

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2012  
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on May 23, 2012 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Archie Scott, \*(arrived late), Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. Not present was Macio Williamson and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald). Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), 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), Gerald Poss Consulting, Harold Moody, 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), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Joe Johnson, 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 (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Mike Burns, Dan McLeod, Kathy Dawson (McNair Law Firm), Mark Williams and Lynne Wilke (Strategic Development Group) and Eugene Paige; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.  
\*(Archie Scott arrived)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the agenda. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04/25 & 05/09/12 (called)**

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RECREATION REQUESTS**

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the following: \$120.00 payable to Eastern Regional Softball League for two dozen softballs from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$200.00 payable to Latta High School for LHS softball team state championship; \$750.00 payable to High School Sports Report for advertising from Macio Williamson, Andrew Graves, Bobby Moody, Harold Moody, and Joe Johnson's recreation. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

**EUGENE PAIGE – VETERAN & YOUTH TRAINING CENTER**

Mr. Paige told that his organization is working on this project because there is a problem with the support system for veterans. He asked Council for \$10,000 to assist them with administrative

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costs. Archie Scott suggested the Council Budget Committee look at this request. He said they are not housing any veterans but are doing some counseling.

**BIDS – FIRE STATION NINE AIR COMPRESSOR**

Mr. Young asked to move this to the next meeting so that staff could review the three bids. Harold Moody asked if there were funds in the budget for this. Mr. Young told that around \$10,000 or \$11,000 is left in that department's budget for this. **Archie Scott stated that if there were funds to cover this, he made the motion to accept the low bid and purchase the equipment subject to staff review. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**BIDS – AMBULANCE REMOUNT**

Lisa Gray told that one bid was received from Peach State Ambulance Inc. for \$84,500 plus delivery fee of \$1.00 per mile (from Tyrone GA). Harold Moody asked how much a new ambulance would cost. Mr. Yong told that it would be around \$115,000 or more. Council tabled the matter and asked that it be advertised again to try to obtain other prices.

**CONVENIENCE SITE LEASE RENEWAL – RIVERDALE SITE**

Mr. Young explained that the owner now wants \$2,000 per year (was \$1,000). Mr. Dubose told that it is the same lease except for the amount and it is for a one year term with four renewals. He told that he was attempting to make all of the leases uniform. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the lease, followed by a second by Joe Johnson. All, except Andrew Graves, voted in favor.** Archie Scott asked if the owner would sell the property to us. Mr. Young said we may want to discuss that with them and all other owners we lease from.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**MARK WILLIAMS – STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. PRESENTATION**

Mr. Williams and Dustin Stimpson were present representing the Group. Mr. Williams explained what is hoped to accomplish in developing the strategic plan for Dillon County. He noted that Dillon County is in a good location concerning the hub for ports. After a question from Archie Scott concerning our education system aspect, Mr. Williams noted that it was critically important.

**ARCADIS – C & D LANDFILL VERTICAL EXPANSION PROPOSAL**

Harold Moody told that this was discussed at the solid waste (public works) committee meeting and agreed upon to recommend this to the full council. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the work authorization (for C&D landfill expansion) in the amount of \$105,600. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Young told that the Treasurer's report of bank balances (as of April 2012) showed \$12,217,510.81. He told that the old part of the jail was now paid off and the new part will be paid off in two years. He predicted the surplus at year end will be small due to the capital projects done (IWP closure and City-County building repairs).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – FY 2012-2013 BUDGET**

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Mr. Young told that the Administrative Committee has met several times and that a full Council budget workshop will be held. He told that no millage or fee increase is proposed. He stated we should get the reassessment numbers in the next couple of weeks but looks like there is not much change.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Young referred to Council's budget note book binder. He asked Council to locate new fire hydrants (four each) for their district and told that another \$100,000 will be in next year's budget.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Dubose discussed the problem of unmaintained or derelict structures. He told that he has the City's ordinance but the County will have more difficulty with this issue. He stated the building inspector would be involved and that owner notification, appeal procedures, demolition and recoument of expenses through tax notices were issues to address. After some discussion of both sides of the issue, Council agreed for Mr. Dubose to use the City's ordinance to help formulate one for the County.

Mr. Dubose briefed Council on the law concerning historical cemeteries such as the ones in Dillon County where Governor Ellerbe and Mr. Dillon are buried. He told that it must be historical, identified as historical and have public access.

## **ORDINANCE READINGS**

### **THIRD READING – ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT CASINGS”**

Tabled

### **THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR “PROJECT SQUEEZE”**

Tabled

### **SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

**Andrew Graves motioned to have second reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and waive the actual reading. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF SC HIGHWAY 9**

Mr. Young told that he had been approached about bringing this to Council concerning four lanes for SC Highway 9. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the resolutions. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER – DISTRICT 4**

**Mr. Gandy motioned to appoint Robbie McDaniel, employee at EMS, Latta, to the committee. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

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**PEE DEE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD**

Mr. Gandy told that Alan Berry is unable to serve. Council tabled the appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Bobby Moody motioned to adjourn. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

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**Aron Gandy, Chairman**

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**Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council**

**Date approved \_\_\_\_\_**