

June 11, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting, & public hearing and on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in the City Council Chambers City Hall, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith, Chairperson; Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Allen W. Floyd, Simon Jenkins, and Thomas E. Shaw. 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.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Simon Jenkins to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

The County Attorney asked Council to amend the agenda to add a public hearing for Ordinance #2013-03. Mr. McLain told Council that the ordinance has been properly advertised, but was accidentally omitted from the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 14, 2013.

Chairperson Smith along with Council requested Miss Latrina James to come forward to receive a certificate of appreciation. Ms. Gloria Evans told Council that Miss James has been a volunteer with the Veteran Affairs Office for the last six years. On behalf of Council Chairperson Smith thanked Miss James for a job well done.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to recess the regular meeting and open public hearing for Ordinance #2013-03.

The County Attorney opened the floor to the public for questions. There were no questions from the public regarding this ordinance.

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Vice Chairman Collins, and carried unanimously, to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

The County Attorney stated that first, second, and third reading for the ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: A. Third Reading of Ordinance # 2013-03 An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a not Exceeding Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000) General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds of said Bond Shall be Expended, To Provide for the Payment of said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto; B. Second Reading of Ordinance # 2013-04 Fiscal Year Budget 2013-2014; C. First Reading of Ordinance #2013-05 An Ordinance Confirming the Inclusion of Certain Property of Angus-Palm LLC in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Florence County; Providing for an Extension Thereof; and Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance # 2013-03 An Ordinance to Provide for the Issuance and Sale of a not Exceeding Three Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$385,000) General Obligation Bond of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purposes for Which the Proceeds of said Bond Shall be Expended, To Provide for the Payment of said Bond, and Other Matters Relating Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve third reading of Ordinance #2013-03.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2013-04 Fiscal Year Budget was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve second reading of Ordinance #2013-04.

The County Attorney told Council that item C. on the agenda; First Reading of Ordinance #2013-05 An Ordinance Confirming the Inclusion of Certain Property of Angus-Palm LLC in a Joint County Industrial and Business Park with Florence County; Providing for an Extension Thereof; and Addressing Other Matters Related Thereto was ready: The County Attorney introduced the title of the ordinance and stated that this constitutes first reading of Ordinance #2013-05.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Vice Chairman Collins stated that Committee #2 will meet on Thursday June 13th at 5:15 p.m. at the Marion County Administration Building.

Mr. Will Harrelson with Kenneth Cobb & Company appeared before Council to present the 2012 Library Audit Report. Mr. Harrelson told Council that pages 2-3 contains the Independent Auditor's Report. He stated that pages 32-34 reports on the Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance-no new deficiencies, no non-compliance. He referenced page 13 balance sheets; first column is the General Fund (main operating fund for the library). Mr. Harrelson stated that the total assets are \$165,024 increased about \$22,000 over 6/2011. He referenced page 15 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance, first column is the General Fund Revenues of \$647,987, Expenditures of \$637,984 resulting in \$10,003 excess revenues over expenditures. Mr. Harrelson told Council that page 13 the Capital Project Fund (for the library expansion) has \$55,728 in cash. Chairperson Smith thanked the Mr. Alan Smith and the library staff for a job well done. She also thanked Mr. Harrelson for his presentation.

The County Attorney told Council that the County has had problems with the septic tank at the animal shelter. Mr. McLain stated that the County has received a sewer pump tank perpetual easement from Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority to allow the animal shelter facility into their sewer system. Mr. McLain asked Council's approval to authorize Mr. Harper to execute the easement on behalf of the County. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Building. Mr. Harper told Council that he is waiting on the plans from the architect.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the renovations to the courthouse are moving forward. He also told Council that the Historical Review Committee has approved all the plans for the courthouse. Mr. Harper passed out copies of a bid tabulation sheet for the renovations to Grice Recreation Boys and Girls Club Facility. He stated that were three bids. They are as follows: Gilbert & Fields Construction \$432,814.00, Patrick Brady Construction \$405,000.00 and Welch Construction \$416,000.00 It was the recommendation of the Administrator to award the bid to Patrick Brady Construction. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Vice Chairman Collins, and carried unanimously, to award the bid to Patrick Brady Construction.

The Administrator told Council that the Marion Chamber of Commerce has nominated Mr. Alan Zeman to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. Ms. Laura White has asked to resign from this position. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Floyd, and carried unanimously, to appoint Mr. Alan Zeman, to replace Ms. Laura White as a member to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board.

The Administrator updated Council on the Solid Waste Bill. Mr. Harper told Council that H. 3290 did not pass. He stated that thanks goes to Senator Williams and Representative George for their support in this matter.

The Administrator told Council that the County is moving forward with the site certification in reference to the Howard B. Smith site, which is located on highway 76 between Marion and Mullins.

The Administrator passed out copies of a letter from the City of Mullins requesting that the County consider transferring ownership of the old County Health Department Building to the City of Mullins. Mr. Harper told Council that he has spoken with Mr. McMillan about using an area in the back to locate EMS instead of using the fire station. It was the recommendation of the Administrator to transfer the building to the City of Mullins. After a brief discussion by members of Council, Mr. Harper explained to Council that the Capital Sales Tax in reference to the City of Mullins was to renovate their Administration buildings and fire department. Mr. Harper stated that he has discussed this matter with attorney Ben Zeigler. Mr. Harper stated that he would get a written document from Mayor McMillan regarding this said matter. It was the consensus of Council to authorize the County Attorney to be drafting an ordinance in reference to transferring the old County health department to the City of Mullins.

Mr. Williams gave Council an update on the Pee Dee Boat Landing project. Mr. Williams told Council that the existing boat landing logs get caught in the pilings that creates sandbars. Mr. Williams stated that DNR engineers were brought in to see how the problem could be rectified. He stated that they began looking into other areas along the Pee Dee River to possibly construct a new boat landing. He stated that they have identified approximately 5 acres, which is owned by Mr. Jeff Edwards. Mr. Williams told Council that there have been several discussions with Mr. Edwards about this property. He stated that Mr. Edwards has asked the County to make an offer. Mr. Williams stated that there are Water Rec. Funds available that could pay for the property. Mr. Williams told Council that the County would have to pay for the property upfront and get reimbursed from the Water Rec. Funds. Mr. Williams asked Council's approval to authorize Mr. Harper, Mr. McLain and himself to make an offer to Mr. Edwards to acquire this property at fair market value. He also stated that DNR can only pay fair market value. Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that Dr. Denley Caughman, who owns the Grove Bed & Breakfast, had approached him about forming a tourism committee. Mr. Harper provided Council a breakdown visitors list. Chairperson Smith stated that she would like see some type of plan on how this would service this entire County. Mr. Harper stated that he would invite Dr. Caughman to a Council meeting to discuss his thoughts and plans regarding this said matter.

The Administrator reminded Council about the NESAs luncheon that is scheduled today from 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the SIMT building in Florence, South Carolina.

The Administrator reminded Council about the budget workshop that is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. at the County Administration building.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to reappoint Ms. Beverly Causey to the Pee Dee Mental Health Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for a legal and a personnel matter.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Collins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairperson Smith stated that no action was taken during executive session called for a legal and a personnel matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:40 A.M.

Elista H. Smith, Chairperson

Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman

John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

Allen W. Floyd

Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

Thomas E. Shaw

(absent)

Milton W. Troy, II

G. Timothy Harper, Administrator

Charles L. McLain, III County Attorney

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council