



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012, 6:00P.M.
Weldon Auditorium, Manning, SC
Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, A. C. English
County Administrator, William Houser
County Attorney, David Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Citizen, Robert J. Baker, The Item and Vic MacDonald, The Manning Times.

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Sam Levy	Pat Goodwin
Patricia Pringle	Fred Tucker	Cynthia Mack
Linda Lemon	Sandi Tucker	Thomas Harvin
Lee Bledsoe	Connie Bledsoe	Deepal Eliatamby
Archie Lemon	Teresa Edge	Tammy Rodvansky
Pamela Layner	Marie Land	Henry King, Jr.
John Truluck	Nancy Cave	Robert McFadden
Eleaser Carter	Carole Summers	George Summers

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Following brief introductory remarks from Chairman Stewart, Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to the agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for December 12, 2011.

VI. Requests

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to reappoint Mr. W.T. Geddings, Jr. and Ms. Beatrice McKnight to the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Board for another four year term.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to reappoint Mr. Ted M. Johnson, Mr. Linzy Washington, Mr. William Buyck, Mr. G.G. Cutter, Mrs. Barney L. Morris, Mr. John W. Osborne, Mr. Roger L. Flowers, Jr., and Mr. H. Blake Gibbons to the Clarendon County Development Board for another three year term.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to reappoint Mr. Sam Levy and Mr. Bon Gardner to the Clarendon County Zoning Board for another four year term.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to reappoint Mr. David Bradham to the Clarendon County Planning Commission Board for another four year term.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to appoint Ms. Scherrie P. Cogdill as the representative for Clarendon County on the Pee Dee Regional Emergency Medical Service Board.

VII. Consideration of Resolution for 3Palm of SC, LLC

Mr. John Truluck requested council to approve a resolution authorizing a name change for the resolution that was approved for Treleoni, LLC from Treleoni to 3Palm of SC, LLC. He also requested that the same fee agreement that applied to Treleoni will apply to 3Palm of SC, LLC.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to the resolution and fee agreement for 3Palm of SC, LLC.

VIII. Presentation of County Audit Report

Ms. Lori Salley, CPA, with C.C. McGregor & Company, LLP presented council with a presentation of the audit report from fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. She stated that as of June 30, 2011, Clarendon County's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$26.0 million (net assets). She further stated that the Fund Balance had a total of \$14,125,741, the Weldon had a loss of \$213,993, and Water & Sewer had a loss of \$ 34,981.

Ms. Salley continued her report by stating that the audit found a material weakness and one significant deficiency in the report of internal control in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards. The material weakness was an entry that was not made which was an oversight on the part of the finance staff. The Davis-Bacon Act compliance for the Alternate Emergency Operations Center/Shelter grant was started but was not completed and the significant deficiency was the purchase of two boats and a vehicle by the sheriff's department which did not go through the county procurement process.

Ms. Salley concluded her report by stating that under the new guidelines for the Magistrate office, all funds, in their account, over \$100 should be reported to the Court Administrator on an annual basis. Currently the overage total is \$7,625.

IX. Presentation from Meadors Construction on County Courthouse

Mr. James Meadors and Mr. Jamie Tate of Meadors Construction presented council with a power point presentation that contained 45 pages of photographs on the conditions of the county courthouse. They began their presentation stating that the county courthouse is 102 years old and the last major renovation was done 42 years ago in 1970. They stated that minor repairs were done after Hugo in 1989. They continued by stating that more money was spent on repairs in the past 10 years than was spend in 32 years.

Mr. Meadors outlined three areas of construction to include the following:

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| A. External (roof, exterior windows, doors and stairs) | \$1,905,370.32 |
| B. Building System Upgrade (plumbing, HVAC, electrical) | \$1,550,606.40 |
| C. Facility Upgrade and Programming (ADA Compliance) | \$1,384,124.74 |

Mr. Meadors stated that in addition to the fees listed, there is an additional fee for architectural and engineering of \$ 443,000. Mr. Tate stated that the heating and air system is 42 years old, the roof was patched in several areas and it's failing, as well as the caulking was repaired incorrectly. Some of the shingles that were repaired in 2003 are loose. Some of the windows are deteriorating because of water damage. He continued by stating that the rafters are rotten and there is some insect damage. Meadors Construction concluded their report by stating that the building pipes are corroded with rust and condensation is dripping on the ceiling below and all bathrooms need to be ADA compliant.

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Houser thanked Ms. Salley and Meadors Construction for their presentations.

X. Resolution Service Agreement

Mr. Houser gave council an update on the water service from the City of Manning in which we are paying \$1.33 per thousand gallons and that the presentation will be given at the next council meeting.

XI. Budget Schedule approval

Mr. Houser presented council with the budget schedule for fiscal year 2012-2013 for their approval.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to the budget schedule with one minor change. Budget workshop will be held on May 21, 2012 instead of May 23, 2012.

XII. Administrator's Report

Mr. Houser informed council that for the first half of the fiscal year which ended December 31, 2011, there is a positive balance for water and sewer in the amount of \$ 4,734, whereas, a negative balance for Weldon in the amount of (\$139,608).

Mr. Houser continued by giving council the staff recommendation for several parcels of land that were bid on:

1. Planning and Zoning Building (186-04-03-00-00)	\$ 100,000.00
2. Lots beside Planning (186-04-03-001-00)	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	\$ 125,000.00

Staff recommendation is to accept this offer

3. Development Board Office (169-15-04-012-00)	\$ 53,525.00
4. Parking Area at Development Bd. (169-15-04-010-00)	\$ 7,500.00
5. Vacant lot next to Development Bd. (169-15-04-007-00)	<u>\$ 12,500.00</u>
	\$ 73,525.00

Staff recommendation is to accept this offer

6. Assessor's Building (169-15-07-010-00)	\$ 20,000.00
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Staff recommendation is to accept this offer

7. Property on US 521 (187-02-05-011-00)	\$ 25,005.00
8. Property on US 521 (187-02-05-012-00)	\$ 25,000.00
9. Property on US 521 (187-02-05-013-00)	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	\$ 75,005.00

Staff recommendation is to NOT accept this offer

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to accept staff recommendations.

Mr. Houser concluded his report by asking council's approval for John Truluck, Development Board Director, to travel to Orlando, Florida for a Conference on January 22, 23, 24, 2012.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval for John Truluck to travel to Orlando, Florida for a conference on January 22, 23, 24, 2012.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart acknowledged two county employees, John Truluck, Development Board Director, for being recognized by Columbia Business Monthly as one of the top four county economic developers in our Region and Bertia M. Carter, E-911 Telecommunications Operator, for receiving the Palmetto Award given by The South Carolina chapters of the Association of Public Officials and the National Emergency Number Association.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to adjourn the council meeting. The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy M. Levy

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