

August 13, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Kent M. Williams, Deputy Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Vice Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 25, 2013.

Vice Chairman Collins requested the members of Council and Representative Jim Battle to come forward for the presentation of a resolution. On behalf of Council the County Attorney read the resolution. Representative Battle thanked the citizens of Marion County for allowing him to serve in the House of Representatives for 16 years.

There were no reports given by Committee #1.

The Administrator told Council that Committee #2 met on Monday, August 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building to discuss the animal shelter/Paws to the Rescue. Those present were Chairman Buddy Collins, Simon Jenkins, Thomas E. Shaw, Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. Also present were Andrew Golden from the Star & Enterprise; Ms. Jen Nall with Paws to the Rescue along with Attorney James. E.

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Bain. The members of the committee asked several questions referencing the animal shelter and Paws to the Rescue. After a brief discussion, it was the recommendation of the committee to authorize the County Attorney to move forward with a contract for this fiscal year that would run through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014. Mr. Harper also stated that March of 2014 the County would send out RFP's to any organizations that are interested in running the animal shelter beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2014. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously to accept Committee #2 report.

The County Attorney reported to Council the information that was requested from the Budget and Control Board regarding the location for the National Guard site in Mullins. The Budget and Control Board was deeding that property to the City of Mullins. Mr. McLain told Council that the property is in fact the old maintenance shed behind the high school. Mr. McLain asked Council's approval to execute a document to the Budget and Control Board releasing the County's first right of refusal for this one conveyance to the City of Mullins, so long as that first right of refusal maintains in that deed as well. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Floyd; Mr. Troy has a few questions regarding this said matter. Mr. Williams responded to the question, and stated that the maintenance shed would be used for a fire substation, after a brief discussion, Mr. Atkinson amended his motion, Mr. Floyd, amended his second to include in the deed that the property would be used for a fire substation or it would revert back to the County. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Building. Mr. Harper provided the proposed layout of the new administration building. He stated that Mosley Architects presented three options. Mr. Harper went over each option. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to choose option three. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to accept the recommendation of the Administrator.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the County has bided out the courthouse and the archives building. He stated that \$750,000 was allocated in the Capital Sales Tax budget. Mr. Harper provided a bid list of the general contractors. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award that bid to Harrington Construction from Myrtle Beach, SC in the amount of \$595,625.00 to begin work on the courthouse. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided a list of general contractor in reference to the archives building. Mr. Harper told Council that JMD Construction from Myrtle Beach, SC was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$161,000.00. Mr. Harper stated that this would take the County over the amount that is in Capital Sales Tax budget. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to withdraw the bid on the archives building until the renovation of the courthouse is completed. Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, Minutes, August 13, 2013, Page 3

seconded by Mr. Shaw, Mr. Troy questioned the recommendation. Mr. Harper told Mr. Troy that \$750,000 was approved in the Capital Sales Tax for the courthouse and the archives building. He stated that this would take the County over the \$750,000. After a brief discussion by members of Council, The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator passed out an email from Mr. Chris Eldridge with Horry County in reference to Carolina Southern Railroad.

The Administrator told Council that the United Fund of Marion County, Inc. banquet will be held on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to purchase a table in the amount of \$300.00 Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council information in reference to the Old County Landfill Closure. Mr. Harper told Council that DHEC is requiring the County to have a survey on the landfill for the final closeout. Mr. Harper stated that the survey will cost around \$4,000. He also stated that the bill would be submitted to Griffin Brothers for payment because one of their requirements in the original contract was closure of the landfill. He also provided Council with a request from Mr. Tim Lee in reference to the landfill hours of operation. A copy of the hour of operation was attached to the request. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval on the proposed hours of operation on the landfill. Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator provided Council a copy of the power point presentation that was presented by Mr. Mike Griffin with Griffin Brothers.

The Administrator told Council the USDA, APHIS Office that is located in the multi-purpose building is requesting a one year contract extension. He stated that their plans were to move to Conway, but the project has been delayed. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and carried unanimously to extend the one year contract.

The Administrator told Council that the budget included purchasing a new ambulance in the amount of \$156,000. He stated that the County could have two ambulances remounted for the amount that was budgeted to purchase the one ambulance. Mr. Harper asked Council's approval to get bids on two remounts. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Floyd stated that Representative Jim Battle has done an outstanding job for the citizens of Marion County.

Motion was made by Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for an economic development matter on project Liam, Belmont, and PSI.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Vice Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for an economic development matter on project Liam, Belmont, and PSI.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:06 A.M.

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Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman

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John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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