

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Evon Robinson called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Steven Murdaugh, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Karla Daddieco, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Mary Harris, Iris Hill, Pete Anderson, Tommy Mann, Jimmy Syfrett, Marshall Morehead, Cris & David Soard, G.A. Malone, Louise Stock (?), Sherlie Fields

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

None

Appearances & Public Presentations

Chris Myers, Recreation Director- Up Date on Recreation Project

Mr. Myers gave an overview of all of the activities being offered (youth sports, adult sports, classes & clubs) at the County Parks & Recreation. He reviewed the upgrades to the Recreation Center and introduced possible things to come.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting August 14, 2012

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously

Awards and Recognition's

None

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin introduced Mr. Dennis Averkin who has just come on as our Administrative Services Director of Procurement also working with procurement. He actually just started today. He has both strong financial and administrative background and was glad we could add another fine person to the staff.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 12-O-08, Granting an Easement to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Railroad Right of Way Owned Jointly By the City of Walterboro and Colleton County adjacent to Rivers Street in Walterboro, SC; Such Easement to be Used to Construct, Improve and Maintain a Part of the Electric Utility Distribution Network within the City of Walterboro and Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Document; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 12-O-09, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 0.342 Acre Parcel in Green Pond, Identified as a Portion of TMS 292-00-00-034, from Rural Conservation-2 (RC-2) to Rural Conservation-1 (RC-1).

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 12-O-10, To Amend the Colleton County Code of Laws by Repealing Various Chapters/Sections.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 12-R-91, To Authorize Execution of an Agreement Between Colleton County on Behalf of The Colleton County Sheriff’s Office and Alcohol & Drug Abuse for the Provision of Services for the Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET).

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-92, To Endorse the 2012 Community Development Block Grant, Community Enrichment Application for a Demolition Project and to Pledge the 10% Local Match for the Grant.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-93, To Allow a Wedding on Courthouse Grounds on October 6, 2012.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-94, To Approve Appointments to the Lowcountry Workforce Investment Board.

A motion to approve Mr. Heyward Horton as Economic Development Representative and Jane Brewer and Cliff Warren as Education Representatives by Acclimation and was seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 12-R-95, To Establish Fees for Rental of Fields at the Recreation Complex

A motion was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

Mr. Whetsell said in reviewing these fees, I would like to make a motion that we exempt the schools in Colleton County being Colleton High, Colleton Prep each one of them have one tournament per year and the fees in this I would like to ask that we exempt those two for Colleton County because their parents are taxpayers in our county. I feel that this thing/fees are for people that we are bringing in from out of town, they will be paying fees because they play ball, but I think our county residents should be exempt from the fees on this list.

Mr. Robinson asked Mr. Whetsell if he wanted to amend the motion.

Mr. Whetsell said yes.

Mr. Murdaugh said I don't have any objection to that other than I would just say that any school in the county rather than just those two. You got some other schools. Just for clarification since Mr. Myers is here the fee is here is for the rental fields. Let's say I have an outside concern that wants to rent the fields for the day, does that give me access to the concession area?

Mr. Myer said no, it does not.

Mr. Murdaugh said so if those folks are leasing or renting these fields if they wanted to have concessions, is there an additional fee to use those facilities or is that just forbidden, I am trying to see what it is that they are going to get to use.

Mr. Myer said one option that the board thought about and is still kinda debating, they don't want any outside people in the concession stand if a member of the Recreation

Department is not out there. Basically if it is opened then one of us would have to be there as well and that would be a separate fee.

Mr. Griffin said he had two possible suggestions. Number one these fees are to recover our costs for maintaining the fields, the second would be, we work very well cooperatively now, with both the schools and we do some horse trading so to speak with fields when we need them from time to time. I think Chris even mentioned about them allowing us to use their gym. Could I possibly suggest, let us work on maybe a Memorandum of Understanding with both the schools and any schools within the district where they would work with us also to let us use their fields if we have a really large tournament and need additional ...inaudible... baseball fields and football fields as far as that is concerned and give us some room.

Mr. Whetsell said that is fine it can be incorporated.

Mr. Griffin said if you would like to table this or we can address it otherwise or we can address it through a MOU in a separate understanding.

Mr. Whetsell said bring it back to us next month.

Mr. Taylor said let's table it.

Mr. Murdaugh said yes, I think table it, but I would like for the board to discuss how they are going to deal with the concession areas.

Mr. Griffin said I think the understanding there is we wanted to protect our investment because we ...inaudible...

Dr. Flowers said I think we need to think about the fact that we need to think about the county running the concession stands so we can recoup some of our investments. I think that is a way we could recoup some of our investments, in most of these places that have ball tournament, recreation complexes do run the concession stands the idea is to recoup some of their investments and help maintain the concession stands as well as maintaining the facility. I think we ought to consider having the county recreation concession rather than having outsiders doing concessions.

Mr. Robinson said then I am hearing that it is

Mr. Myers interrupted said we agree with that Councilman Flowers, if it is a larger tournament then we would plan on running the concession stand for us. What I was referring to was tournaments coming that might only rent one field so they may not have but two or three teams and then it is really not beneficial for us to run it.

Dr. Flowers said I just want to make sure we have that clarified,

Mr. Robinson said I would perceive that it is the intent of this council that we table this until next month when we will come back and find out about all of the things. Is that what I am hearing?

Consensus of council members was yes.

Items of Information & The Public Record

None

Public Comments

Sheriff Malone said in reference to your discussion about the recreational events that will be taking place in Colleton County, I can tell you that since I have been serving as sheriff, we have never sat down and come to some type of agreement about the security. We get a call one day and they will say they need a couple of deputies for tomorrow. We have been trying to do that as best we can, but I want you to know when we work somebody we have to pay them unless it is a reserve officer. I would just ask this council if you would, I would like for us to come to some type of understanding as to how this is going to go. We would like to have some idea of what is expected so we can plan. We will be glad to do whatever needs to be done, but I would like for council if you would consider including some security in your plans as these events come up.

Mr. Whetsell said he would like to ask the administrator if there was any update on the Soard's Project out on Mt. Carmel Highway. They are in the audience tonight and I am sure they have concerns.

Mr. Griffin said I know they are on the court docket; I do not have an immediate update as to the status of the case. I am not aware that they have been heard yet from Planning ...inaudible... I do know they have corrected some electrical issues that were on the property and some other issues, but there is still a court date scheduled.

Council Time

Mr. Murdaugh said I was curious, I know we had the Public Hearing on Ordinance 12-O-08, but we didn't have a 3rd reading is there a reason for that?

Mr. Griffin said yes, we have had a little trouble getting the joint Railroad Commission meeting scheduled. As soon as we get a date together to have them hear it then we will move forward with it.

Mr. Murdaugh said then it is not an oversight. I just wanted to make sure.

Mr. Griffin said no sir it was not an oversight. It was done on purpose.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development
- b) Legal

Regular Session

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned

Date: _____

Evon Robinson, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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