

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
April 4, 2012..... 9:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Douglas A. Curtis, Kenneth A. Johnson and Crawford Moore.

ABSENT: Council Member Robert G. Cole

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Douglass, Administrator; Michelle Stanley, Finance Director; Heath Ruffner, County Attorney; Donna Rivers, CCOA; Karen Stangel, Paws & Claws; Karen Kissiah, Cheraw Chronicle; Leighton Bell, The Link; Gary Phillips, Pageland Progressive Journal and R. L. Tarlton. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Johnson asked Council Member Bruce E. Rivers to open the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the April 4, 2012 meeting agenda. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 7, 2012 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the March 7, 2012 Regular Meeting minutes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Mrs. Karen Odom, Executive Director – First Steps

Mrs. Odom did not appear but action was taken regarding this matter after items submitted by staff.

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass Proclamation declaring the week of April 22-28, 2012 as the Week of the Young Child. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Stangel – Paws & Claws

Addressed Council regarding the Spay & Neuter Ordinance and giving the citizens of Chesterfield County the opportunity to vote yes or no in November 2012 to the question of establishing a spay and neuter ordinance. She stated that she believed the vote in November 2012 would identify the willingness of the people to be responsible pet owners or not. Ms. Stangel thanked Council for the opportunity for the county residents to have a voice in that decision.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Project Self-Man B & P Fee Agreement – 2nd Reading

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Project Self-Man B & P Inducement Resolution

Council Member Moore made a motion to adopt Project Self-Man B & P Inducement Resolution. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Infrastructure Credit Agreement (Fiber Fuels) – 2nd Reading

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Multi-County Industrial & Business Park Ordinance (Fiber Fuels) – 2nd Reading

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Lease Agreement Ordinance – Fiber Fuels – 2nd Reading

Council Member Johnson made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Project Rascal Fee-in-lieu Agreement – 1st Reading (*title only*)

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *title only*. Council Member Bruce E. Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. **2011-2012 Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 1st Reading**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 1st Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Animal Shelter Committee – Committee Chair Plyler**

Stated that Eddie O’Cain from the Humane Society came to Chesterfield a couple of weeks ago to inspect the Animal Shelter. Mr. O’Cain talked with Tim and Denise about questions they had. Mr. O’Cain went to the shelter on an unofficial visit and he will be coming back later. Mr. O’Cain was very pleased with the changes and improvements that had been made at the shelter. Mr. Plyler stated that the Committee had been a great asset to the shelter and that they have worked very hard during the last few months and he wanted to commend all of the volunteers from the public that have helped with the shelter. Mr. Plyler introduced Dainelle Bowe and stated that she had been working as the Interim Animal Shelter Director for the past three months. He advised that Danielle had worked at several animal hospitals as a vet tech, vet assistant and pet nurse. He stated that he was very appreciative of Danielle and her staff for the work they have done at the shelter.

Danielle Bowe – Presented Council a packet that contained miscellaneous pictures and went over each page and picture with Council and updated Council on all the improvements that had been made to the shelter. Advised Council that the shelter had 14 different dog rescues and 3 different cat rescues that have been working with them. She stated that 82% of the animals that leave the shelter are rescue and according to the SC Shelter Association a euthanasia rate under 7% is considered a no kill facility, so our facility is considered a no kill facility with our dogs. She stated that they had actually adopted twenty-nine animals from the shelter since she started in October, twenty-five of the animals that have come into the shelter had been reclaimed by their owners and that is because they now have their own Facebook page that shows the animals that are at the shelter. She advised Council that Bi-Lo in Pageland had donated dog and cat food to the shelter. She wanted to thank Wal-Mart in Cheraw for all of the food they had donated. She advised that the shelter had only bought one pallet of dog food since she started in October and the rest was donated. Thanked Council for allowing them to get the things done at the shelter that needed to be done and thanked Council for allowing her to speak to them.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. 2012-2013 JAG Grant – Douglass

Advised Council that Grants Administrator Lisa Gainey is preparing to start the application process for the 12/13 JAG Grant. One of the requirements of the grant is that it must be publically announced thirty days before the application date, which is May. Advised Council that if the County is awarded any grant funds, staff would bring back for Council to vote to accept.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

Stated that Alliance was going well, very positive and that all of the County is behind it and the response has been incredible.

Bruce E. Rivers

Stated that in their packets there were several dates for a workshop for the upcoming budget. He stated that he felt the E911 Center needed to be addressed to get a handle on what we actually need and find out what it will cost to bring that up to speed.

Douglas Curtis

None

Lenora V. Powe

Stated that Mr. Eubanks took her over to the shelter and that it looks real good.

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

Stated that about every road sign around his place was gone and wanted to know if this was a problem just in his area or all over the county.

Tim Eubanks

Advised this was a problem they were having all over the county.

George Franklin Plyler

Stated that it is very seldom that we announce 75 jobs and that's pretty strong for this economy and he would like to commend everybody that had worked on making this happen.

Robert G. Cole

None

J. Matthew Rivers

Stated that he agreed with Mr. Plyler's statement regarding the announcement of gaining 75 jobs with the economy starting to turn around.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN
DATE: May 2, 2012

SUSIE BOSWELL
CLERK TO COUNCIL