

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
July 13, 2011..... 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Gerald L. Miller, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Douglas A. Curtis, Robert G. Cole and Kenneth A. Johnson.

ABSENT: Council Member Crawford Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council, Michelle Stanley - Finance Director, Denise R. Douglass - Interim Administrator, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney, Brenda Gilmore-Ratliff and Nancy Kimrey. 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 a prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the July 13, 2011 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by Council. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **May 25, 2011 – Budget Workshop/Special Meeting**

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the May 25, 2011 Budget Workshop/Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Council Members Bruce E. Rivers, Kenneth A. Johnson, George Franklin Plyler, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller and Lenora V. Powe voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the May 25, 2011 Budget Workshop/Special Meeting. Motion passed.

b. **June 1, 2011 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Powe made a motion to adopt the June 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. **June 22, 2011 – Special Meeting**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the June 22, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Kimrey – Presented Council with a copy of the Link in which Dot Riggins had written an article about the animals. Stated that Council was elected and they get paid to do the job with honor, forcefulness and intelligence and judgment and they represent the County of Chesterfield and they should be a leader for others to follow. Discussed the animals and the need for a new place for the animals and asked Council to try to make that happen.

Brenda Gilmore-Ratliff - On July 19, 2011 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Cheraw Community Center an event will be held where the public can get information about voting now that you have to have your picture ID. The state conference will be coming and the Channel 13 News, Columbia News and Charlotte News will be there and Council was invited to come and help go ahead and let the people know they need to vote and they will have to have a picture ID to vote. On August 5 and 6, 2011 from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm each day, at the stadium in Columbia, SC there is going to be a free clinic for people who do not have insurance. If you need glasses, you can pick out frames and the glasses will be mailed to you. There will be dentists to provide dental work and physicians to provide complete physicals. They will be providing a bus to take people to the free clinic and will be asking that each person give at least \$10 to \$15 to pay the driver. Contact Ms. Ratliff at 843-537-4365 (home) or 843-622-4344 (cell) if you know of anyone that would like to go.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. 2011/2012 Tax Anticipation Note Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Cole made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. 2011/2012 Tax Anticipation Note Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 3rd reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Capital Equipment Lease Purchase Ordinance (1) Motor-grader – 1st Reading (title only)

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 1st reading (title only). Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Floodplain Management Ordinance – 1st Reading (title only)

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

d. Home Detention Program Ordinance– 1st Reading (title only)

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 1st reading (title only). Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Multi-Jurisdictional Agreement Resolution

Council Member Curtis made a motion to pass the Resolution. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Resolution passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Bay Springs FD Fee Increase – Council Member Curtis

The Chief of Bay Springs Fire Department sent a letter stating that the Bay Springs Fire Department would like to increase the fire dues in their District by \$15. The increase of \$15 per household would allow them to put up 1 sub-station in their district and equip that station. The sub-station would help the patrons who live within five miles of the main fire station to receive an ISO of 6 instead of a 10. By lowering the ISO Rate of these homeowners it would help lower the cost of insurance and protecting their homes better. Council Member Curtis stated that Council Member Plyler, Council Member Johnson, Vice-Chair Powe and himself understood that the proper procedure is to let the fire department or their board hold a public hearing at which time they will discuss the increase and it is either voted up or down at that meeting and they will bring it back to this body for approval. Council Member Curtis asked for permission to let the fire department move forward but with one exception, that the fire department have the option to have the meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room instead of the fire station.

Chairman Rivers stated that unless he heard otherwise, Council Member Curtis could go forward with this and Council would wait to hear back the results from that meeting.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Tax Anticipation Note Financing Award – Denise Douglass, Interim Administrator

Interim Administrator Douglass presented Council with the bid received for the 2011-2012 Tax Anticipation Note. We received one bid and that bid was from BB&T at an interest rate of 1.85%. The bond attorneys agree that this would be a good deal so it is recommend that we go with BB&T.

Council Member Powe made a motion to award bid to BB&T at an interest rate of 1.85%. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. The motion passed.

b. Motor Grader Bid Award – Denise Doulgass, Interim Administrator

Chesterfield County accepted proposals from Blanchard, Flint Equipment and ASC Construction for the financing of the Motor Grader Lease Purchase Agreement. Staff reviewed all proposals and Mr. Tim Eubanks and Interim Administrator Douglass believe it would be best to award this bid to Flint Equipment at a purchase price of \$159,450.

Council Member Powe made a motion to award Flint Equipment the Motor Grader Lease Purchase Bid, contingent on third reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Surplus Property – Emergency Preparedness Mobile Command Post – Harold Hainey, Director, Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness has a big black ambulance that was donated to them by First Health of the Carolinas. It is a mobile command post and we don't have any use for it and would like for it to be declared as surplus property and the proceeds be used to buy a cooling station.. Updated Council on different events that have occurred in the past 6 months in the County, such as the winter storm, earthquake, lightening strike that killed a man, train accident that killed two men and a storm that caused serious damage from straight line winds in Pageland. The H.B. Robinson Plant exercise from May was delayed to November because of issues at the plant. That has been resolved. Advised Council that Emergency Preparedness will be purchasing a mobile decontamination unit that will be accessible to everyone.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the Emergency Preparedness Mobile Command Post as Surplus Property. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Hazard Mitigation Committee Appointments – Harold Hainey, Director, Emergency Preparedness

Advised Council that every five years Emergency Preparedness had to do a Hazard Mitigation Plan update or review and it has to be done by everybody in the County. This is very serious and it applies to every town in the County. We've asked the mayors, police chiefs and also have asked Tim Eubanks, Keith Benton with Codes and Susie Jordan, Tax Assessor to sit in on it. It has to be approved by Emergency Management so they can review it and then it is sent to FEMA so they can review it. The bottom line on this is that if we have a disaster and we go to the Governor and apply for federal funding for disaster, she goes to the President then if we don't have this plan in place, we may lose federal disaster monies. Council was presented with a list of names and advised that others may be added to the list. The roster for this planning committee has to be signed off on to turn in to Mr. Glenn Lane with Pee Dee Council of Government, who will be assisting with this plan.

Council Member Powe made a motion to establish the Hazard Mitigation Committee, which shall include the appointment of those persons and that of the list included and if any of those cannot serve or if any additional members need to be so appointed that those be named at the discretion of Denise Doulgass, Interim Administrator and Harold

Hainey, Director, Emergency Preparedness. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion Passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Olde English Tourism Board Appointment

Chesterfield County received a letter from Scott Hunter, Mayor of Cheraw, advising Council that Cheraw's Tourism Director Phil Powell is retiring and requesting that Council appoint David Sides to fill the Cheraw area seat on the Olde English Board.

Council Member Cole made a motion to appoint David Sides to the Olde English Tourism Commission Board. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crawford Moore

None

Bruce E. Rivers

None

Douglas Curtis

None

Lenora V. Powe

In the Town of McBee, Walnut Street is completed. Overcreek Lane in the Town of Chesterfield - they want to do some reclaiming. Oro Church, Sale Barn and Duncan Road they should start next month. Wire Road and College Street – they will start the survey next month. Soon Circle is on the list to be done and that should be done within the next month. The survey starts next month. Highway #9, we are looking at doing the preliminary engineering at least by 2013. We have a million dollars for that and they want to start and Vic-Chair Powe advised she is going to be meeting with some folks at the State and see if they can't get that moving a little bit more at this point and time.

Gerald L. Miller

None

Kenneth A. Johnson

None

George Franklin Plyler

None

Robert G. Cole

None

J. Matthew Rivers

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN
DATE: August 10, 2011

SUSIE BOSWELL
CLERK TO COUNCIL