

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2011  
4:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on December 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> 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), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council), and 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), Les Jackson (Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Ron Bartley (NETC), Steve Rogers (Assessor), Glen Wagner (City Manager) 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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Dubose told that he and Mr. Young recommend removing agenda item 10A First Reading of an Ordinance Postponing Reassessment. **Macio Williamson motioned to approve the agenda with that change. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/16/11**

**Andrew Graves motioned to approve the minutes. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DOUG MILLER – DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECON DEV PARTNERSHIP  
BD UPDATE & FUNDING**

Mr. Miller spoke thanking Council for their support and stating that Tonny McNeil had done a good job. He told that he felt the board needs to soon obtain 501C3 status to be effective and help collect funds needed to attract businesses and take pressure off of Council. He invited Council to the upcoming Industry Appreciation supper to be held in January at North Eastern Technical College. Heyward Proctor also spoke about the board having had growing pains but now going in the right direction. He emphasized the need for 501C3 status in order for the board

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to subsidize Council's funding and assist Mr. McNeil. Chairman Scott told that Council will get back with them concerning this.

**STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL**

Mr. Young told of the proposal received from Mark Williams (Strategic Development Group). He stated the SC Power team approves and there is a possibility of grant funding from Palmetto Economic Development and NESAs. He told that no action was needed at this time as we need to wait on approvals.

**RECREATION REQUESTS**

**Aron Gandy motioned to approve \$150.00 payable to Dillon Wildcat Booster Club for an ad in the sports program from all seven councilmember's recreation accounts (\$21.43 each). Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor**

**UTILITY TRACTOR & ROTARY CUTTER PURCHASES (ROADS & BRIDGES DEPT)**

Mr. Young told that we had obtained state contract price on both items from Southeast Farm Equipment Co (John Deere). The tractor total price (includes sales tax) is \$52,667 and cutter total price is \$12,352. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the two purchases and stated that this is needed because the newly paved roads also have to be maintained by the County and this equipment will cut to the bottom of those ditches. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.**

**AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF DILLON FOR BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING**

Mr. Young told that our staff has been helping the City recently, as they are short staffed, and he is waiting for the City to work up an agreement which may be ready by the next meeting.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY**

Mr. Dubose told Council this is a proposal primarily derived from the SCAC template and edited to suit Dillon County, establishing guidelines and fees. He told that this would be good for the citizens, Council and staff and they may want to consider and adopt at the next meeting.

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Mr. Young told that this was concerning Marion, Florence and Dillon Counties agreeing to the development of an industrial park which a portion of is in Dillon County. Mr. Dubose has reviewed and discussed this with McNair Law Firm and found this does not obligate us to anything. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the document. Macio Williamson seconded and all were in favor.**

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**ROAD NAME CHANGE - FARLEY ROAD TO INDUSTRIAL PARK DRIVE**

Mr. Young told that Tonny McNeil had obtained signatures of the two property owners agreeing to change the name of the road and that this will be advantageous to industry. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the change. Aron Gandy seconded and all were in favor.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

Mr. Young and Mr. Dubose explained the agreement and stated if the owner agrees to conditions (plaque honoring the owner's Father, attorney fee limit, use of building as a fire department) Council can move forward with their decision to use the property for a fire department and obtain the septic tank permit. **Aron Gandy motioned to approve the agreement subject to the conditions. Harold Moody seconded and all, except Archie Scott, were in favor. Chairman Scott told that the reason he is not in favor is because he doesn't have enough information on the fire department such as size, cost, etc.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FARLEY ROAD RIGHTS OF WAY**

Mr. Young told that Council had previously agreed to allow Alliance Engineering to conduct engineering services to extend Farley Road. After review, more right of way is needed. He told that Bill Bethea, property owner and attorney, agreed to provide the necessary right of way document. He stated that a 75 foot right of way is needed to the end of Harbor Freight Road to allow for possible future expansion of utilities. He told that we should have the final document by the next meeting.

**THE CAROLINAS I-95 MEGA SITE EXPENSES**

Mr. Young told that he thought he would have information on expenses but had not obtained copies of bills yet.

**PROPERTY BEHIND SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Mr. Young asked if Council wants to reconsider the purchase for \$38,000. Mr. Graves told that the Council Building Committee's recommendation was to not purchase it for that price.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Young furnished Council with expenses (through November of \$506,000) of the Mohawk building, the treasurer's balance and fuel reports. He told that the City-County roof and transfer station repairs are complete, and IWP closure is almost complete. He noted that we went ahead and paid off the initial jail loan to save interest cost. He also told that the audit report is complete and given to Council so they may have time to review, noting a \$900,000 surplus for the year. The independent auditor, Chris Clark, will make his presentation at the January meeting. Chairman Scott asked why there was an increase in the tax bills. Mr. Young told that the school millage increased and the Local Option Sales Tax factor changed because it is based on sales tax collections, which were down. He noted that Council didn't set those numbers.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

None

**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Young told that the committee recommended the Recycling building be offered for sale with a minimum price of \$100,000, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Mr. Dubose informed Council that an ordinance must be passed and a public hearing held stating the property will be sold by bid process and conditions. He told that he would have an ordinance ready by the next meeting for their consideration. Chairman Scott told that Mr. Dubose could prepare the ordinance.

Mr. Young also informed council of discussions held to expand at the Detention Center to include a possible law enforcement center. He told that a planning meeting will be held with the appropriate entities involved.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**COUNTY WEBSITE**

Mr. Young told of staff putting various information on the site such as the agendas and minutes of council meetings and the audit report. He told that the financial, fuel and other reports will also be added.

**COUNTY FIRE PROCEDURES**

Mr. Young told that he has asked Winna Miller to draft procedures and requirements, etc and will refer this to the public safety committee.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Dubose gave Council documents he had prepared at Mr. Young's request. One dated December 15, 2011, concerned the Ethics Act law addressing county employees engaging in political activities and prohibiting public property use for political gain. Another, dated December 6, 2011, reaffirming the county policy regarding county personnel and the prohibition against performing work on private property. He told that Mr. Young will distribute the documents to the county employees to remind them of these matters. He told that he would like to discuss a matter dealing with FOIA in executive session. Chairman Scott told that it was not on the agenda therefore could not be discussed.

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE POSTPONING REASSESSMENT**

Removed from agenda during Approval of Agenda.

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**FIRST READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL  
PARK WITH MARION COUNTY DATED APRIL 1, 2007**

Mr. Young told that he had discussed with Mike Burns, McNair Law Firm, the issue of Franco Manufacturing not being in a multi-county park. He told that this would add Franco to the prior agreement with Marion County and ensure that all fee in lieu are also in multi-county parks. **Aron Gandy motioned to approve first reading as set forth in the agenda by title only. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**APPROVING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE (\$100,000 FOR FIRE HYDRANTS)**

Mr. Young stated this would increase fire protection for our citizens and give them a better ISO rating, resulting in insurance cost savings. He recommended Council approve the resolution and told that he would get a list of where to install the new hydrants. Joe Johnson stated this would make water more accessible, save lives and property, and save citizens money. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the resolution. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS (TWO)**

**Aron Gandy motioned to go into executive session. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

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

**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Aron Gandy motioned to adjourn. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

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**Archie Scott, Chairman**

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**Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council**

**Date approved \_\_\_\_\_**