

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 23, 2018  
4:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on May 23, 2018 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Archie Scott.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**James Campbell motioned approve the agenda. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04/25/18**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Rodney Berry and Stevie Grice recognized Teresa Campbell Smith as the Department Head of the month. She is the Probate Judge. Employee of the month was Michelle Harrelson. Michelle works with the County Voter's Registration Office. Michelle was unable to be at the meeting and Jamie Sue Stephens stood in for her. Teresa and Michelle were given a Visa Gift Card and had their picture made with Chairman Stevie Grice.

**BIDS FOR BAT WING MOWER – ROADS & BRIDGES**

**Pride** Richard Gaddy told Council that there were two bids for the bat wing mower and they are as follows: Dillon Tractor and Implement Land Pride, 15 foot mower - \$13,500.00; 15 foot John Deere mower in Clio - \$14,454.45. Richard told Council that Steve Moody said the one they had was beyond repair and that he thought the Land Pride mower would be the better mower. **Archie Scott motioned to accept the lowest bid which was Dillon Tractor and Implement Land Pride, 15 foot mower for \$13,500.00. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

**PLEDGE TO BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH CENTER**

Rodney Berry stated to Council that this group came to us last year wanting \$5,000.00 for five consecutive years. It was said by Council to address it each year. **Archie Scott motioned to give \$5,000.00 to the Boys and Girls Youth Center. James Campbell seconded it and all voted in favor.**

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## **HEALTHY LEARNERS**

Rodney Berry explained that Healthy Learners was brought to his attention by way of letter. He told Council that he did some research and talked to Healthy Learners and found out that they are a 501C3 and are located beside the hospital. They help underprivileged kids with Medicare, Vision Care, and Dental Care. **Archie Scott motioned to give Healthy Learners \$1,000.00. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **REVEREND WILLIAMS – PARK USE REQUEST**

Rodney Berry stated to Council that Reverend Larry Williams would like to hold tent revivals in New Town on May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>; Oakland June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>; Oak Grove June 25<sup>th</sup> – June 29<sup>th</sup>; Riverdale July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>; Bingham Baseball Field August 6<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>. The tent revivals will start at 7:30 and end at 10:00 pm. Reverend Williams told Council that he would also have a food distribution at each location and it will take place each Friday from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Archie Scott told Reverend Williams that these are public parks and that anyone can use the park at any time. Archie Scott also said that he felt that the time should be 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm because some of these parks are in neighborhoods and the singing at the revival could keep the neighbors up. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the park use to hold the tent revivals. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **MOSES HEYWARD & ALBERT MUMFORD – FIRE SERVICE ASSESSMENT**

Rodney Berry told Council that Moses Heyward was unable to be at the meeting due to his wife having surgery but that Albert Mumford, who works part-time with Harbor Freight, will fill us in on the fire service assessment. Albert stated that Harbor Freight does more than just sell tools. They support veterans, community activities and Easter Egg Hunts. Harbor Freight also has several programs that help the community; \$100,000.00 for tools to Public Schools, Marlboro, Dillon and Chesterfield. They give \$1,000,000.00 to outstanding teachers to help with trade school. Albert talked to Harbor Freight about the Police and Firefighter Program that they have and it sparked so much interest with Harbor Freight that they hired an outside consultant who went to each fire department and met the engineers. Harbor Freight is taking this very seriously to see what they can do to help.

## **RECREATION REQUESTS**

**James Campbell motioned to approve the following requests: \$150.00 payable to Kiwanis Club from Stevie Grice's recreation; \$150.00 payable to Boys and Girls Club from Stevie Grice's recreation; \$230.00 payable to The Dillon Rescue Squad from Stevie Grice's recreation; \$150.00 payable to Dillon Church of God for Tammy Herring to travel to Alaska to spread the love of Jesus Christ from TF Finklea's recreation; \$200.00 payable to Dillon Intimidators Basketball Association to help with their tournaments and travel from Gerome McLeod's recreation; \$610.20 payable to Family Sports Center for jersey's for the Bingham Royals from Gerome McLeod's recreation. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **APPROVE CONTRACT FOR CARESOUTH**

Alan Berry stated that at this time we do not have contract yet but will keep on until we get it.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of May 17, 2018 with net available funds of \$1,531, 185.47.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **INNOVATION GRANT**

Rodney Berry told Council that Commerce contacted him about the Innovation Grant. He explained that NE Tech would be a partner in this grant. They have been to Pee Dee Council of Governments to apply for grant.

## **WASTE WATER/WATER ASSESSMENT**

Rodney Berry stated that a grant has been submitted to Pee Dee COG for waste water assessment agreement. The City, Marlboro Electric, NESAs and Tri-County this is with all our growth. We have to get ahead of the curve and match will be NESAs money, so no money involved from County.

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## **TRI COUNTY MASTERPLAN**

Rodney Berry told Council that there are 100 acres left in park. Committee wants a masterplan. Tri-County is a separate entity from bid from the County.

## **INLAND PORT MASTERPLAN**

Rodney Berry explained to Council that NESAs are on board looking at a masterplan to find someone who has experience with port related properties

## **ORDINANCES**

### **FIRST READING – BUDGET FY 2018 -2019**

Archie Scott motioned to have first reading by title only. TFFinklea seconded and all voted in favor.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT –SPEC BUILDING; PROJECT UNIQUE PERSONNEL MATTER – DISCUSSION OF ADMINISTRATOR’S CONTRACT**

Archie Scott motioned to go into executive session. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.

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## **RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

James Campbell motioned to extend Rodney Berry’s contract for two years. Archie Scott seconded. Voting for motion were James Campbell, Archie Scott and Jack Scott. Voting opposed were Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, Harold Moody and Gerome Campbell. Motion failed. Rodney Berry’s contract will stand as is until December 31, 2018.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Stevie Grice, Chairman

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Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

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Date Approved