

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2015  
4:00 PM**

**The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on March 25, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott, Robbie Coward and Stevie Grice. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Richard Gaddy (Finance Director), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), Jamie Sue Stephens (Clerk to Council).**

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Charlie Bailey, Delores Smith, Winna Miller, Calvin Matthews, Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Matt Petrillo (WBTW TV13), Morning News, Kenneth Smith, Brandon Norris and Lisa Morris (McNair Law Firm), Will Johnson (HSB Law Firm), Joette Dukes (Pee Dee Council of Government), Sabrina Davis and Tim Harper (Marion County), Lea King (Healthy Learners), Josh Holt (Latta Fire Department), Buddy Ray (Fire Department Station 4), Larry Cox (Fire Department Station #9), John Smith (Lake View Fire Department), Dan McLeod, T. Feiler (Harbor Freight) ; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman T.F. Finklea presided over the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Vice Chairman Archie Scott motioned to approve agenda. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 02/25/2015**

**Bobby Moody motioned to approve the minutes. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/ BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

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There was no public input. The public hearing was properly noticed in The Dillon Herald on January 15, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Haywood Proctor – Dillon County Public-Private Economic Development Partnership Board – Update**

Haywood Proctor gave an update on board activities. Mr. Proctor, Mr. Ron Bartley (North Eastern Technical College President), and Mr. Richard Schafer (Dillon County School Board Chairman) discussed training available for local industries.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HEALTHY LEARNERS REQUEST**

Mr. Young told Council that Healthy Learners was requesting that Dillon County join the City of Dillon and designate \$5000.00 of county funds to assist with the costs associated with medical services, coordination of care, and transportation for the schools served in Dillon. Mr. Young said that he could refer this to the budget committee or they could make a decision now. **Councilman Coward made a motion to give Healthy Learners \$2500.00. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

**CALHOUN STREET PARK PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Mr. Young told Council that he and Mr. DuBose have been in contact with the property owner and that the project is worked out based on prior discussion with Council. He recommended that Council move ahead on this. Mr. DuBose explained that Calhoun Street Property has been under discussion for a long time and that during the time Mrs. Mary Hayes Lackey passed away and then her husband did too. The children are now willing to sell for \$28,000.00. **Randy Goings motioned to purchase Calhoun Street Property for \$28,000.00. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.** Randy Goings thanked Council for all they have done to get this property. He said that Concerned Citizens of Newtown (CON) would like to give the park a proper name and present the name to the citizens of Dillon County. Chairman Finklea thanked Randy Goings for his comments and he appointed Randy Goings, Archie Scott and Stevie Grice to look into the name and bring information back to Council.

**RATIFY EXCAVATION (BORROW PIT) AGREEMENT DATED OCTOBER 22, 2014  
BETWEEN JIM AND ELIZABETH KING AND DILLON COUNTY TO NEW PROPERTY  
OWNER SHERRI B. JACKSON**

Ken DuBose told Council that this agreement was previously approved. This is the same contract, it just ratifies with present owner. **Archie Scott made the motion to change name to Sherrie B. Jackson. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

**FINANCE REPORT**

Mr. Gaddy told Council that we currently have \$512,982.29, more revenue than expenses. Department Heads are doing a good job staying within budget. Will probably have expenses coming up soon – Bond payment and \$750,000.00 miscellaneous grant for Wyman Gordon Incentive, should be Fund 45 Wyman Gordon incentive; next time \$750,000.00 will be out.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE – CHANGES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT STANDARD  
OPERATING GUIDELINES**

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Archie Scott, chairman of the Safety Committee, reported that a Safety Committee Meeting was held on 03/16/15. Mr. Scott said that the committee agreed to bring back to Council recommending changes to Fire Department Standard Operating Guidelines which are elections will be held annually and will be in March at each Fire Department Business Meeting. All Fire Fighters and Officers are required to have 1152 Certification – Fundamentals of Fire Fighting. Optional Training will be Fire Fighter 1 Certification; a fireman must have this in order to enter a burning structure. (No state law that a Fire Fighter must have Fire Fighter 1.) In the case of an emergency, that there are no Fire Fighter 1, then they would respond to save a life. (Mr. Scott told Council that they found out from the Risk Manager, Winna Miller, that when a fire department responds to a fire that two to three fire departments come, so those fire departments will have fire fighter 1 or greater.) Call pay will be \$20.00 per fire call for Fire Fighter 1 Certification; \$15.00 per fire call for 1152 Certification; \$15.00 per fire call for Support Fire Fighters. All Fire Departments can have Support Fire Fighters at the discretion of the Fire Chief. Archie Scott said that this is the recommendation of the Safety Committee. **Robbie Coward motioned to accept recommendation. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

Mr. Young told that the Building Committee met and that they were not asking for a recommendation but that Randy Goings would give an update on the Judicial Center. Randy Goings thanked the Building Committee, Council, the Sheriff and the citizens of Dillon County for their work and support. He told that we now have letter of occupancy and some have moved in. Mr. Goings encouraged the citizens of Dillon County to go see the Judicial Center. Discussion was held concerning contractor's final payment and Mr. Young said that he would take care of that.

