

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2017
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on September 27, 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), and Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council). Not present was Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

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. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08/23/17, 08/30/17 (called)

James Campbell motioned to approve the minutes. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.

RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION – MRS. MARTHA SMUTHERMAN

Archie Scott congratulated Mrs. Smutherman on the celebration of her 100th birthday. James Campbell read the proclamation from Dillon County Council to Mrs. Smutherman for her 100th birthday and presented her with the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION – TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE

Rodney Berry read the proclamation from Dillon County Council proclaiming September as Recovery month. Archie Scott presented the proclamation to Triza Cox, Prevention Specialist from Trinity Behavioral Care.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

Administrator Berry and Councilman Jack Scott recognized Randy Grimsley as Department Head of the Month. Rodney thanked him for all the hard work that he does. Randy was presented a plaque and gift card. Also, Harold Moody and Rodney Berry presented employees of the month, Angel Bethea who works at the Tax Assessor's Office and Cathy Baxley who works at the Treasurer's office. They were presented with a gift card and a plaque.

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RECREATION REQUESTS

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the following requests; \$400.00 payable to Fork Presbyterian Church for a donation for a project that they are doing, purchasing a storage building, \$50.00 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$100.00 from Robbie Coward's recreation and \$250.00 from Jack Scott's recreation; \$100.00 payable to Vision Educational Center for Halloween Costume Dance, \$50.00 each from Archie Scott and James Campbell's recreation. James Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.

ARCADIS – LANDFILL EXPANSION STORM WATER PERMIT - \$15,000.00

Richard Gaddy told Council that this is the storm water plan for the Landfill, still dealing with the vertical expansion that is required by DHEC. Arcadis put out as a not to exceed basis and their estimate will be about \$15,000.00. **Harold Moody** motioned to accept the storm water permit in the amount of \$15,000.00. **Robbie Coward** seconded and all voted in favor.

ADA CITY/COUNTY COMPLEX COMPLIANCE

Rodney Berry told Council that City Manager, Glenn Wagner, received claims that handicaps had difficulty entering the City County Complex especially on the back end and has received two quotes – 1) Carolina Construction Inc. in the amount of \$20,668.00 and 2) Palmetto Glass, Inc. in the amount of \$12,570.00. Rodney said that this would add four stoppers that they can hit the stopper going in and open door and hit stopper going out. This would affect eight doors which will put us in compliance with handicap accessible. Archie Scott asked if the City would share the expense. Rodney replied that the City will pay 1/3 because the County occupies 2/3's of the building. **Robbie Coward** motioned to accept Palmetto Glass, Inc. in the amount of 12,500.00. **TF Finklea** seconded and all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

FORENSIC AUDIT DISCUSSION

Rodney Berry told Council that his recommendation would be to get the Administrative Committee together that a Forensic Audit is broad scope and they need to come together and see what they are looking for. This will be money that we will have to find, do not know how much it will cost. Robbie Coward asked Mr. Gaddy if this could be put out for bids. He replied this could be done.

PURCHASE MOTOR GRADER, FRONT END LOADER AND BACKHOE

Richard Gaddy told Council that he would go over the prices of the following: the motor grader will cost \$254,248.00 and the trade in on the existing motor graders would be \$25,000.00 each; front end garbage loader will cost \$251,495.00 with Heil body which is what they have had in the past and gave good service; backhoe – will cost \$96,479.00. Chairman Scott asked financially speaking are we in position to move on this. Rodney Berry said his recommendation would be to buy if payments can be made. He explained that most calls he receives pertains to road work and that this type of purchase is not budgeted but it is needed and if this could be done on a payment plan it would probably work. Richard Gaddy explained that regardless if we do purchase, the budget will need to be amended. Jerry McNeil, from Roads and Bridges, told Council that there are only two motor graders working and if they go down we are in trouble. Harold Moody replied that once we get through October we're approaching the wettest part of our year and cannot run two machines after every rain like you can a thunderstorm, we will have a bigger mess with roads in winter if we do not get a third plow in action that the citizens will not be very happy. Archie Scott asked Rodney Berry and Richard Gaddy if we are in a position to do this because we do not want to do this and find out later that we were not in a position to do this and everyone says that County Council has bankrupt Dillon County and are in a financial bind and have overspent money. We want to be watch dogs over taxpayer money and depend on the leadership of the Finance Director and the Administrator. Richard Gaddy told Council that there is a cash flow situation. We will have to raise taxes or cut back on services to get our expenses lined backup. Archie Scott replied that this will be considered for information.

FINANCE REPORT

Richard Gaddy, Finance Director, gave the reconciled bank account balances as of September 21, 2017 with available balance \$838,946.10. Robbie Coward asked Alan Berry to check into what the statute says about the County Treasurer is to furnish us with reports. It is my understanding that she has told the Finance Director that she will not give any more reports. Alan Berry said that he will check into this matter.

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ORDINANCES

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVE ORDINANCE FOR DILLON COUNTY (ORDINANCE 09-12) TO EXTEND THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PERIOD FROM SIX(6) YEARS TO (8) YEARS. Rodney Berry told Council that this is the third reading and it unifies language with the City. **TF Finklea motioned to have third reading. Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor.**

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND CONVEYANCE FROM DILLON COUNTY TO CARESOUTH CAROLINS, INC. OF APPROXIMATELY 3.52 ACRES AND DESIGNATED AS “NEW TRACT” ON A SUBDIVISION SURVEY OF A PART OF TAX MAP 69 PARCEL 6 BY WILLIAM E. HAYES, PLS, DATED JULY 31, 2017, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Rodney Berry told Council that DHEC will be housed in Caresouth and they will have a beautiful new facility across from the Judicial Center and next to the Animal Shelter. He explained that they hoped to break ground in the new year but perhaps do a ground breaking before year is up. **Harold Moody motioned to have third reading. Jack Scott seconded and all voted in favor.**

THIRD READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING #58 (PARCEL 49) AND PORTION OF #68 (PARCEL 02) PROPERTY OWNERS DILLON PROPERTY HOLDING, LLC AND W.L. BETHEA FARMS, LTD FROM RURAL (RU) TO id) – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) FOR PURPOSE OF EXPANSION TO HARBOR FREIGHT.

Alan Berry explained that this ordinance deals with the change in zoning from rural to light industrial for expansion of Harbor Freight. **Robbie Coward motioned to have third reading. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 13 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, AND 4-1-170 CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY TO DEVELOP THE PARK; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Rodney Berry told Council that this ordinance deals with Multi County Park with Marion County to incorporate our Economic Development Fund in that park (Lake View). **Robbie Coward motioned to have third reading. TF Finklea seconded and all voted in favor.**

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING CERTAIN FEES COLLECTABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS AD VALOREM TAXES

Robbie Coward motioned to have second reading. Stevie Grice seconded. Alan Berry told Council that this ordinance is to clarify what fees can be collected by the County the same way they pay their taxes, it specifies only the solid waste \$90.00 fee can be added to tax bill along with real estate taxes owed and only that fee. Discussion was held. Chairman Scott replied that a vote would not be called for that the second reading of the ordinance would be held off until amended.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Jack Scott discussed the Lake View money. Stevie Grice said that Roads and Bridges really need a motor grader and we need to find a way to get one. Harold Moody agreed that the County does need to help the citizens; that a motor grader would help with the roads. James Campbell explained that Council cannot do anything about guys hanging out in Newtown and Dargan Street. The Sheriff will have to take care of that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –RUSS EDWARDS WITH CORONAL AND PERSONNEL MATTER AND LEGAL MATTER

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

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**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
None**

ADJOURNMENT

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

Archie Scott, Chairman

Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved