

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 9, 2013, 6:00 PM Clarendon County Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William 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: Sandi Tucker, The Manning Times Extra, Sharron Haley, Clarendon Citizen

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Lee & Connie Bledsoe	Nancy Cave
Fred Tucker	Ronald Sheep	Patricia Pringle
Loretta Pollard	Cynthia B. Mack	Roy Fletcher
Archie Lemon	Linda Lemon	Marilyn Fletcher
Emily Luther	John Truluck	And other citizens of Clarendon County

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He welcomed and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. 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 November 18, 2013 with minor corrections.

II. Annual Service Awards

Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented Thirty-eight employees with service awards. The awards were given as listed:

- 5-year award – 12 employees
- 10-year award – 7 employees
- 15-year award – 8 employees
- 20-year award – 3 employees
- 25-year award – 6 employees
- 30-year award – 2 employees

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Epperson thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication given to Clarendon County over the years.

III. Requests

- i. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the names of two citizens that completed an application to service as a member of the Assessment Appeals Board.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous

Approval to appoint Mr. William Stanley Moore and Mr. William T. Benton to the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board to serve a two-year term, which runs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015, based on the guidelines established for the Assessment Appeals Board.

ii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2014 Schedule for the Regular Council Meetings.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2014 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

iii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2014 Holidays Observance Schedule.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2014 Holidays Observance Schedule.

iv. Ms. Vickie Williams, Grants Coordinator, presented Council with a request to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to be divided between three Clarendon County Offices, The Sheriff's Office, The Magistrate's Office, and The Detention Center. She further stated that the following items would be purchased:

- The Sheriff's Office – an Electronic Ticket Writing System.
- The Magistrate's Office – a Computer Digital Equipment Microphone System.
- The Detention Center – a Light Scanning Solution Center

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the grant request from Ms. Williams.

IV. Ordinance 2013-06

Consideration was given to first reading of Ordinance 2013-06 - Administrator Epperson stated that this Ordinance is a part of the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan that Council discussed during the Capital Improvement Plan meeting, which was held in January 2013. He stated that this General Obligation Bond would be used to construct a building for the Department of Social Services (DSS) and to renovate the existing DSS building. He further stated that after the renovation of the DSS building, the Clarendon County Coroner's Office, and Probation and Parole's Office would occupy that building. He states that this General Obligation Bond is not to exceed 3.5 million dollars. Administrator Epperson further stated that this bond would be for 25 years with the first two years being interest only.

Ms. Kay Kilpatrick, Director of DSS, stated that they are very excited that Council is considering this General Obligation Bond. She continued by thanking everyone for their consideration.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to First Reading of Ordinance 2013-06, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed 3.5 million dollars.

V. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund spent \$7,622,669 as of November 30, 2013. He stated that the County spent 41% of the budget appropriation year to date. He further stated that he does not anticipate a significant change in Revenue.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$271,709 and total Operating Expenses of \$194,708 for the month ending November 30, 2013. He further stated that Depreciation and Interest Expenses were a total of \$66,764 leaving a Net Income of \$10,237.

Mr. Anthony stated that the Weldon Auditorium had Revenue of \$45,799 and Operating Expenses of \$125,433. He continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium's Revenue was less than anticipated. He further stated that after transfers, the Weldon Auditorium ended November 30, 2013 with a surplus of \$35,366.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C Fund Program had a cash balance of \$585,583 as of October 31, 2013 but roads constructions are still active.

VI. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that he had an interview with WLTX, News 19 and he gave them a tour of the County Courthouse.

Administrator Epperson stated that the Recreation Department basketball program has begun and it would continue through February. He further stated that basketball games are played in Manning and Summerton.

Administrator Epperson stated that the County received a letter from Ms. Henrietta Ragin thanking County Council for paving Hector Walker Road. He concluded that other residents called to thank County Council as well.

VII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the SCARC Conference in Myrtle Beach. He continued by stating that he would be attending County Council's holiday dinner with the Administrator and he had plans to attend the County's Holiday Social as well.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked everyone to keep Julia Nelson, the Mayor of Manning, in their prayers and pray for Tim Hilliard who lost his sister.

VIII. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a briefing on Economic Development. He asked Mr. John Truluck and Ms. Emily Luther to attend the Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a briefing on Economic Development. The Executive Session began at 6:44 pm.

IX. Open Session

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:19 pm.

Chairman Stewart started that Council received a briefing on an Economic Development Project, Project Outspoken, and action would be taken.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to First Reading of Ordinance 2013-07, An Ordinance authoring the execution and delivery of a Fee in

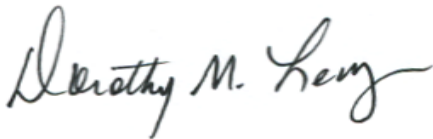
Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and Incentive Agreement to provide a Negotiated fee and credit incentives to Project Outspoken.

XV. Adjournment

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

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

