

March 12, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 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 Thomas E. Shaw, and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; and 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.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 28, 2013.

The County Attorney stated that first reading for Ordinance listed on the agenda as follows was ready: A. First Reading of Ordinance #2013-02 An Ordinance to amend the Marion County Procurement Code to provide for an increase in local vendor options.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; First Reading of Ordinance #2013-02 An Ordinance to amend the Marion County Procurement Code to provide for an increase in local vendor options was ready: The County Attorney introduced the title of the Ordinance and stated that this constitutes first reading of Ordinance #2013-02.

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

The County Attorney told Council that the Dedication of Property to Protective Covenants for the additional property in the industrial park in reference to Pee Dee Electricom, Inc. has been executed and filed.

The Administrator updated Council on the New County Administration Complex. Mr. Harper told Council that some revisions have to be made regarding the square footage.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the GO Bonds have been received from the banks.

The Administrator told Council that the Marion County Beautification Commission will be sponsoring the Marion County Wide Great American Clean Up on April 15-22.

The Administrator presented to Council a copy of the Marion County vision and mission statement. Mr. Harper told Council that he is in the process of getting the strategic plan updated.

The Administrator told Council that he has spoken with Ms. Tan Kirby Davis about conducting a diversity training. Mr. Harper stated that Ms. Davis is working with Ms. White in reference to scheduling a date for the training.

The Administrator presented to Council information in reference to Flow Control. Mr. Harper told Council that H. 3290 is held up in committee. He stated that the letters have been sent out to the Senators opposing H. 3290.

The Administrator presented to Council a draft copy of Marion County's Organizational Chart.

The Administrator told Council that Environmental Services and EMS has collected around \$225,342.22 from the Debt Setoff Collection.

The Administrator passed out information regarding Marion County's needs assessment. He told Council that the needs assessment is a must have for CDBG project for the County or intergovernmental projects with any municipality or partner. The meetings will occur at three areas to provide a convenient opportunity for the citizens.

The Administrator told Council that the Archer Company has started to work on the wage & salary study.

The Administrator presented to Council information regarding South Carolina Property Tax Rates by County. Mr. Harper put together a spreadsheet showing the millage rates for counties with a mil value less than \$90,000.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to award the \$10,000,000 tax exempt GO Bond to SunTrust Institutional Governmental Banking at 1.75%. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, and carried unanimously. Mr. Harper also asked Council's approval to award the \$100,000 taxable GO Bond to BB&T at 1.55%. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Chairperson Smith asked Council's approval to send flowers to the family of the late Mr. Jasper Eaddy. Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Atkinson stated that Mr. Eaddy was the Chairman of the COG board and he will have to be replaced. Mr. Floyd stated that Council has to appoint a representative to the COG Transportation Committee. Mr. Atkinson stated that the COG Transportation Committee will work in conjunction with the CTC. Mr. Harper told Council that he would contact Mr. Johnny Brown regarding this said matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, to appoint Chairperson Elista H. Smith to the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Board. The motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator requested a meeting with Committee #1 to discuss the local vendor options.

Mr. Jenkins mentioned the boat landing in Pee Dee. Mr. Harper advised Mr. Jenkins to contact Senator Williams regarding this said matter. Mr. Harper told Mr. Jenkins that Pee Dee Community Action Partnership is in charge of the fuel assistance program. Mr. Harper also stated that Mr. Berry and himself has scheduled a meeting with Mr. Chuck MacNeil, the Executive Director of PDRTA.

The County Attorney addressed the issue regarding the boat landing. Mr. McLain stated the he has spoken to the attorney for DNR regarding the boat landing. Mr. McLain stated that before a boat landing can be approved an archaeological survey is required. He stated that financially trying to find the funds and getting it appropriated for that purpose is not that easy.

Mr. Troy gave Council a brief update on the Rural Summit that was held in Aiken, South Carolina on March 3rd and 4th. Mr. Troy stated that Ms. Tan Kirby Davis was one of the speakers. He stated that Ms. Davis spoke on The Evolving Leader-Understanding the impact of Diversity and Inclusion. Mr. Troy recommended inviting

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Ms. Davis to attend a County/Joint Meeting to speak on The Evolving Leader. Chairperson Smith stated that she has given Mr. Harper a list of various individuals who should be included at the meeting. Mr. Troy provided information on small business development. He stated that the culture needs to be changed in Marion County when it comes to economic development and job creation as well as education.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for a legal and an economic development matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Floyd, 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 an economic development matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:58 A.M.

Elista H. Smith, Chairperson

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Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

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