

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2015
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on August 26, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), 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), Charlie Bailey, Delores Smith, Winna Miller, Calvin Matthews, 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), Morning News, Kenneth Smith, Steve Rogers (Dillon County Tax Assessor), Vernon Grimsley (Recreation), Jacorie McCall, Debbie Summers (Harvest Hope), Charlie Brown (Dillon County Landfill), Dan McLeod, Lisa Morris, Brandon Norris, Mike Burns (McNair Law Firm), Gerry Fleming, Tonie Martin, Rhonda Leonard, Terry Brown, Roscoe Oxendine; 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

Vice Chairman Archie Scott motioned to approve agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 07/22/15

Vice Chairman Archie Scott motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

DILLON DIXIE DARLINGS 8U and LATTA ANGELS 10U

Archie Scott motioned to approve the resolution for Dillon Dixie Darlings 8U and Latta Angels 10U. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor. Mr. Young read the resolution for the Dillon Dixie darlings 8U. Councilman Stevie Grice gave plaques to the players and coaches.

Mr. Young read the resolution for the Latta Angels 10U. Council chairman, T.F. Finklea gave plaques to the Latta Angels 10U players and coaches. Archie Scott presented Chairman T.F. Finklea with a World Series plaque thanking him for all that he has done as Chairman and for making sure everything was a success. Archie Scott presented Councilman Stevie Grice with the World Series plaque and thanked him for all he has done as Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

HARVEST HOPE FOOD BANK

Mr. Young told Council that we had received a request from Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of hunger in South Carolina and to recognize “Hunger Awareness And Action Month”. **Archie Scott motioned to approve resolution. Robbie Coward seconded and all**

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were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

RECYCLING CENTER REVISED POLICY (RELATING TO MUNICIPAL CITIZENS)

Robbie Coward motioned for citizens of Dillon, Town of Latta and Lake View go to the Auditor's office and receive a sticker at no charge and can use the county convenience sites. Randy Goings said that he was looking at the legal ramifications of this and that we should research this before we go through with this. He explained that you are charging one citizen one thing and another citizen is getting theirs free. Archie Scott asked if the citizens of the city of Dillon pay County taxes. Chairman Finklea replied "yes they do." **Archie Scott seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Stevie Grice, Robbie Coward, Archie Scott and T.F. Finklea. Voting opposed were: Harold Moody, Randy Goings and Bobby Moody.**

RECREATION EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL (FUND 45 – LAKE VIEW INFRASTRUCTURE)

Mr. Young told Council that he had received a request from the Town of Lake View for recreation playground equipment. The proposal was from Beyond Your Ordinary Recreation. He told that the amount of the equipment is \$24,451.42 and that he recommended the installation in the amount of \$6,855.00 for a total of \$31,306.42. Mr. Young told Council that the monies would come from Fund 45 – Lake View Infrastructure. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the recreation equipment proposal. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

RECREATION REQUESTS

Robbie Coward motioned to approve the following: \$450.00 payable Shawn Bethea for Stop The Violence Streetball Tournament on August 22, 2015 - \$100 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$100.00 from Randy Goings recreation, \$100.00 from Stevie Grice recreation, \$50.00 from Harold Moody's recreation, \$50.00 from Bobby Moody's recreation and \$50.00 from T.F. Finklea's recreation; \$200.00 payable to Manning Baptist Church for Fifty-States Fundraiser for church improvements on October 11, 2015 - \$50.00 from Archie Scott's recreation, \$50.00 from Randy Goings recreation, and \$100.00 from T.F. Finklea; \$105.00 payable to East Regional Softball League for softballs from Bobby Moody's recreation; \$100.00 payable to City of Dillon Municipal Golf Course for golf tournament from Harold Moody's recreation; Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. Stevie Grice motioned to give \$1000.00 to the Dillon County Boys and Girls Youth Center from the general fund. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

DAN GRUSZKA – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gruszka requested that Council say the Pledge of Allegiance before every meeting. He explained the Pledge of Allegiance as told to Red Skelton by one of his grade school teachers. He told Council that his parents were immigrants to the U.S. with an eighth grade education and that they showed a love for this country in him. Mr. Gruszka asked Council to make the pledge an important part of their meetings. **Harold Moody motioned to say the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of every meeting. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

ATTORNEY CONTRACT

Mr. Young told Council that Mr. Berry was here and he would go into Executive Session. No action would be taken at this time.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Gaddy told Council that this is the month of July, one month into the fiscal year, currently there is

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\$256,429 more revenue than expenses but this is subject to change because there are some revenues that need to be accrued.

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REAL PROPERTY REASSESSMENT IN DILLON COUNTY BE DELAYED FOR ONE YEAR, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 12-43-217(B), SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS 1976, AS AMENDED

Archie Scott motioned to have second reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT BEACON X, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE SPONSOR AFFILIATES; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Mr. Young told Council that when we go into Executive Session he will have Tonny McNeill, Economic Development, to help him explain about this Ordinance before Council takes action and will discuss in Executive Session. If Council deems appropriate we will come out and take first reading.

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,400,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2016, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT 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

Mr. Gaddy told Council about the General Obligation Bond of 1,400,000 and that \$979,816.00 - Judicial Center Reimbursement; \$353,652.00 – Computer Upgrades; \$29,349.00 – Brush Truck for Station #4 that would leave a balance of \$37,183. Robbie Coward said he felt like we were putting the citizens in a lot of debt. Archie Scott stated that it troubled him about reimbursement. He asked did you move money and put money back. The Chairman explained that it was money from the reserve and the money was going back to reserve. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading. Harold Moody seconded. Voting in favor were: Bobby Moody, Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, T.F. Finklea, and Randy Goings. Voting opposed were: Robbie Coward and Archie Scott.**

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN EQUIPMENT LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, 2015, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$750,000 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE LESSOR THEREOF TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Mr. Gaddy told Council that the Lease Purchase was for 750,000.00 for proposed equipment that is needed: \$481,062.00 – (3) ambulances; \$169,973.00 – Mack Roll-Off Truck; \$25,262.00 – Code Enforcement Truck; Upgrade 911 Equipment - \$155,640. There was some discussion. Chairman Finklea

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asked Archie Scott, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, to have a meeting with his committee and check on the ambulances, trucks, etc. and make a recommendation before second reading. Chairman Finklea asked Harold Moody to have a meeting with his committee, Public Works, to check on prices of the Roll Off and to make a recommendation before second reading. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading. Harold Moody seconded. Voting in favor were: Bobby Moody, Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, Randy Goings, and T.F. Finklea. Voting opposed were: Robbie Coward and Archie Scott.**

APPOINTMENTS

DILLON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

District Six – No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING OF APPEALS

District One – No appointment at this time. District Six – No appointment at this time. District Seven – No appointment at this time.

DILLON COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – DISTRICT SIX – REAPPOINTMENT OF GAYLE COLEMAN; MEMBER AT LARGE – REAPPOINTMENT OF TOMMY STEPHENS

Robbie Coward motioned to reappoint Gayle Coleman. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor. Harold Moody motioned to reappoint Tommy Stephens. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC (PROJECT BEACON X) AND CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

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

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

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT BEACON X, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE SPONSOR AFFILIATES; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

LTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Archie Scott motioned to have first reading. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

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 _____