

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

6:00 PM

CHAIRMAN

RON MUNNERLYN

VICE-CHAIRMAN

JASON STEEN

ADMINISTRATOR
CLERK TO COUNCIL
COUNTY ATTORNEY

JIM HAYNES
PATRICIA BUNDY
HARRY EASTERLING, JR.

COUNCIL:

JASON STEEN,
RON MUNNERLYN,
DR. CAROLYN PRINCE,
STEVE BLACKMON, AND

WILLIE GLADDEN,
CORRIE H. PLATO,
* KEN ALLEN,
ANTHONY WOODS

* Absent

Others Present: Ms. Lynn McQueen, Herald-Advocate, Ms. Ainsley Moore, Marlboro County Finance Director, and Mr. Ron King, Director of Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership

A copy of the agenda was emailed to Lynn McQueen of the Herald Advocate, and posted on the front door of the William P. Wallace, Sr. Administration Building and on the county's website (www.marlbocounty.sc.gov).

INVOCATION – Mr. Anthony Woods

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

Motion made by Mr. Steve Blackmon, seconded by Mr. Anthony Woods, to approve agenda as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL BY MS. VIKKI HARRIS OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Ms. Vikki Harris of the Marlboro County Veterans Affairs office to make her presentation.

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Ms. Vikki Harris thanked members of Council for all of their support to the Veterans Affairs office and stated that the 3rd Annual Veteran's Day Drop-in which was held on November 11, 2015, was another huge success. She stated that the former Veteran's Affairs Officer, Mrs. D. J. Fox, started these drop-in events and she had continued them. Ms. Harris presented to Chairman Munnerlyn and members of Council a Certificate of Appreciation for the contribution to the success of the 3rd Annual Veteran's Day Drop-in. The Certificate was signed by Ms. Vikki Harris and Ms. Amber Goings, the Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Ms. Harris and her staff for all of their hard work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 10, 2015

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any comments on the minutes or suggested changes or additions. There were none.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jason Steen, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2015 as presented. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 12-15-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2015-2016 NESAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 AND AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT IF AWARDED

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, to make comments on this Resolution.

Mr. Ron King, Economic Development Director, was present at the meeting and he stated that this was a standard grant by NESAS and that staff has applied for these grants for the past several years. He stated that staff is required to forward \$25,000.00 and NESAS will send us a check for \$50,000.00 to be utilized for new and updated signage at our industrial parks.

Chairman Munnerlyn stated that this was a good way to get our dues money back and Mr. King agreed.

Motion made by Mr. Anthony Woods, seconded by Mr. Willie Gladden, to approve Resolution # 12-15-01 – A Resolution authorizing the submission of an application for the 2015-2016 NESAS Economic Development Grant Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 and authorization to accept grant if awarded. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, asked if there were any appointments to Boards and Commissions.

There were no appointments made.

REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – MS. AINSLEY MOORE

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director.

Ms. Ainsley Moore, Finance Director, reported that due to the change in the Council meeting date for December, the expense and revenue reports for November are not yet available for review. She stated that staff would be receiving the bank statements soon and after reconciling and posting, these reports would be generated and shared with members of Council.

Ms. Moore stated that all were looking forward to the Employee Christmas Dinner on Thursday and that the Finance Department has processed Christmas bonuses and longevity payments and these funds will be available to all employees on Friday morning along with the regular payroll.

Ms. Moore asked members of Council if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Munnerlyn thanked Ms. Moore for all of her hard work.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. JIM HAYNES, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, recognized Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator.

Recognition of employees - The following employees was recognized with five or more years of service to Marlboro County through the month of November: Channing Covington (11 years); Amanda Hill (7 years); Mary Hood (8 years); and Kenneth McLain (17 years).

Results of Worker's Compensation Audit for 2014-2015 - Staff received a premium refund check in the amount of \$3,569.00 as a result of the 2014-2015 Worker's Compensation "Audited Payroll". This check was received in November. Staff also received a premium refund check in the amount of \$122.00 as a result of the 2014-2015 Worker's Compensation "Audited Payroll" on behalf of the Solicitor's office. This check was also received in November.

De-Annexation of old Delta Mills Property - Staff has received notification of the De-Annexation of the old Delta Mills Property from the Town of Cheraw. Back in November,

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2011, the Town of Cheraw annexed this property into the Cheraw Town limits. The property has now been de-annexed due to a written request by the owner to the Mayor of Cheraw.

Animal Shelter Progress Report - Mr. Josh Cohoon, the Animal Shelter Director, has provided a report for the month ending in October of the work that has been done at the shelter. He reports that there were 10 euthanasia procedures; one adoption; and 117 animals transferred out. He also reported that 124 stray dogs were picked up for the month of October with eight being from the Wallace area, four being from the McColl area, 12 being from the Clio area, five being from the Blenheim area, and 95 being from the Bennettsville area.

Veteran's Day Drop-in - The Veterans's Day Drop-in which was held on November 11th was very successful again this year and we thank Ms. Vikki Harris and Ms. Amber Goings for their hard work on this event.

Surplus Sale of Old Vehicles - Staff has solicited bids for the surplus vehicles and the deadline to receive sealed bids is Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The bids will be opened on Friday, December 4th and the highest bidders will be notified.

Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner - Our fourth annual Marlboro County Employee Christmas Dinner has been scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Berea Center.

Bennettsville Christmas Parade - We have ordered the Christmas float for Marlboro County Council for the City of Bennettsville Christmas Parade which will be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 4:30 p.m. Line up will begin at 3:30 at the Jennings Law Firm on Broad Street and will disassemble in the parking lot behind the administration building on North Marlboro Street. We have been asked not to throw any candy from the floats.

Clio Christmas Parade - Marlboro County Council will also have a float for the Town of Clio Christmas Parade which will be held on December 10th at 4:00 p.m. All riders should arrive at the Marlboro School of Discovery on 201 Jefferson Street in Clio, by 3:00 p.m. and we have been asked not to throw any candy from the float. There will also be a Lighting of the Christmas tree service in the Town Square immediately following the parade.

Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Drop-In - The Marlboro County Economic Development Partnership Christmas Drop-in will be held on Monday, December 14th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the partnership office.

County Employee Christmas Drop-In at Administration office - The County Employee Christmas Drop-In will be held at the County Administration Building on Wednesday, December 16th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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Country Star Artist Clint Black to perform at Marlboro Civic Center – Clint Black will be performing at the Marlboro Civic Center on February 25, 2016. Tickets are being sold to members of the Civic Center first and any left over tickets may be purchased next week. More than half of the tickets have already been sold.

D.D. McColl House Painting – Painting has started at the D.D. McColl House.

Piano at the Murchison Building – Ms. Polly McAlpine has agreed to have the old piano restored which is currently located at the Old Murchison building and has asked that it be placed at the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library once it is completed.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

Mr. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman, stated that no citizens had signed up to address Council.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Willie Gladden – stated that this had been a good year and stated that we have been very busy. He stated that Clio has had a great year with the new radio station becoming live; Ms. Corrie Plato was involved in everything; Mr. Jason Steen continues to take good care of Wallace; Mr. Ron Munnerlyn is working hard a recreation project for the entire county; Mr. Steve Blackmon has had Blenheim step up and now has Blenheim back on the map; and Mr. Ken Allen is taking good care of McColl.

Mr. Gladden thanked Mr. Jim Haynes, County Administrator, for the great job that he continues to do for our county and stated that he always keeps the county in line.

Mr. Gladden thanked Ms. Patricia Bundy, the Clerk to Council, for the work that she does as well as Ms. Lynn McQueen for all of her hard work.

Mr. Gladden wished everyone present a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Ken Allen – thanked all county employees for all of their hard work. He stated that Council tried to do what they could for county employees but he wanted them to know that he appreciated all of their hard work. Mr. Allen wished all a great Holiday season. He stated that things happen to get us down from time to time but that we must march on.

Steve Blackmon – stated that he wanted to echo what both Mr. Gladden and Mr. Allen has stated and thanked everyone for their hard work for Marlboro County.

Ron Munnerlyn – stated that he agreed with the earlier comments. He stated that the county had a tough year but that a new year was coming. He stated that there will be a new Council Chairman for the upcoming year.

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Jason Steen – stated that Marlboro County had a tough year with the loss of good employees and stated that he hoped that next year would be brighter. He asked that we all continue to remember the Rogers family in our prayers in the days and weeks ahead as they continue to grieve the loss of their young son. Mr. Steen thanked all county employees for their hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Corrie Plato – stated that she enjoyed working with Council through bad and good times. She stated that we have to give God the glory in good times and bad times. She stated that even in the bad times, we are still very blessed.

Ms. Plato thanked Ms. Patricia Bunty, the Clerk for all of her hard work and also thanked Ms. Lynn McQueen for her work. She also thanked Attorney Harry Easterling, Jr. and the Administrator, Mr. Jim Haynes, for the work they continue to do for Marlboro County.

Anthony Woods – stated that the other council members had already said it all but that he was happy that Clio was continuing to grow but stated that it must grow if Marlboro County is to grow. He stated that he was looking for 2016 to be much better than 2015. Mr. Woods stated that these members of Council have one more full year together before the next election. He stated that the council worked very well together and that although they disagreed from time to time, no one would ever know. Mr. Woods thanked Mr. Munnerlyn for the work on the recreation project and stated that this will be a great benefit for the entire county.

Mr. Woods thanked all Marlboro County employees and staff for all of their hard work. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No items were heard.

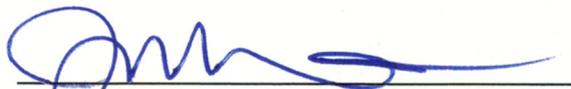
ADJOURN

Motion made by Mr. Jason Steen, seconded by Mr. Steve Blackmon, to adjourn the meeting. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

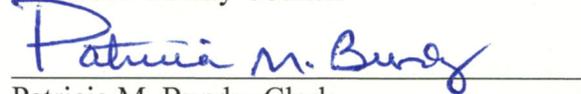
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:22 p.m.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



J. Ron Munnerlyn, Chairman
Marlboro County Council



Patricia M. Bundy, Clerk
Marlboro County Council

Adopted: January 12, 2016