

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on August 23, 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 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, 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

Alan Berry told Council that they needed to amend the agenda to add second reading of an ordinance that this would not be final action so the agenda could be amended. James Campbell motioned to approve the agenda by amending and adding second reading of An Ordinance By Dillon County Council To Amend The Official Zoning Map Of Dillon County To Rezone A Parcel Of Land Known As Tax Map Numbers Portion Of #58 (Parcel 49) and Portion of 68 (Parcel 020 Property Owners Dillon Property Holding, LLC and W.L. Bethea Farms, LTD From Rural (RU) to LD – 1(Light Industrial) For Purpose OF Expansion To Harbor Freight **James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor. Stevie Grice seconded and all voted in favor.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 07/12/17(called), 07/14/17 (called), 07/17/17 (called), 07/26/17

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

PUBLIC HEARING

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. There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly notice in The Dillon Herald's August 8, 2017 edition.) Chairman Archie Scott commented that a letter had been sent by the Chairman of the Board of Education, Mr. Richard Schafer with his concerns concerning the 2017 -2018 budget. Chairman Scott wanted to acknowledge that he did send a letter.

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NEW BUSINESS

FIRST STEPS ANNUAL GALA

Jamie Sue Stephens explained to Council that Dillon County First Steps, Getting Children Ready, is hosting its Annual Gala on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Brandi's Banquet Hall. This is their main fundraiser and they would like for the Council to be a sponsor. **Robbie Coward motioned to be a Silver Sponsor in the amount of \$500.00. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

OVERFLOW PIPE FOR LANDFILL - \$8,000.00

Richard Gaddy told Council that the overflow pipe for the landfill deals with vertical expansion which is a project of Arcadis. DHEC is requiring this so that the dam does not overflow. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve the overflow pipe for the landfill in the amount of \$8,000.00. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

IT POLICY AND PROCEDURE APPROVAL PER SLED AND IRS

Rodney Berry told Council that he would let Danny Holder, Information Technologist, to explain the policy and procedures per Sled and IRS. He stated to Council that he had a Sled audit and the County was slammed hard on the IT system. They looked at how we implement security and what is done to keep intrusion out. He explained that he had an IRS audit and they questioned what he was doing to provide support for the County. They found that the system was lacking in policy and procedures. Danny Holder said that implementing the policy and procedures would not cost the County anything except additional time for Danny Holder. He also said that the state requires a screen saver policy that if you do not use your computer within 15 minutes goes into screen mode, must reenter password and change password every ninety days. This is one of the many policies that the State requires. Danny said that he had written about thirty policies for what Sled is recommending and has checked with other Counties in the area as to what they are doing. Archie Scott asked Mr. Holder how we know that these policies are going to be approved by Sled. Danny Holder replied that the policies he wrote were based off the recommendations from Sled and IRS. Archie Scott asked do you feel that these policies you have written are fitting for Dillon County. Danny Holder replied, yes. **Robbie Coward motioned to approve the IT policies and procedures for Sled and IRS. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

GIS FEES – MELISSA THOMPSON

Rodney Berry told Council that Melissa Thompson had brought this to his attention and would let her explain. Melissa Thompson stated to Council that she is requesting to charge for GIS data. She explained that she gets request almost daily from timber companies and large companies wanting parcel information, something we have available and could make money. She explained that she had poled five Counties and this is how she arrived at these figures. Rodney Berry told Council that we are getting a lot of prospects in Dillon County and they expect to be charged. Harold Moody stated that we have had to pay for GIS information so we should recoup our money. **Stevie Grice motioned to approve GIS Fees. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

ELECTRONIC WASTE FEES – LANDFILL

Richard Gaddy told Council that they need to go up on electronic waste fee. Southern Environmental is charging \$400.00 a ton to pick up electronic waste. This will not affect Convenience Sites. Harold Moody agrees to go up; if an individual bring a television or any electronics it should be limited to one per vehicle at the Convenience Site. Archie Scott replied that at this time we are looking to change the fee and later look at the policy. **Harold Moody motioned to change the electronic waste fees. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the following requests; \$200.00 payable to Manning Baptist Church for their annual book bag bash, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott, James Campbell, Harold Moody and Stevie Grice's recreation; \$150.00 payable to The New St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church in helping the youth of the church. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TRUETT ENGLISH – BINGHAM BALL PARK

Alan Berry told Council that the ballpark in Bingham has been used by the public for a long time. This property belongs to Truett English. Although part of the park is owned by CSX. Before we approve agreement we should get parcels under

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some kind of agreement with CSX. Once we take it up we are under the responsibility to maintain property. This is just for information and #4 on lease will be stricken out. **James Campbell motioned to defer to next meeting. Robbie Coward seconded and all voted in favor.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES – 6 MONTH WAITING PERIOD

Rodney Berry told Council that they have workshops scheduled to address a lot of major items as it pertains to the Fire Department. This issue was brought to my attention by Administrative Committee and I will enforce whatever this body instructs me to do so. Harold Moody questioned what brought this up, that firemen have gone from one station to another. Archie Scott replied that if someone quits and leaves that they will have to have a six month waiting period before they return. This is just dealing with fire department individuals to bring discipline and that a policy must be in place. This policy would be for volunteers and paid employees of the fire department. Harold Moody commented that we would have to backup because some firemen were just voted on and now we would have to take them off. Archie Scott said this policy is to move forward; nothing is in place at this time with the fire departments. Jack Scott asked to explain who we are. He just wanted to clarify this for the taxpayers. Archie Scott replied “we” are Dillon County Govern body County Council who is responsible for making policy and that the Public Safety Committee met and put a motion on the floor to have a policy. **James Campbell motioned to have a 6 month waiting period for fire department employees and volunteers. Robbie Coward seconded. Voting for motion were Stevie Grice, Robbie Coward, Archie Scott, TF Finklea, James Campbell and Jack Scott. Voting opposed was Harold Moody.**

PRESERVATION TAX

Rodney Berry told Council that this matter was brought to their attention awhile back. Preservation Tax coordinating with the City, where if you improved the site of your building that your taxes that were assessed before improvement that is the taxes you would pay. We were under the impression that our ordinance was outdated and expired but this was misread. You would pay the assessed value before improvement for six years which is already in place – a standing ordinance. No action to take place for information only.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

County Administrator, Rodney Berry and Chairman Archie Scott recognized Charlie Brown as Department Head of the Month. Rodney thanked him for all the hard work that he does. Charlie was presented a gift card. Also, they presented employees of the month, Donella Moody Goings who works with 911 and Teresa Stackhouse, Finance Office. Rodney presented them with a gift card and thanked them for the hard work that they do.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of August 22, 2017 with available balance \$1,363,201.88.

ORDINANCES

SECOND 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 second reading. Jack Scott seconded. Voting for motion were Robbie Coward, Archie Scott, James Campbell and Jack Scott. Voting opposed were Stevie Grice, TF Finklea and Harold Moody.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jack Scott thanked the taxpayers for giving him the opportunity to go to Hilton Head. He told that he really learned a lot of useful information. He then spoke on the missing money from Lake View.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – “LOST” LEGAL MATTER & SPEC BUILDING & PROJECT BIO- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Robbie Coward motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

James Campbell motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved

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