

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 26, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on July 26, 2017 at 4:00pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward, Jack Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell. Also present were: Rodney Berry (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 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, Ellen Hamilton, Bill Patel, Greg Ackerman, Vernon Grimsley, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris and Mike Burns; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott 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

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the agenda. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 06/28/17, 06/30/17 (called)

Harold Moody motioned to approve the minutes. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

LEASE FORK CONVENIENCE SITE

Richard Gaddy told Council that this was a convenience site in Fork and that it had been leased to Marjorie Middleton. She passed away about ten years ago and the lease was never renewed. Her children have the property now and the lease name is Old Palmetto. This lease will be for \$1,200.00 a year. **Robbie Coward motioned to lease Fork convenience site for \$1,200.00 per year. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

LEAVE BANK

Rodney Berry told Council that this was for information only. He explained that there is an employee that is going through a serious illness and has no leave at this time. At this time we are exploring the leave bank where other employees can volunteer leave time so that this employee could get paid. Rodney Berry told that he has several ordinances from three or four counties, would like to bring together and get a committee to see what would be the best way to move forward for Dillon County.

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RENEW SMARTALERT MONITORING WITH ENCORE FOR 1 YEAR - \$8,280.00

Richard Gaddy told Council that this was for the computer system. Encore, through state contract, if system goes down will automatically come and repair or get back on line instead of getting an outside source. **TF Finklea motioned to renew Smartalert monitoring with Encore for 1 year in the amount of \$8,280.00. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

REQUIREMENT BY DHEC FOR POST CLOSURE COST FOR LANDFILL - \$15,000.00

Richard Gaddy told Council that a post closure estimate is usually done, however, every five years an engineering firm has to do post closure cost. Arcadis who usually does work for the landfill will do the post closure in the amount of \$15,000.00

Robbie Coward motioned to use Arcadis for the post closure cost for the landfill in the amount of \$15,000.00. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

WINDOWS AT COURTHOUSE – GWEN HYATT AND JAMES LOCKEMY

Gwen Hyatt , Clerk of Court, told Council that the windows at the Court House are rotten and would it be possible to appropriate so much money a year to do so many windows. All the windows at the Court House need to be repaired. Jack Scott replied that the wood structure is gone and they must abide by Historical guidelines. TF Finklea suggested to get estimates for the maintenance of the windows and start phasing it in. James Lockemy told Council about the capsule that he had talked with Mason about a cornerstone. The capsule was put in but when it was taken out there was nothing much in there. He stated that we still have the capsule and he has talked with the Mason's about making this a Christmas theme by lighting the Magnolia's at the Court House and having an essay contest for the kids to write "What it is like to live in Dillon County and what it will be like in 50 years. Judge Lockemy explained that in July 1999 that they sold prints of the Court House and coins and was authorized to sell these items and use money for the Court House. He told that there is \$2,300.00 and if they were in agreement this money could be used for refreshments and prizes for the essay contest. He stated that we need one more Magnolia tree and it will cost \$1,800.00. Archie Scott asked Gwen if she received any funding from the state and she replied Child Support Incentive. He asked her to check and see if the money could be used for Court House Grounds for a Magnolia tree.

MARLBORO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT INLAND PORT GENERATOR

Allen Berry told Council the Marlboro Electric have been talking to people who own land near the Inland Port and they need to install a generator that will help support the operations of the Inland Port. The property owners are under option to the County of that particular parcel of land. Marlboro Electric has asked us to release our option on just that portion and agree to allow the easement, giving right to go forward. **Robbie Coward motioned to give Marlboro Electric Cooperative right of way easement for Inland Port Generator. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

James Campbell motioned to approve the following requests: \$100.00 payable to Pine Hill African Methodist Episcopal Church for Birthday Extravaganza, from Archie Scott's recreation; \$1,750.00 payable to Thunder Zone Martial Arts Academy to help sponsor a ring and for the divisions the kids will be performing in, \$250.00 each from Robbie Coward, Archie Scott, TF Finklea, James Campbell, Harold Moody, Jack Scott, and Stevie Grice's recreation; \$250.00 payable to Diamond Back Select for tournament entry fees and travel expenses from Archie Scott's recreation; \$575.00 payable to Glory Road Baptist Church for fundraiser, \$250.00 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$100.00 each from James Campbell, Harold Moody, and Robbie Coward's recreation, \$25.00 from TF Finklea's recreation; \$400.00 payable to Dillon High School Marching Band for Battle of the Bands, \$100.00 each from Stevie Grice, Archie Scott, Harold Moody and James Campbell's recreation; \$350.00 payable to Community Picnic for family day with food and games for the children, \$100.00 from Robbie Coward's recreation, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott, Harold Moody, James Campbell, Stevie Grice and Jack Scott's recreation; \$500.00 payable to Dillon County Fire Department – Station #3 for Family Fun Day, \$250.00 from Jack Scott's recreation, \$100.00 from James Campbell's recreation, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott, Robbie Coward and Harold Moody's recreation. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

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FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of July 26, 2017 with available balance \$1,042,095.93.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

EMPLOYEE AND DEPARTMENT OF THE MONTH

Rodney Berry recognized Tony Caulder as Department Head of the Month and presented him with a \$50.00 Visa gift card. Rodney also recognized Daniel Moody from EMS and Angela Jackson from the Auditor's office as employees of the month. He presented them a \$50.00 Visa gift card each.

BARRETT LAWRIKORE PRESENTATION

Rodney Berry told Council about the Barrett Lawrimore award that will be given at the South Carolina's Association at Hilton Head. This is a regional corporation award. Rodney then gave a presentation of what he will present at Hilton Head.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DINNER

Rodney Berry told Council that the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner will be August 8, 2017 at Buckhead Ranch which is sponsored by Anderson Brothers Bank and is looking for all Dillon and Marion Counties Highway Patrol, Sled, Judges and Elected Officials.

Rodney Berry told Council that McNair Law Firm has invited the Council to go to Red Fish for Dinner on Monday, July 31, 2017 at Hilton Head. Rodney asked the Council to see Jamie Sue so that we can get a head count.

Rodney Berry told Council that the Public Works agreements will soon be ready and the proposal for the lease agreement for motor graders – the company brought one today for Roads and Bridges to test. Rodney said he would get with Steve Moody and get his feelings on the motor grader.

Rodney Berry told Council something else that they will be faced is making decisions about investing in cans for return investment. He told that Charles Taylor had been approached by Harbor Freight and the Ports Authority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL MATTER – TREASURER'S COMPLAINT

James Campbell motioned to go into executive session. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT HONEY HILL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTER RELATED THERETO
TF Finklea motioned to have second reading. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor

FIRST READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND (HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS PROJECT), SERIES 2017, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000; THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BOND TO PAY A PORTION OF THE COST OF CERTAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN DILLON COUNTY

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SERVING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Richard Gaddy told Council that this SSRB of \$1,000,000.00 will help pay for improvements on Fairfield Road. **Harold Moody motioned to have first reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018 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

Robbie Coward motioned to have first reading. Jack Scott seconded. Voting for motion were Robbie Coward, Archie Scott, TF Finklea, James Campbell and Jack Scott. Voting opposed were Stevie Grice and Harold Moody.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Robbie Coward motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved