



## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 11, 2014, 6:00 PM Clarendon County Council Chambers

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### Those in attendance:

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

**Press in attendance:** Sharron Haley, Clarendon Citizen and Bobby Baker, The Manning Times

### Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Charlotte Johnston	Cynthia B. Mack	Shirley Black-Oliver
Gregory Holliday	Richard Byrd	Billy Timmons	Tammy Rodvansky
Norman Murakami	Julie Jones	Angel Reed	Nancy Cave
Linda Lemon	Archie Lemon	And other Citizens of Clarendon County	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart stated that since the ruling by the Supreme Court on Council meeting Agendas, stating that the agenda does not have to be posted 24 hours in advance and could be changed as needed, we are going to ask for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for August 11, 2014.

### II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting, which was held on July 14, 2014 with minor corrections.

### III. Resolutions

- i. Chairman Stewart and Councilman Blakely presented Olivia McConnell with a Resolution for the outstanding work that she did toward the approval and signing of House Bill 4882 into law on May 16, 2014. A Bill naming the Columbian Mammoth as the Official State Fossil of South Carolina.
- ii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution authorizing the withdrawal of Clarendon County, South Carolina as a member of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency. He concluded that the withdrawal required a repayment schedule and we have received some repayments.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval authorizing the withdrawal of membership from the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency.

### IV. Request

Mr. Gregory Holliday, Chairman of Clarendon County Voter Registration & Election Board, presented Council with a request to change the clerk II part-time position to a full-time position with the title Clerk/Election Technician.

He stated that he thought the position was requested when Voters Registration/Election Commission presented their budget to County Council.

- Administrator Epperson stated that additional funds would be needed to cover a full-time position. He continued by stating that the budget appropriation amount was approved to cover two full-time positions and one part-time position. Administrator Epperson stated that the Voters Registration/Election Commission Board did not take in consideration the additional funds needed to cover insurance and taxes. He further stated that no funds are available at this time. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that one suggestion is to amend the overall budget with three readings and a public hearing.
- Vice Chairman Frierson asked is there a part-time person in the position now.
- Mr. Holliday responded by saying no.
- Councilman Richardson asked was this position requested and approved during the budgeting process.
- Mr. Holliday responded by saying yes it was requested and he thought it was also approved.
- Mr. Holliday continued by stating that the original budget request was for \$203,472.
- Administrator Epperson stated that the Election Board has to make the decision if the funding of the full-time position comes out of their budget appropriation.
- Mr. Lyndon Anthony, Controller, stated that when County Council approved the budget appropriation, the full expenditure was taking into consideration.
- Councilman Blakely stated that Council has to see what can be done.
- Chairman Stewart stated that we have to consider the cost before we hire anyone.
- Administrator Epperson suggested that the position be approved on the condition that the funds come from the budget appropriation provided to the Election Commission Board for the 2014/2015 budget year.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson and Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request of the Voters Registration/Election Commission Chairman, Mr. Gregory Holliday. To change the part-time clerk II position to a full-time position with the title of Clerk/Election Technician with the understanding that the position will have to be funded with the allotted appropriation given to the Voters Registration/Election Commission during the 2014/2015 budgeting process.

## **V. Public Hearing**

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was open for Ordinance 2014-02, An Ordinance to amend the Water and Sewer Ordinance.

- Administrator Epperson stated that there were additional changes to the Ordinance that were mostly grammatical errors.
- Mr. Richard Byrd, Water and Sewer Director, stated that some sections in the Ordinance were renumbered. He continued by stating that a definition had to be added to section #3. He further stated that the sequence of the revision was out of order. Mr. Byrd concluded by stating that this amendment would make it more affordable for the citizens and the Tap Fees are more comparable with the tap fees from Manning and Sumter.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any other comments. He stated that if there were no other comments, the public hearing would close. The public hearing closed at 6:44 PM.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to second reading of Ordinance 2014-02, an Ordinance to amend the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations Ordinance 2010-09.

## **VI. Financial Report**

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that for the first month of the Fiscal year, the

General Fund had total Revenue of \$460,599 and Expenditures of \$1,711,653.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that Weldon Auditorium did not have any sponsored shows but had revenue of \$2,543 and total expenses of \$9,626 leaving a deficit of \$7,084.

Mr. Anthony further stated that he did not have revenue figures for the Water and Sewer Department and the Expenses were right in line for the month of July.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C Fund Program had a cash balance of \$762,199 and an Uncommitted Balance of \$613,469 as of June 2014.

## **VII. Administrator's Report**

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the Renovation of the Courthouse is ongoing. He stated that the contractors ran into some Asbestos. Administrator Epperson continued by stating that when you renovate an hundred years old building, it is a tedious process. He further stated that the contractors found that the courthouse did not have a foundation but instead, had ten inches of gravel.

He continued by giving Council an update on the Water Projects.

- Phase 1B – The bid opening began on August 7.
- Phase 1C and Phase 2 –Citizens are continuing to sign up and 375 customers have already signed up for water service.

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the county has received 75% of the Ice Storm reimbursement from FEMA. He continued by giving Council an update on the road-paving projects. Mr. Epperson stated that the road surveys have been completed.

Councilman English asked Administrator Epperson what was the status on the Department of Social Services building.

Administrator Epperson responded by stating that everything is moving along. He concluded by stating that the cost of the construction for the DSS building is more than what was budgeted and we are looking at ways to cut costs so that we can continue.

## **VIII. Chairman's Report**

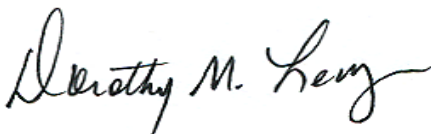
Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the annual board meeting of the Association of Counties, which was held in Hilton Head. He concluded his report by thanking the Media for reporting the good news of Clarendon County.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7.01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

