

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 27, 2018
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on June 27, 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, Gerome McLeod and Harold Moody. Also present were: Lisa Gray (Interim County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Alan Berry (County Attorney), 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 McCollester (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, Robbie Coward; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Stevie Grice presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stevie Grice, Council Chairman led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Archie Scott.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Harold Moody motioned to approve the agenda. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 05/07/18 Called; 05/23/18 Regular; 05/25/18 Called

TF Finklea motioned to approve minutes. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Ronald Crawford asked about the machinery, if it had been fixed in order to do the demolition. He told Council that only one house had been torn down and that someone did pick up the trash in New Town but that has stopped now. Councilman Campbell asked Mr. Charles Taylor where things stood with the demolition of the houses. Mr. Taylor replied that he had turned in work orders to tear down the John C. Williamson house on 109 Hyatt Street and two trailers with the front falling out on Highway 57. Mr. Crawford stated that he had turned in the Hamilton house at the beginning and Mr. Taylor replied that he is waiting on signatures. (The public hearing was properly noticed in the June 11, 2018 edition of The Dillon Herald.)

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lisa Gray recognized Moses Heyward as the Department Head of the month. He is the Disaster Preparedness Director. Employee of the month was Earl Turbeville. Earl works with Roads and Bridges. Earl was unable to be at the meeting. Moses and Earl were given a Visa Gift Card. Moses had his picture made with Chairman Stevie Grice.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT – FY ENDED 6/30/17 – SHEHEEN, HANCOCK, & GODWIN,LLP

Mark Wood, representative from Sheheen, Hancock & Godwin, LLP, gave a report on the independent audit. He stated to Council that it had been a pleasure working with Richard and his staff and Jamie, the Treasurer and her staff. Everyone was very helpful. Also, Smith Brooks did a lot of leg work which was a tremendous help for them. He gave an outline of the audit and stated to the Council that the County received an Unmodified Opinion which is the highest opinion on a financial statement that one could receive. Mark said that he was looking forward to working with the County as they are under contract for the next two years. Councilman Archie Scott asked about the Management letter, Mark replied that these were findings we noted doing the audit. Management and Council need to be aware of these things to work on to improve some internal control processes. Mark explained that other people should be involved in reviewing the check register and bank statements; just to get another set of eyes to strengthen internal control issues.

AUDIT PREPARATION PROPOSAL FY 2017 – 2018 – KENNETH COBB & COMPANY

Lisa Gray told Council that the same firm that did the preliminary work last year getting financial statements ready before Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin came in has given a quote for three years. The agenda states for current year but you can secure Kenneth Cobb and Company for three years. They have quoted a price for this year we are finishing up, \$22,500 if we secure them for three years, next year will go up to \$600.00 and the third year will be \$650.00. Harold Moody stated that the representative from Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin, LLP explained that they were very pleased with the work that Smith Brooks had done. **Harold Moody motioned to give Kenneth Cobb & Company (Smith Brooks) two year contract since Sheheen, Hancock, & Godwin have a two years left will Dillon County. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

LATTA ANGELS – DONATION REQUEST

Lisa Gray stated to Council that two softball teams made the state playoffs. The Latta Angels and the Latta Ponytails. They will be going to Seneca on July 6th and are requesting funds. **TF Finklea motioned to give both teams \$1,500.00 each. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

LATTA PONYTAILS – DONATION REQUEST

SCDNR – LITTLE PEE DEE RIVER CLEAN UP – WATER RECREATION RESOURCES FUND

Lisa Gray told Council that she received a contract from SCDNR for consideration based upon the Counties Delegation, which consist of Jackie Hayes, Kent Williams, Gregg Hembree, and Lucas Atkinson. They have requested \$50,000 to be used for Dillon County River Clean Up on the Little Pee Dee River. There is a contract to sign and abide by that is the Water Recreation Resources Fund. Ms. Gray told Council that we will abide by the County Procurement Code and accept bids. Harold Moody recommended to continue having two people work on the river as there were two people last year. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the money from the delegation for the Little Pee Dee River Clean Up. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

LAKE VIEW LIBRARY PARKING LOT REPAIR

Richard Gaddy explained to Council that this is not the parking lot but the entrance into the Lake View Library. The concrete is cracked and a lady stumbled over crack. Mr. Gaddy told Council that he has two bids on replacing the concrete: Smith's Concrete Service in Latta, SC for \$8,000.00 and Big Dog Concrete in Florence for \$8,000.00. Mr. Gaddy stated that the new Procurement Code states that in a tie the bid will go to the local vendor. **Jack Scott motioned to accept the bid of \$8,000.00 from Smith's Concrete Service in Latta for the repair of the entrance at the Lake View Library. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SALKEHATCHIE CAMP MISSION GROUP REQUEST

Lisa Gray told Council that Main Street United Methodist Church has requested the County to provide dumpsters where they will be working on nine homes. Charlie Brown agreed to work with them. It is a mission group that comes to work on these homes. **Archie Scott motioned to approve the Main Street United Methodist Church Salkehatchie Camp Mission Group Request. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

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SC DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE – MOA FY 2018 -2019

Lisa Gray stated to Council that this is the annual agreement that DJJ submits for our acceptance. They house our juveniles for \$50.00 per day. **Archie Scott motioned to accept the SC Department of Juvenile Justice annual agreement. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

RIF GRANT #C-17-2847 AWARD – FAIRFIELD ROAD

Lisa Gray explained to Council that these are funds approved by Department of Commerce called Rural Infrastructure Fund Grant. This is for Fairfield Road in front of the port. \$600,000.00 was derived from total project, although the total project is \$1,085,057.00. \$480,000.00 was given from C-Funds local transportation committee. This grant will cover the \$600,000.00. **TF Finklea motioned to accept the grant money. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

