

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
January 11, 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, Robert G. Cole and Crawford Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Anders Green – NASA Rally Sport; Lane Brown – Albemarle Oil Company; Brenda Workman - CCEDB and Arthur Bays. 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 Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the January 11, 2012 meeting agenda with approved changes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to nominate Council Member J. Matthew Rivers as chairman. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to nominate Council Member Lenora V. Powe as vice-chair. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council Member Moore made a motion to approve the December 7, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **a. 2012 Sandblast Rally – Anders Green**

Mr. Anders Green appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2012 Sandblast Rally on February 4, 2012. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads. Mr. Tim Eubanks has inspected the roads and has been in contact with Mr. Green regarding any problems. Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the use of the specified roads to run the annual 2012 Sandblast Rally. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **b. Mr. Arthur Bays, Teal's Mill Bridge**

Mr. Bays appeared before Council to give them an update on the Teal's Mill Bridge. Mr. Bays advised that the bridge opened at 1:00 p.m. on December 29, 2011. He advised that the bridge has a 25 ton limit and it is very slippery when it gets wet. Mr. Bays also advised that no trucks with over 8 tires or any vehicle with over 8 tires can use the bridge, such as gasoline tankers, propane tankers, log trucks, etc. There is a detour for these type vehicles. Mr. Bays advised that the Sheriff and DOT is going to monitor this along with the people in the Teal's Mill community. He stated that they are going to take tag numbers and people would be fined a stiff fine for crossing the bridge in any type vehicle with over 8 tires. The speed limit is 25 mph across the bridge. The bridge is a metal deck bridge and it is very slick. If it snows or ices up the bridge will be shut down. Mr. Bays thanked all the people of Teal's Mill, Cheraw, Chesterfield, the Cheraw Fire Department, Teal's Mill Fire Department, EMS, Sheriff's Department, Tim Eubanks and the County Road Department and especially the DOT people that have worked hard on this bridge. He also thanked Senator Vincent Sheheen and Representative Ted Vick for their involvement.

Mr. Bays also made a statement that he attended the School Board Meeting regarding religion in schools and that he went to support this and he thought that all Christians should stand up for Christian rights in this county and all over the world and that he just wanted to make that statement to council.

### **c. Mr. Richard Lane Brown, III., Alco Representative**

Mr. Brown appeared before Council and presented Council with a handout that contained the background material for his presentation. Mr. Brown stated that it was a tax issue and that he felt they deserved a refund. Mr. Brown gave a presentation to Council in support of his claim, on behalf of Alco Stores for refund of tax penalties paid and stated that he hoped that Chesterfield County Council and its Finance Committee would favorably consider their request for refund, certainly of the penalties.

**d. Ms. Joy Young, Animal Issues**

Ms. Young did not attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Karen Stangal, Paws & Claws Volunteer**

Ms. Stangal appeared before Council and stated that she thought the improvements at the Animal Shelter were extensive and that there was a good crew working at the shelter and she thought they were trying to do the best they can with the amount of animals that still come into the shelter. Ms. Stangal stated that she thought the workers were doing an exceptional job once the animals come in as far as record keeping, improvements, etc but that the intake side is still in some type of flux. She stated there doesn't seem to be a good working relationship and the county is 80+ days into this and that as an individual that goes to the shelter on weekends and goes over to the shelter when she is in Chesterfield, she stated she didn't see an improvement in that working relationship so she felt that is something that needs to be looked at. Ms. Stangal said she believed the shelter manager should be in control of everything, not just reacting as the animals come in but proactive on the end of what comes in and when they come in so that there is more of a control on the capacity level and the conditions of the animals as they come in. Ms. Stangal thanked everyone for everything they had done to improve the shelter but stated that this is another deficiency that she thought still exists and that it would be the County answering the deficiency problem as the inspections go on with the shelter from the Humane Society.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. SSRC Ordinance/Infrastructure Credit Agreement – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Animal Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. **Animal Shelter Committee**

1. Animal Services Protocols/Procedures

Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the Animal Shelter Protocols/Procedures. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

a. **2011 State of the County – Chairman Rivers**

Chairman Rivers gave Council a year end closing State of the County Summary.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

a. **Snow Removal Contract – Douglass**

Ms. Douglass advised that Heath Ruffner, Attorney had been in touch with the attorney for DOT and that everything had been worked out and the Contract had been signed.

b. **Lynches River Grant Acceptance – Project Helium – Brenda Workman, CCEDB**

Ms. Workman advised Council that Lynches River had approved a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Chesterfield County, which is earmarked for Project Helium and therefore requested that Council approve the acceptance of the grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from Lynches River.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers made a motion to accept the grant. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Crawford Moore**

None

**Bruce E. Rivers**

Council Member Rivers stated that one area that he thought the county needed to work on, through Harold Hainey, is the county's E911 System. He stated that there needed to be some updates made there. He also stated that the county needs to have a backup system. He stated that a couple of our neighboring counties systems went down and that they had a plan that another county would step in and take over for them and Council Member Rivers stated that he thought we needed that same plan. He said we need to be prepared because at some point and time we may have the same problem.

Council Member Rivers stated that he had another area that he and Council Member Miller had been discussing. He said he had received calls from a taxpayer and they would like for council to consider or ask the treasurer to consider looking at the possibility of taking advanced payments on taxes. Council Member Rivers stated that they need to help their constituents in any way they can.

Mr. Rivers asked Mr. Tim Eubanks if the resurfacing of Holly Lynn had been taken care of and Mr. Eubanks advised him that it had been resurfaced.

**Douglas A. Curtis**

Council Member Curtis stated that he would like to make a formal request on behalf of himself and any other council member that would like to see a copy of the investigation report from the AG's Office, SLED and the local Sheriff's Department on the dog issue. Administrator Douglass said that she would get with Heath Ruffner, County Attorney and discuss obtaining a copy of this report.

**Lenora V. Powe**

The Pee Dee COG has some EDA money for water and sewer upgrades and that if anyone needed water and sewer lines in their town, they could get some help with it. The grant money is available and the application date is around the middle of March.

**Gerald L. Miller**

None

**Kenneth A. Johnson**

None

**George Franklin Plyler**

None

**J. Matthew Rivers**

Stated that Council Member Bruce E. Rivers looked like he was in better health.

**Robert G. Cole**

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:**

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J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN

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SUSIE BOSWELL  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_