

**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 10, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Meeting Minutes**

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, A.C. English
Councilman, Benton Blakely
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Vickie Williams	Michael Kozlarek
Fred Tucker	Linda Lemon	Nikki Toomes
Cynthia B. Mack	Archie Lemon	Ricci Land Welch
Linda J. Taylor	Louis Griffith	Dawn Griffith
Toni Baker	Shirley Black-Oliver	Patricia Pringle
Marilyn Fletcher	Tammy Rodvansky	Brent Robertson
Princess Lang	And other citizens of Clarendon County	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for Regular Meeting which was held on August 13, 2012.

V. Request

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to grant out-of-state travel for the Fire Department.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to grant out-of-state travel for Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Controller Anthony. They will be traveling to New York.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to appoint Julie Griffin to act as Champion for Clarendon County on the South Carolina Certified Work Ready Communities Initiative.

VI. Ordinance 2012-02

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to first reading of Ordinance 2012-02 – an Ordinance to authorize the sale of one (1) parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County and identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No. 083-00-01-042-00.

VII. Resolution 2012-11

Mr. Michael Kozlarek, Parker Poe, LLC, presented council with a synopsis of Resolution 2012-11. He stated that this Resolution is related to an Ordinance that was approved and adopted in 2010 when the administration-building project was approved. Mr. Kozlarek continued by stating that the entire project, the administration-building project, and the renovation to the county court house project would be funded by the fee-in-lieu of taxes from Georgia Pacific as planned.

Chairman Stewart stated that this project would not require a lot of support from the Tax Payers of Clarendon County because the fee-in-lieu of taxes from Georgia Pacific is scheduled to begin in January 2013.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to Resolution 2012-11. A Resolution to provide authorization for an installment purchase plan of finance for certain capital projects in the county; and other related matters.

VIII. Presentation from the Election Commission

Shirley Black-Oliver updated council on the upcoming 2012 Election. She continued by stating that October 6, 2012 would be the last day to register in order to vote in the November 6, 2012 election. She stated that beginning October 15, 2012 Voters Registration hours of operation would be extended to accommodate absentee voting as follows:

Mondays through Thursdays	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Fridays	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturdays	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sundays	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mrs. Black continued by requesting \$3,000 to have the batteries replaced in the Electronic Voting Machines. She concluded by requesting funding to pay for the programming of the Electronic Voting Machines.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council

voted unanimous approval to authorize Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, to pay the funds that were requested by Shirley Black-Oliver.

IX. Introduction of USDA Representative

Ms. Vickie Williams, Grants Coordinator, stated that the Manning Fire Department has to transport a compressor from Manning to Summerton for fires because funding was not available to purchase an additional compressor for Summerton. She concluded that a Grant has been approved to purchase an additional compressor and Ms. Nikki Toomes, USDA Representative, will give council information about the grant.

Ms. Nikki Toomes, USDA Representative, informed council that funding has been secured for the compressor. She stated that a grant has been approved for Rural Development. Ms. Toomes continued by stating that the total cost of the compressor is \$53,865 and the grant will provide 75% of that amount which is \$40,399. She stated that the fire department would have to add in the difference of \$13,466. She concluded by stating that the paper work is not available as of today.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to request the funds to purchase the compressor.

X. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson stated that the expenses for the month of August were \$1,394,458. He stated that Phase 1 is approved for operation, Phase 1B was revised, and we are waiting on approval from USDA on the revisions. He continued by stating that C Fund report was not available for July. Mr. Epperson stated that 913 tickets were sold for the Gatlin Brothers' Concert. He continued by thanking Ms. Ansley Durant, Event Coordinator, her staff, friends of Weldon, Volunteers, and sponsors for a job well done.

Mr. Epperson continued by stating that the Animal Shelter took in 66 animals for the month of August. Sixty were brought in by Animal Control and six were brought in by the public. Mr. Epperson stated that we are running out of pens for the dogs but we are in the process of expanding the pens to alleviate that problem.

Mr. Epperson continued by congratulating Mr. Shelton Hughes, Detention Center Director, for being reappointed to the South Carolina Association of Counties Committee. Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 16, 2012, 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and the public is welcome to come and tour the building.

XI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart stated that the City of Manning would be having a ceremony on

the grounds of the County Courthouse on September 11, in remembrance of 9/11. He also stated that he would be in Columbia on September 11, for a meeting.

XII. Executive Session

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to go into Executive Session. Chairman Stewart asked Mr. Michael Kozlarek, Mr. Brent Robertson, and Mr. John Truluck to attend the Executive Session. The Executive Session started at 6:37 pm.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session and go back into Regular Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:47 pm.

i. Legal Briefing (Capital Project Sales Tax)

Chairman Stewart stated that no action would be taken at this time on the Capital Project Sales Tax.

ii Economic Development (Project Rally)

Chairman Stewart stated that after the briefing by John Truluck, Economic Development Director, on Project Rally, council would be taking action with an Ordinance.

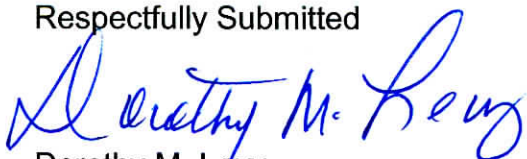
XII. Ordinance 2012-03

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to first reading of Ordinance 2012-03 – 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 Tax Agreement, by and between Clarendon County, South Carolina and [Project Rally], as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive; to provide for the "Manufacturer's Abatement"; and other related matters.

XVI. Adjournment

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted unanimous approval to adjourn the council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