**ORDINANCE READINGS**

**THIRD READING – TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/ BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARION COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SEC. 4-1-170 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH MARION COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Ken DuBose explained ordinance involves adding property of Project Geometric, which occupies in Latta. TF Finklea read ordinance and title. **Archie Scott motioned to have third reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**SECOND READING – AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CREATION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DILLON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**

Ken DuBose explained that this ordinance reestablishes the Planning Commission that deals with the appointment of members. Next meeting, Council will have a list of members whose terms have expired, and then Council can make decisions about appointing members and members serving valid terms. **Robbie Coward motioned to have second reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

**SECOND READING – AMENDMENT TO AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR DILLON COUNTY**

Mr. DuBose told Council that this ordinance is just like the previous one. Council will be given a list of

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the Board of Zoning Appeals members whose terms have expired and they can appoint at that time. **Stevie Grice motioned to have second reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**SECOND READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY AMENDING AND ENACTING DILLON COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

Mr. DuBose told that this ordinance involves changing scale of permit fees for big projects like Wyman Gordon and Harbor Freight. This just makes fees more reasonable, it is based on a percentage. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve second reading. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

**FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 26-273 FROM A RESIDENTIAL 2 DISTRICT (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) DISTRICT**

Larry Jones explained the two map numbers, map number 26-273 is in Little Rock. This sand pit is in a residential district and is considered in the same category as mining and this cannot be done in a residential district, so it must be changed from RS2 (residential district) to RU(rural) district. Mr. Jones told Council that both sites have been looked at by Dillon County. They both have the type of soil that is needed to work on roads. In order to gain access to dig sand pit this has been discussed with owners and Planning Commission. Archie Scott asked if there was anywhere else in the County that we could get soil. Mr. Jones said he didn't know. Randy Goings asked if this was alright with residents in the area. Mr. Jones replied that Public Hearings had been held, posted property in both locations and advertised in the paper and there have been no complaints. **Bobby Moody motioned to have first reading. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor except Archie Scott, opposed.**

**FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE BY DLLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF DILLON COUNTY TO REZONE A PARCEL OF LAND KNOWN AS TAX MAP NUMBER 107-065 FROM RESIDENTIAL 2 DISTRICT (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) DISTRICT**

Mr. Jones said this map number 107-065 is the same as the previous map number. This one is in Floyd Dale. **Robbie Coward motioned to have first reading. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor except Archie Scott, opposed.**

**FIRST READING – AN ORDINANCE OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS USA, INC. FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING**

Mr. Young told Council that he had been in discussion with Harbor Freight (Old Mohawk Building) on extending their lease. The original lease dated August 22, 2012, said that if they did not do their expansion then they would pay \$14,420.00 per month, but they did the expansion. They indicated that they would like to stay for six months. **Robbie Coward motioned to have first reading by title only. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.** Mr. DuBose told Council of the proposed motion which said also to enter into a hold over agreement with Harbor Freight Tools USA, Inc. to hold over for a six month term pursuant to the lease agreement according to its terms and pay rent in the amount of \$14,420.00 per month. **Robbie Coward motioned for the proposed motion and that Harbor Freight**

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would start paying \$14,420.00 for next six months for the proposal that we are not getting anything now. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF INTENT BY DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES MADE PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF FEDERALLY TAX-EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS BY THE COUNTY**

Mr. Young explained that he asked McNair Law firm, who is our bonding attorneys, to prepare a resolution that will help us recapture funds that we may have used for Judicial Center and equipment bought last year. This will give us a chance to go back and recapture funds of GO Bond that will be issued next year. Mr. Young told Council that the resolution must be passed in order to give flexibility in the future to collect funds if need be. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve resolution. Harold Moody seconded. Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody were in favor. Robbie Coward and Archie Scott, opposed. Stevie Grice, did not vote.**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**PEE DEE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS – LORRIE HAYHURST AND DEAN PAGE**

Chairman Finklea told Council that the Chamber recommends members to the Pee Dee Workforce Investment Board. **Robbie Coward motioned to reappointment Lorrie Hayhurst and Dean Page. Archie Scott seconded and all were in favor.**

**TRINITY BEHAVIORAL REAPPOINTMENTS – FREDDIE JACKSON AND J.D. McLEOD**

**Archie Scott motioned to reappoint Freddie Jackson and J.D. McLeod. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**DILLON COUNTY PUBLIC-PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD- DISTRICT ONE**

Randy Goings appointed Willie Bethea to Public Private Economic Development Partnership Board. **Steve Grice motioned to appoint Willie Bethea to Public Private Economic Development Partnership Board. Robbie Coward seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – LEGAL MATTER**

**RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Archie Scott motioned to go into Executive Session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor. Archie Scott motioned out of Executive Session. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Archie Scott motioned to adjourn. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.**

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T.F. Finklea, Chairman

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Jamie Sue Stephens, Clerk to Council

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_