SCDHEC CONTRACT OF AGREEMENT – DILLON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUNDING

Alan Berry told Council that this is an agreement sent to us by DHEC. This is the property in front of the jail where CareSouth will build a facility and DHEC will be housed there. The County owns the property but will be conveyed to CareSouth in next few months and they will begin construction. DHEC cannot give money to CareSouth but can be given to a County agency. Since, the County helps fund DHEC they can give the County \$216,000.00, once bills are approved at one time, money will come in and go right back out. This would benefit DHEC building, but it will just need to come through Dillon County. There was discussion about the County having to be responsible for the up keep of the DHEC building. Alan Berry told Council that he will get the original agreement. This agreement was tabled until next meeting.

RIA GRANT #R-18-3023 CHANGE ORDERS (#2, #3, & #4)

Lisa Gray told Council that these change orders were concerning the Industrial Park. Change order #2 adds 24 days to contract due to rain; Change order #3 increase contract by \$4,000.00 to put in raw water line communications cable, required by Trico approved by RIA Grant through Commerce; Change order #4 - \$187,700 increase an existing twelve inch sanitary sewer force main in the West Fairfield Road right of way needs to be relocated. **TF Finklea motioned to accept change orders #2, #3 and #4. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

RONALD CRAWFORD – LAW ENFORCEMENT & COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Crawford asked how are the Sheriff Department and the County Council tied together. TF Finklea replied that the Sheriff is an elected official and the Council cannot tell him what to do. Mr. Crawford stated that the senior citizens in New Town are scared to come out of their homes because of the drug dealers and he feels that the Sheriff and the leaders should do something about this.

RECREATION REQUESTS

Harold Moody motioned to approve the following requests: \$100.00 payable to Dillon Christian School for the annual golf tournament from Harold Moody's recreation; \$100.00 payable to Lake View High School Athletic Department for annual golf tournament from Harold Moody's recreation; \$377.50 payable to Oak Grove Neighborhood Watch from TF Finklea's recreation; \$377.50 payable to Latta Fire Department from TF Finklea's recreation; \$900.00 payable to High School Sports Report for advertising, \$150.00 each from Gerome McLeod, Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, TF Finklea, James Campbell, and Jack Scott's recreation.(High School Sports Report will be paid from 2018 -2019 budget) James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

NESA GRANT MATCH – DC SEWER STUDY

Lisa Gray told Council that they were informed of this last month that Pee Dee Regional Council of Government was applying for a grant as the applicant will oversee project. They will fund a sewer study County wide to insure adequate capacity in the future of our growth that is going on. This study will include the town of Latta and Lake View. The study is estimated at \$100,000.00, grant match required is \$20,000.00. We are asking NESA to match \$10,000.00, The City \$5,000.00, so the County will be responsible for \$5,000.00. NESA wanted to make sure that the Council is on board. We must issue the check by June 30, 2018 and then NESA will turn around and give us \$10,000.00 if grant is approved. **Harold Moody motioned to approve NESA Grant Match for the DC Sewer Study. Archie Scott seconded and all**

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voted in favor.

CDBG #4-ED-17-001 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT – PERDUE FARMS

Lisa Gray stated to Council that this is a grant from State Commerce Community Develop Block Grant. The grant is for \$1,050,000.00 to be used for the purchase of equipment by Perdue since they are expanding their facility and resulting in investments and job creations. **TF Finklea motioned to accept CDBG #4-ED-17-001 Performance Agreement for Perdue Farms. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of June 25, 2018 with net available funds of \$1,684, 505.18.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SEARCH

Ms. Gray told Council that ads have been placed in newspapers – The Dillon Herald, Morning News (package includes Hartsville Messenger, Marion Star & Pee Dee Weekly). Also, placed on the websites of SC Association of Counties & SC Economic Developer's Association. The process of selection of candidates for interviewing is underway.

GO BOND, TAXABLE SERIES 2018 FINANCING & CLOSING

Ms. Gray explained that Council recently passed the ordinance for the \$1 million bond. Two bids for financing were received: First-Citizens Bank at 3.98% & BB&T Company at 3.72%. Financing awarded to the low bidder BB&T; closing documents were signed and funds have been received by the County Treasurer.

LANDFILL VERTICAL EXPANSION UPDATE

Ms. Gray told Council that Arcadis, the County's engineering firm, has submitted the Technical Review & Response to DHEC's comment letter on the Vertical Expansion of the C&D Landfill. We expect a response from DHEC in the next two weeks, either approving the expansion or noting minor issues to address.

FOUNDATION FOR THE CAROLINA'S GRANT REQUEST – WOOD PARK

Ms. Gray stated to Council that funds are available through this foundation. Letter has been sent to them requesting up to \$35,000 for improvements to the Wood Park located in Newtown. We are in the process of getting some detailed information to them for their consideration.

ORDINANCES

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

Archie Scott motioned to have third reading. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES AND TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE BUDGET

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

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

Archie Scott motioned to approve the Emergency Ordinance Providing For The Payment Of Essential Services And Supplies. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

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APPOINTMENTS

James Campbell District #1 reappointment of Don Lewis to Library Board.

TF Finklea motioned to reappoint Don Lewis to Library Board for District 1. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

Harold Moody District #5 reappointment of Shirley Jolley to Library Board.

James Campbell motioned to reappoint Shirley Jolley to Library Board for District 5. Archie Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Gerome McLeod seconded and all voted in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved