per requirement for approval from SC Archives & History), removed the new cornerstone from the project, painting and repairs to windows, and addition of security for two side doors and the rear door. An additional \$2,733.00 (included in the \$16,084.36) is proposed for repairing loose handrails, filling in the door going into the side of the family courtroom to reduce

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noise, and locks hardware. Mr. Young told that the funds would come from the Buildings Maintenance budget. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the change orders for the courthouse. After discussion, Joe Johnson seconded. After further discussion Bobby Moody withdrew the motion. Joe Johnson motioned to approve the additional expense of \$16,084.36. Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

AUDIT PREPARATION ENGAGEMENT LETTER – WALDA WILDMAN

Mr. Young explained that the contract is up for the audit preparation as well as the audit itself. This letter proposed to Council states Ms. Wildman is willing to do the audit preparation work again at a cost of \$23,000 for year ended June 30, 2014; \$23,800 for year ended June 30, 2015; and \$24,500 for year ended June 30, 2016. (***Archie Scott arrived**) Mr. Young told that council can agree to this three year period or just one or two years. Mr. Scott expressed concerns of the letter stating she cannot be relied upon to identify any wrong doings. Mr. Young explained the letter does state she will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and evidence that comes to her attention during her performance, etc. Mr. Young recommended Ms. Wildman do the work as he has found her to be very competent in her prior work. **T.F. Finklea motioned to give Walda Wildman the letter of engagement. Joe Johnson seconded.** Harold Moody asked that Ms. Wildman amend the letter to make the language more clear as to the concerns that Mr. Scott had mentioned. Chairman Graves asked Mr. Young if he would contact Ms. Wildman about possibly appearing before Council. After more discussion, Chairman Graves suggested Council table the matter. **T.F. Finklea withdrew his motion. Harold Moody then motioned to table the matter. Archie Scott seconded. Voting in favor to table were Andrew Graves, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Bobby Moody and Randy Goings. Voting against were Joe Johnson and T.F. Finklea.**

BIDS – RECYCLING BUILDING

Mr. Young told that no bids were received.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following: \$100.00 payable to Family Sports Center for equipment for Riverdale Softball from Archie Scott's recreation; \$250.00 payable to American Cancer Society for sign sponsorships for Relay for Life event to be held May 30, 2014 from Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, T.F. Finklea, Andrew Graves and Archie Scott (\$50.00 from each recreation); \$100.00 payable to Dillon Middle School Wildcat Band for their Spring Concert from Harold Moody's recreation; and \$100.00 payable to True Vine Ministries for help in completing a new kitchen from Archie Scott's recreation. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told that the report shows \$1,451,022 revenues over expenses.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Young told of the need to request bids for the audit so that work can begin the end of May or first of June. He told that Council had been furnished with the proposed request and that he will strike the portion concerning Ms. Wildman and go ahead with the advertisement, with the proposals being due on May 20, 2014. He noted that Council may need to have a special meeting on May 21st.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Young told that Bill Johnson, with Arcadis, was present and asked that he give Council an update on the landfill. Mr. Johnson told that concerning the IWP closure, Dillon County must note the description of the IWP

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landfill on the deed and properly file it with the Clerk of Court and forward this to DHEC to complete the closure process. He told that the horizontal C&D landfill expansion is in the final process in obtaining land. He told that the vertical expansion permitting process will begin once the necessary easement on a roadway and property is in the County's domain. Mr. Young told that Mr. DuBose is still having discussions with a property owner. Mr. Johnson told that the transfer station is in need of repairs to the wall and ramp. He told that the new office is almost ready to occupy and work has been done to the scale resulting in the readings being more accurate.

Discussion was held concerning the work performed by and compensation paid to Frank Brockington. Councilman Goings asked how the person was chosen to work on the new office building at the landfill. Mr. Young told that the staff got proposals per the procurement code. He told that this was presented to Council but Council decided to go a different route.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF LAND (TAX MAP #59-14-4-2 RECYCLING FACILITY)

Mr. Young asked that the Building Committee discuss this further since no bids were received. **Joe Johnson motioned to table the reading. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT NOT EXCEEDING \$400,000

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose told that this ordinance is a financing mechanism. Mr. Young told that purchases will be made for a new fire truck (Station One), back hoe and fuel truck (Roads & Bridges Department). **Archie Scott motioned to have third reading (as set for in the agenda) and approve the ordinance. T.F. Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

FIRST READING - ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. Young stated the department requests have been received. He proposes the same budget as last year for first reading. **Archie Scott motioned to have first reading by title only (as set for in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

FIRST READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A DEED TO HF TWO LANDLORD (SC) LLC

Chairman Graves read the ordinance title. Mr. DuBose told that this is the start of the process of dedicating the truck entrance to Harbor Freight, as agreed upon in the incentive and infrastructure agreement. **Archie Scott motioned to have first reading by title only (as set for in the agenda and waive the actual reading). Randy Goings seconded and all voted in favor.**

RESOLUTIONS

FAIR HOUSING

Mr. Dubose read the resolution. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the resolution. T.F. Finklea seconded and all were in favor.**

PROCLAIMING DILLON COUNTY AS A PURPLE HEART COUNTY

Jerry Huggins, Dillon County Veterans Affairs Officer, told that he was contacted by Commander James Miller requesting this and explained that it is a national endeavor to have all states, cities, towns, counties, etc. to give this recognition to their local heroes. He introduced Johnny Sawyer, Dillon County Purple Heart recipient. Chairman Graves thanked Mr. Sawyer for his military service and noted that Mr. Sawyer was also a past Dillon

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County deputy. **Joe Johnson** motioned to approve the resolution. **T.F. Finklea** seconded and all were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD - REPLACING RANDY GOINGS

Mr. Goings told that he does not have a recommendation yet.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CONTRACTUAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Mr. Young told that the Executive Session is not needed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Andrew Graves, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____