



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2013, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers
Regular County Council Meeting

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: Bobby Baker, The Item, and Sandi Tucker, The Manning Times Extra

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Linda Lemon	Lee & Connie Bledsoe
Fred Tucker	Michael Kozlarek	Deepal S. Eliatamby
And other Clarendon County Citizens		

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. He asked everyone to please keep Councilman Richardson's Family and Mr. David Bradham's Family in your prayers. 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 Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimously to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Meeting which was held on July 8, 2013 with minor changes.

Mr. John Wolf stated that Club House Road is incorrect on the County map. He stated that there are two Club House Roads and the County maps need to be changed.

II. Transportation Committee

Chairman Stewart called the Transportation Committee to order at 6:07 pm. He stated that County Council received a request to name part of Highway 15 "Patrolman John Ray Riddle Memorial Highway" and place appropriate signs on the road.

Administrator Epperson stated that this request came from South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT).

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimously to name a portion of US Highway 15 "Patrolman John Ray Riddle Memorial Highway" with appropriate signs to be placed on the highway.

Ms. Sandi Tucker, Manning Times Extra, asked what portion of US Highway 15 would be renamed.

Administrator Epperson responded by stating that the portion of US Highway 15 would be the intersection from Jim Ross Road to the Summerton town limit.

Chairman Stewart closed the Transportation Committee meeting at 6:11 pm.

III. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into executive session and he invited Mr. Michael Kozlarek, Attorney, and Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, to attend the Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Issue. The Executive Session began at 6:12 pm.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session and back into open session. The Executive Session ended at 7:39 pm.

IV. Open Session

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received a legal briefing from Attorney Kozlarek regarding Long Term Goals and ways to fund the long-term goals; he further stated that no action would be taken.

V. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund Revenue numbers were just released today and the numbers have not been reviewed yet. He continued by stating that the General Fund spent \$1,623,642 for the month of July which was 9% of the budget appropriation.

Mr. Anthony stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Revenue of \$56,792. He continued by stating that Operating Expenses were \$36,003, Depreciation of \$13,353, and Bond Interest Expense of \$8,116, leaving a deficit of \$680.00.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Weldon Auditorium had total revenues of \$12,414 and total expenses of \$12,118 leaving a net surplus of \$296 as of the end July. He continued by stating that the C Fund has a committed balance of \$1,227,955 which should be paid out in a couple of months.

VI. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that he would like to implement a logo for Clarendon County. He continued by stating that the paving projects have started. He further stated that Hector Walker Road, the Rimini Group, and JW Carter North are 70% completed. Mr. Epperson stated that Pompey Town Road is 80% completed and William Gibbons Road is 95% completed.

Mr. Epperson further stated that the work on the Club House Group of roads began on July 25, 2013 and the residents were happy to see that the maintenance on that group of roads begin. Administrator Epperson made a request to Council; he requested that no other roads be added to the paving list.

Administrator Epperson thanked all of the residents around the Airport for their cooperation. He further stated that the airport obstruction removal project is almost complete and all of the requested replacement trees will be planted in the fall. Administrator Epperson thanked the County Staff members for their work on the project.

Mr. Epperson presented Council with a Resolution declaring August 19-23, 2013 as Aviation Week.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted unanimously declaring August 19-23, 2013 as Aviation Week.

Mr. Epperson continued by giving an update on the Water project.

1. Phase 1-B, Applying for all the necessary permits. Anticipate being ready to go out for bids in late September or October. This is for the Well and Tank project on Highway 260.
2. Phase 2, We are finalizing the scope on that project. Originally when the scope was submitted, we had some areas that were included and now we are looking at taking care of these areas with leftover funds from the Phase 1 project. He stated that once we get a handle on those areas, we could finalize Phase 2.

Mr. Epperson concluded his report by stating that the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference was very informative.

Councilman Blakely stated that during the Association of Counties Annual Conference there were numerous discussions on Waste. He stated that if anyone hears of a meeting regarding Waste, please attend the meeting, and express your opinion because we need everyone's support to defeat this.

VII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the National Night Out event, which was held on August 6, and it was well attended and very successful. He thanked Deputy Annett Smith for spearheading this event.

Chairman Stewart concluded his report by congratulating Maria Rose on her accomplishments.

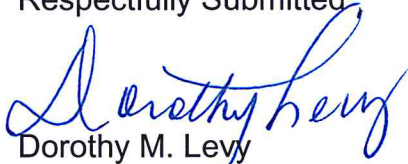
Councilman Blakely stated that several citizens asked him why we do not have public participation on the agenda any more.

Chairman Stewart responded by stating that he and Administrator Epperson were discussing it and it can be added back to the agenda, but the comments have to be restricted to the items that are on the agenda.

VIII. Adjournment

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

