

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2016
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on August 24, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were T.F. Finklea, Archie Scott, Randy Goings, Robbie Coward, Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, and Bobby Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (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, Jennifer Ward, Russ Edwards (Coronal Group), Brandon Norris (McNair Law Firm), Mike Burns (McNair Law Firm), Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm) By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robbie Coward motioned to amend agenda to add Matthew Elvington from Lake View Town Council. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 7/27/16, 8/17/16 (called), 8/22/16 (called)

Archie Scott motioned to approve the minutes. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD ITEM #18- SOLAR FARMS

There was no public comment. (The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald's August 9, 2016 edition.)

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT BY DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS TO ROYAL PANTHERA, LLC, A COMPANY FORMERLY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS "PROJECT PINEAPPLE PALACE" (THE "COMPANY") PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4-1-175 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMPANY; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A JOINT COUNTY BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL PARK; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF ANY AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING

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NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION REQUESTS

Archie Scott motioned to approve the following requests: \$200.00 payable to The Word Church of Jesus Christ for Pastoral Anniversary, \$25.00 each from Bobby Moody and Randy Goings, \$50.00 each from Harold Moody, Robbie Coward and Archie Scott's recreation; \$125.00 payable to Dillon Middle School Wildcat Band to help with expenses for the band, \$25.00 from Stevie Grice, \$50.00 each from Harold Moody and Archie Scott's recreation; \$125.00 payable to Dillon High School Band for competitions and workshops, \$25.00 from Stevie Grice, \$50.00 each from Harold Moody and Archie Scott's recreation; \$100.00 payable to City of Dillon Municipal Golf Course for annual golf tournament from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$350.00 payable to CUE Center For Missing Persons to help in locating missing persons, Brandon Graves, (Peanut) is one of the cases of CUE, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott, TF Finklea, Randy Goings, Bobby Moody, Harold Moody, Stevie Grice and Robbie Coward's recreation; Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

MEC AND DUKE ENERGY GRANTS

Mr. Young told Council that Marlboro Electric Coop was giving \$60,000 toward Ports Authority for land and upgrade of port. Duke Energy will be giving \$50,000 toward land and upgrade to port when the Ports Authority gets ready to come and \$75,000 through Central Electric to go to Tri-County Park to finish ship over request. Mr. Young said that he needed the motion to go to the Tri-County Committee. Archie Scott motioned to approve MEC and Duke Energy Grants for Tri-County Committee. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

MATTHEW ELVINGTON

Mayor Pro-Tem Town of Lake View, Matthew Elvington, expressed that he has many concerns about the proposed recreation area for the Town of Lake View. He asked Council to listen to the public of Lake View before going forward.

OLD BUSINESS

RUSS EDWARDS – CORONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Dillon County Attorney Alan Berry told Council that this will be discussed during Executive Session.

RONALD CRAWFORD

Ronald Crawford addressed concerns about trash in Newtown. Attorney Berry told Mr. Crawford that the State does not want trash on the road. He also explained that if you clean up in one area then you have to do it all over the County. Mr. Berry said that he talked with other Counties in the Pee Dee Area and none of them did clean up but that they did have a Nuisance Ordinance. Mr. Berry said that this would be something that Council could discuss.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy reported that currently we have \$563,620.73 more expenses than revenues as of the end of July.

Mr. Gaddy told Council that the bonus checks for employees went out on Thursday, August 18, 2016. He also explained that the consolidated bank statement available to us to spend is \$3,753,117.77

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Berry explained at direction of Council he looked into issues Mr. Crawford was discussing. He said that you can clean trash off right a way but do it in a way that makes it proper. It needs to be done by adopting a policy to give you guidelines. You cannot do in one area and not another, this is illegal. Attorney Berry also stated that the Department of Transportation will oppose any policy or ordinance that we adopt allowing folks to put debris on their right a way for us to pick up. Attorney Berry cannot recommend put trash by the road but he suggests a Nuisance Ordinance.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – 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 NUMBER 110-00-00-109, 110 PARCEL 049 AND 110 PARCEL 072 FROM A GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) DISTRICT

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TO RURAL (RU) DISTRICT

Stevie Grice motioned to have third reading. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

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THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE GRANT BY DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS TO A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS “PROJECT PINEAPPLE PALACE” (THE “COMPANY”) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4-1-175 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE COMPANY; PROVIDING FOR THE DELIVERY OF ANY AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE COMPANY TO EFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING

Attorney Berry told Council that this ordinance deals with the hotel to approve \$170,000 tax credit. Discussion was held concerning the hotel. Harold Moody made motion to have third reading. Bobby Moody seconded.

Voting in favor were: Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, TF Finklea, and Bobby Moody. Voting opposed were: Robbie Coward, Randy Goings and Archie Scott.

SECOND READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2017, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Robbie Coward asked Mr. Young to get four bids from Bond Attorneys in writing of how much the closing cost would be to borrow \$1,400,000.00. Mr. Young agreed to do that. Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF INTENT BY DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF FEDERALLY TAX-EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS BY THE COUNTY

Attorney Berry told Council that if they intended to be reimbursed then they must pass this resolution. Archie Scott motioned to approve resolution. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

District One – Randy Goings - No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

District Four – TF Finklea; TF Finklea motioned to appoint Virginia Brown to the Dillon County Library Board.

Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor. District Seven – Stevie Grice

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TRINITY BEHAVIORAL – DILLON BOARD OF DIRECTORS REAPPOINTMENT – JAMES McRAE

Stevie Grice motioned to reappoint James McRae to Trinity Behavioral Board of Directors.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER – PROJECT BADGER & CORONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Archie Scott motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Bobby Moody motioned to come out of executive session. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved _____