

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2011
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on November 16, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Archie Scott, Macio Williamson, Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), and Lisa Gray (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 – Gerald Poss, Consulting, Yolanda McCormick (Librarian), Susan Norton (Perdue), The Dillon Herald, Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Jamie Estes (Treasurer), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Dan Gruszka, Charles Curry, Terry Morris, Jerry Rivers, Alan Lane, Alvin Nobles (all citizens' request), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Steve Johnson, Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), WMBF News, Dillon County Planning/ Code Enforcement Office, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Ron Bartley (NETC), Frank Brockington, Steve Rogers (Assessor) and Sheriff Major Hulon ; By fax – Dillon County E911, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

Chairman Scott commended County Attorney Ken Dubose for the good job he performed earlier in the day in the courtroom representing Council while addressing Judge Birch.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Archie Scott asked that the vehicle policy be added under the County Administrator section. Andrew Graves motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Macio Williamson seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 10/26/11

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE SUSPENDING SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

There was no public input. The public hearing was duly noticed in the November 1, 2011 edition of The Dillon Herald.

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NEW BUSINESS

PEE DEE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOV – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROPOSAL

Mr. Young told of him and Larry Jones receiving the proposal of the update which is required to be done every five years. Mr. Young recommended Council approve the proposed which is not to exceed \$20 000. **Macio Williamson motioned to approve the proposal. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Macio Williamson motioned to approve \$200.00 payable to High School Sports Report from Macio Williamson 's recreation for advertisement for Dillon Christian School. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

THE CAROLINAS I-95 MEGA SITE

Mr. Young told of attending the meeting in Columbia and receiving an outline of activities and expenses for marketing the site. He reminded Council that we had received \$206,000 to be used for this purpose and requested Council approve the \$4,864.99 expenses to date (leaving a balance of \$201,135.01). **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the expenses. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young told that Council had the written report and that we are within budget showing \$2.7 million in expenses over revenues. Also, a report was given received from Jamie Estes showing \$9.5 million in account balances as of September 2011. He told that tax notices are out and that the audit is complete and will be presented to Council in December or January.

Mr. Young told that approximately \$500,000 had been spent on the Mohawk building and that we have received \$493,309 from the SC Dept of Commerce grant along with around \$24,000 from the equipment sale. Mr. Johnson requested a monthly report be furnished to Council of expenses related to the building.

Mr. Johnson thanked Mr. Young for furnishing Council with the finance and gas reports in time for them to review before the meeting. Discussion was held concerning fuel and miles per gallon obtained and more information to be available on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING

Mr. Graves told that the committee met on November 7 and recommended the following: 1) Property behind Sheriff's office – do not purchase; 2) Probation office – leave at current location and discussed safety issues with the building; 3) Recycling building – consider whether to sell (set minimum bid) or tear down by County staff and salvage useable materials, then sell balance;

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4) Bingham Fire Dept location – delay until property owner responds to Ken Dubose’s letter concerning conditions of sale. Council took no action on all of these matters.

PUBLIC WORKS

Harold Moody told that the committee met on November 14 and recommended the following: 1) Increase disposal fee on big tires to \$225 per ton – Mr. Dubose to see if action is required to do this; 2) Cease acceptance of tires with rims at convenience sites and landfill effective January 2 2012; 3) Agreed to set up cardboard baler at the landfill; 4) Agreed to obtain option on land adjoining the landfill; 5) Approval of Arcadis proposal #14 - see action below; 6) Need to review all convenience site leases – Mr. Young stated Council may want to look at purchasing instead of leasing. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the Arcadis proposal #14 followed by a second from Aron Gandy. All voted in favor.**

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Chairman Scott asked if contract workers are covered to drive our vehicles. Mr. Young stated he will check into it and take any necessary action and noted that a copy of the Kershaw County vehicle use policy has been furnished for Council’s review and consideration.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Mr. Dubose referred to file documents relative to compliance with the court order and asked that the media be supplied the documents. He also noted that the pre-clearance letter has been approved and Mr. Young is to inform the election commission. Mr. Dubose told of a statement by Bo McInnis addressing the Dillon County Public-Private Economic Development Partnership Board requesting a legal opinion from the County Attorney in regards to conflict of interest. Mr. Dubose told that he may be referring to the Mohawk building equipment removal bids but will obtain clarity on the issue and give his opinion.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING - ORDINANCE SUSPENDING SUNDAY WORK PROHIBITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Mr. Young told of Wal-Mart’s request to do this based on adjacent counties already doing it. **Aron Gandy motioned to approve the third reading and pass the ordinance. Bobby Moody seconded. Voting in favor were Aron Gandy, Macio Williamson, Archie Scott , Bobby Moody and Andrew Graves. Voting against were Harold Moody and Joe Johnson**

APPOINTMENTS

TAX APPEAL BOARD MEMBER – (DISTRICT 7) REPLACING HOUSTON GRICE

Mr. Johnson told that Mr. Grice had contacted him several months ago and stated he needed to resign due to health reasons. **Joe Johnson recommended and motioned to appoint Tom Rowland as Houston Grice’s replacement followed by a second from Aron Gandy. All except Andrew Graves voted in favor. Mr. Graves opposed the motion.**

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL & CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Aron Gandy motioned to go into executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Aron Gandy motioned to come out of executive session, followed by a second from Macio Williamson. All voted in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS

APPROVING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE

Aron Gandy motioned to approve and employee Christmas bonus of \$300 for full time and \$200 for part time county employees. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Dubose told that this could be a line item transfer with no action needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Aron Gandy motioned to adjourn. Macio Williamson seconded and all were in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____