

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2018
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on April 25, 2018 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Jack Scott, James Campbell and Harold Moody. Also present were: Rodney Berry (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), Robbie Coward (Deputy Administrator) Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald) and Jamie Sue Stephens (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), 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, Jacorie M., Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel, Tonya Brown, S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, A. Humes, Bill Patel, Matthew Elvington, B. Herring, K. Patterson, Sara Elvington, Shannon Munoz, Vernon Grimsley, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris and Mike Burns; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Stevie Grice presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rodney Berry, County Administrator led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Reverend James Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

James Campbell motioned approve the agenda. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/16/18 Called; 03/28/18 Regular

Archie Scott motioned to approve minutes. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Rodney Berry and Stevie Grice recognized Gwen Hyatt as the Department Head of the month. She is the County Clerk of Court and Child Support. Gwen was unable to be at the meeting so Jamie Sue Stephens stood in for her and accepted her gift. Employees of the month were Drucilla Blakely and Annette Driggers. Drucilla works with the County Treasurer's Office. Annette Driggers works at the Magistrate's Office. Each one was given a Visa Gift Card and had their picture made with Chairman Stevie Grice.

LATTA HIGH 2018 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ACADEMICS – ELAINE SMITH

Students from Latta High 2018 State Championship of Academics came with their coach Ms. Elaine Smith and were congratulated by Chairman Stevie Grice. Vice Chairman TF Finklea read and presented a plaque to them and thanked them for their hard work.

LATTA MIDDLE SCHOOL 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP OF ACADEMICS – FIRST RUNNER UP – CHRISTIN RICHARDS

Stevie Grice congratulated the Latta Middle School 2018 Championship of Academics for being first runner up's. TF Finklea presented them with a plaque and had their picture made with Chairman Stevie Grice and Vice Chairman TF Finklea.

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DILLON COUNTY RECREATION CONCESSION STAND RENTAL BIDS

Jamie Sue Stephens told Council that these bids were brought to them last month and that Ezro Hunt received the bid. He has now decided not to rent the concession stand. The next one in line would be Brandon Green for \$3,260.00. **James Campbell motioned to give to the highest bidder and if that one fails go to the next highest bid. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

ARCADIS PROPOSAL – GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAMS AT LANDFILL

Richard Gaddy explained to Council that Arcadis is the Company that we have been using to monitor waste water and methane chlorine at the Landfill. The contract this year is \$57,924.00. Mr. Gaddy told Council that he did put out for bids two years ago and was \$54 or \$55 thousand. We stuck with Arcadis since they are doing the vertical expansion. Richard Gaddy said that once we get through with the vertical expansion we may shop around. **Harold Moody motioned to accept Arcadis proposal. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

BILL CROWTHER – UPDATE ON I-73 AND INLAND PORT

Administrator Rodney Berry introduced Bill Crowther from Congressman Rice's office. Mr. Crowther stated that the Congressman has spent a lot of time and effort I-73 as well as the Dillon Inland Port. He explained that we see these two projects working together not only for Dillon but, surrounding areas. Mr. Crowther would like for Council to sign letter in Supporting I-73.

GLENDA SCHLEICH – PEE DEE COALITION – SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Glenda Schleich was unable to attend the meeting so Patricia Manning stood in for her. Pee Dee Coalition is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1986. April is sexual assault month and also child prevention abuse month. The Pee Dee Coalition alleviates sexual assault and family violence and domestic violence in Dillon County. The Pee Dee Coalition works out of several counties, Darlington, Marion, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, and Williamsburg. Their goal is to make people aware of what is going on with sexual assault in Dillon, County. Patricia asked Council to be in support of the Pee Dee Coalition and thanked them for what they have done.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR CARSOUTH

Alan Berry told Council that he is working with the attorney from CareSouth for approval. There was a part of the contract that said if CareSouth did not start the construction in six months that the land would revert back to the County. They may present them with a problem, we have to define construction what it means to begin construction. This will give them a little more leeway instead of doing new ordinance. Attorney Berry stated that he will have a revised format for the May meeting.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Harold Moody motioned to approve the following requests: \$172.00 payable to Russell Manning for the Disco Manning Softball team from James Campbell's recreation; \$200.00 payable to American Cancer Society for Mount Calvary Church for relay for life, \$100.00 each from Stevie Grice's and Harold Moody's recreation. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

PURCHASE NEW LANDFILL BOXES 30 YARD BOXES & 40 YARD BOXES

Richard Gaddy told Council that Charlie Brown is in need of four 30 yard boxes and four 40 yard boxes. He has two bids and they are as follows: Waste Equipment \$44, 443.08 and Bakers Waste Equipment \$42, 428.88.

Archie Scott motioned to purchase four 30 yard boxes and four 40 yard boxes from Baker's Waste Equipment for \$42,428.88. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of April 19, 2018 with net available funds of \$2,109,115.77.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT **ADDRESSING SEWER CAPACITY**

Rodney Berry told Council that he, Buzzy, Robbie, Richard, NESAs, PEE DEE COG, City of Dillon and their engineer met with Commerce, EDA and RIA Group. Berry stated that we will need more capacity, our growth area is out on highway 34 and we are trying to get ahead of the curb so we don't have to turn anyone down. They will acquire a study assessment of City's waste water for \$100,000.00. NESAs will have our match of \$25,000.00 and EDA will do the rest.

RECAP ACTIVITY

Rodney Berry told Council that they should be proud that they have brought in 1,180 jobs and \$250,000,000.00 investment over last two or three years. This just doesn't happen, it is because of the things you do.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #12-07 PROVIDING FOR THE CLOSING OR DEMOLITION OF DWELLINGS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION

Attorney Berry told Council that last year had amendment to ordinance that was already in place. Since 2012, this ordinance allowed the County to acknowledge certain property determined to be a nuisance or unfit for dwelling and last year Council amended ordinance to provide for cap on fees of \$500.00 and once the owners were served that the County was going to take action could also enter into a consent agreement with County before or after hearing. After meeting with Public Safety Committee they recommended not to exceed \$1000.00 assessment against property owners. Mr. Berry told Council that he had drafted an amendment to the ordinance with that in mind for their consideration. Mr. Campbell wanted to know why the fee went to \$1000.00. Alan Berry said that every time a complaint is made you have to do a title examination in the amount of \$175.00 before equipment is taken out there. Alan Berry also commented that anyone already in the pipeline will not affect them.

Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

Alan Berry read proclamation. TF Finklea motioned to approve Law Enforcement Week Proclamation. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Alan Berry read proclamation. Archie Scott motioned to approve National Day of Prayer Proclamation. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL LITIGATION; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **DISCUSSION – TINY MIRACLE**

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

James Campbell motioned to come out of executive session. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved