

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2013
4:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a regular meeting on February 27, 2013 at 4:00 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Randy Goings, T.F. Finklea, Harold Moody, Archie Scott, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Andrew Graves. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald), and Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), Harold Moody, The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Tonny McNeil (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Joe Johnson, 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 (SCANAs), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson (Hometown TV), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Ron Bartley and Cathy Pelfrey (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), Archie Scott, Haywood Proctor, T.F. Finklea, Alicia Fosse (American Board), Chris Clark & Walda Wildman (Independent Auditors), Mayor Nancy Brigman and; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting. He told of Ry-Heem McRimmon, Dillon Middle School student, being present as he is job shadowing him.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Randy Goings.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Andrew Graves motioned to approve the agenda. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 01/23, 02/05, 02/06, & 02/15/13

Bobby Moody motioned to approve the minutes. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

ALICIA FOSSE – AMERICAN BOARD PRESENTATION

Ms. Fosse gave Council pamphlets and explained their organization which provides an alternate route to teacher certification for misplaced workers (local citizens). She asked for help in identifying those who may benefit from their program.

DR. RON BARTLEY, NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – WORK READY PROGRAM

Dr. Bartley stated he was not representing NETC in this request. He gave Council handouts and explained the SC Work Ready Communities Initiative. He told of the need for a “champion” and steering committee to be designated along with other criteria required to become WRC certified and asked Council approve moving forward with the process.

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CHRIS CLARK, CPA - 2011-2012 COUNTY AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Clark told that the audit process went smoothly. He noted that much of the preliminary work was done by Walda Wildman, which made the audit more efficient. He explained that he uses her work papers and then validates the information. He told that a clean opinion was given and noted a couple of material weaknesses of internal control (lack of a finance director and the payroll and payables processes). He mentioned key figures and told that we had a good year, pretty much braking even. He discussed retiree health funding obligation needed to be closely watched and told of mitigation strategies to reduce the County's liability. He told that in two years the SC Retirement liability (SCORBET) will be included in the audit. Chairman Scott asked what the repercussions are for not having a finance director. Mr. Clark told that there were none but that it was in the prior audits therefore he needed to address it. He noted that the treasurer is performing numerous accounting functions.

TOWN OF LATTA – CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX REQUEST

Mr. Young told that he and Mr. Finklea met with the Mayor to discuss infrastructure issues. He explained that approximately \$680,000 is left in the Hwy 38 Infrastructure Improvements and this is a way for us to assist them. He told that the Town of Latta will have to provide us documents and information on their projects. Mr. Finklea told that growth toward the Interstate and Sellers depends on them. **T.F. Finklea motioned to give the funds for infrastructure provided they give proof of the projects.** Chairman Scott asked if this was legal. Mr. DuBose stated the Town would have to prove to Dillon County that the funds were spent in accordance with the Capital Projects Sales Tax ordinance. **T. F. Finklea added to his motion that the funds be given to the Town of Latta under the conditions stated by Mr. DuBose. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS REQUEST

Mr. Young told we had participated in this fundraiser before. Mayor Brigman requested \$1,000.00 (includes a table) and explained that scholarships are given as a result of this fundraiser dinner. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the request of \$1,000.00. Randy Goings seconded and all were in favor.**

OLD BUSINESS

ABANDONED CEMETERY LIST

Mr. Young told that Terry Morris had worked on checking the cemeteries to see if requirement was met for them to be considered abandoned. Terry explained that of the original list of 35 cemeteries, he has looked at 24 of them. He stated Bobby Moody has requested one that was not on the list. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the cemeteries listed as abandoned (Hulon and Bethea Cemeteries). Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Young told that council had been furnished the report through January along with other reports normally given to them. He explained that the treasurer's statement showed subtraction of other agencies' funds. Chairman Scott asked for a more accurate report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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RECYCLING CENTERS DECAL POLICY

Harold Moody told that the committee recommends Version 2 (Any person(s) residing outside of the unincorporated areas of Dillon County may be allowed to purchase a Decal, for a fee of \$90.00, for dumping at the Dillon County Convenience Sites. As always, Dillon County Convenience Sites are used for household waste only, no businesses are allowed) of the proposals furnished to Council. Mr. Finklea told of the Town of Latta residents complaining about not being able to recycle at the sites and that he is hoping the county can help with placing bins and used oil tanks for those residents. He noted that two people asked to be on the agenda but the Chairman saw fit to strike that. He said in the future we may need to look at adding to the agenda and let people speak for three minutes. Chairman Scott explained that he took these folks off of the agenda because we are working on providing assistance to the Towns.

Harold Moody recommended that the decals have numbers on them and that we change colors each year. He then told that this is a work in progress and explained why the decals have been implemented. Discussion was held concerning someone with no vehicle walking in with trash. Also Mr. Young told of state law requiring registration of vehicles in the county residing in.

Harold Moody motioned to approve version two of the policy. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.

EQUIPMENT BIDS – BACKHOE, LOWBOY, WALKING TRAILER

Bids were read by Ms. Gray as follows: Backhoe – one bid received from Blanchard Machinery for CAT 420F for \$72,651 base price and to add options equal \$85,298.00 total; Lowboy – two bids received from Florence Truck Center Inc. for 2013 Landoll 855C-53' option #1 for \$64,809.00 plus quick disconnect couplers (\$215.00) and air lift 3rd axle (\$933.00) totaling \$65,957.00 with delivery time of 100-120 days and option #2 for \$71,676.00 available at the factory; Walking floor trailer – one bid from Florence Truck Center Inc. for 2013 MAC for \$62,422.00.

Harold Moody explained the recommendations of the committee: backhoe needs the options offered; lowboy – option two; walking trailer for the landfill. **Harold Moody motioned to approve the backhoe purchase for \$85,298.00, followed by a second from Joe Johnson. All except Randy Goings voted in favor. Mr. Goings was opposed.**

Harold Moody motioned to approve the lowboy purchase for \$71,676.00 followed by a second from Joe Johnson. All except Randy Goings voted in favor. Mr. Goings was opposed. Mr. Goings asked where the bid was advertised. Ms. Gray told in The Dillon Herald. Steve Moody told of justification of the lowboy trailer. Bobby Moody suggested we get more bids. Andrew Graves suggested we approve this and ask that in the future, advertisement be placed in more places than The Dillon Herald. Mr. Young told that the request for bids specifies certain equipment which limits the bids.

Harold Moody motioned to approve the walking trailer purchase for \$62,422.00, followed by a second from Joe Johnson. All, except Randy Goings voted in favor. Mr. Goings was opposed.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
VEHICLE PROPOSALS**

Mr. Young told of the Coroner (\$35, 647) and Animal Control (\$25, 851) vehicle proposals, which are state contract prices. The committee recommends the animal control vehicle be purchased from their department's budget. **T.F. Finklea motioned to approve the vehicle for the Coroner and that the funds be taken from the GO bond (\$35, 647). Harold Moody seconded and all voted in favor. Joe Johnson motioned to approve the vehicle for the Animal Control (\$25,851). Andrew Graves seconded and all voted in favor.**

DILLON COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES
Archie Scott motioned to table this as it is not complete. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

**SURVEYING AND GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES PROPOSALS FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Mr. Young told that Bill Clark, architect for the project, furnished these two proposals: F&ME Consultants, \$5, 925.00 for geotechnical services and Power Engineering Company. Inc., \$8,490.00 for survey and \$2,800.00 for an additional six acre survey. **Bobby Moody motioned to approve the proposals. Andrew Graves seconded.** Mr. Goings asked for an explanation of the proposals. Mr. Young told this is site work needed before moving forward with the project. Brief discussion was held concerning the building. Mr. DuBose told that Judicial Center may be a more appropriate name for the building. **All voted in favor.**

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. DuBose stated there was one matter for a legal economic development matter to discuss in executive session.

ORDINANCE READINGS

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2012B

Tabled

THIRD READING - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEE-IN-LIEU AND CERTAIN CREDITS FOR "PROJECT TOOL SHED"

Tabled

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND DILLON COUNTY ZONING #18

Larry Jones explained the change. **T.F. Finklea motioned to approve the reading by title only as set forth in the agenda and approve the ordinance. Joe Johnson seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTER
RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Harold Moody motioned to go into executive session. Andrew Graves seconded and all were in favor.

Andrew Graves motioned to come out of executive session. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Bobby Moody mentioned problems with voter registration (district lines & precincts) that need correcting.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrew Graves motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Robert Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____