

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2011
3:30 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on October 12, 2011 at 3:30 pm in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Aron Gandy, Harold Moody, Bobby Moody, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Macio Williamson and Archie Scott. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator) and Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council), Ken Dubose (County Attorney) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Gerald Poss Consulting, Yolanda McCormick (Librarian), Susan Norton (Perdue), The Dillon Herald, Dillon County Development Board Office, Tonny McNeil (Econ Dev Director), Jamie Estes (Treasurer), Manufactured Housing Institute of SC, Dan Gruszka, Charles Curry, Terry Morris, Jerry Rivers, Alan Lane (all citizens' request), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Steve Johnson, Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), WMBF News, Dillon County Planning Office, Dillon County Code Enforcement Office, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Harold Moody, Joe Johnson, Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Ken Dubose (County Attorney), Randy Grimsley (EMS Director), Ron Bartley (NETC), Johnnie Leuhers (Dillon County Chamber of Commerce), Judge James Lockemy, Gwen Hyatt (Clerk of Court), Sheriff Major Hulon, and Frank Brockington, ; By fax – Dillon County Fire Station 2 (Latta), Dillon County E911, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

Chairman Archie Scott presided over the meeting.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joe Johnson motioned to approve the agenda. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

LATTA FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUEST

Mr. Young told of Council approving matching funds (Forestry Grant) for a skid unit several months ago. He stated the Latta Fire is now requesting a truck to mount the unit on because they feel it will not work on the current truck. The truck quote presented is in the amount of \$15,195 for a 2002 Ford Doolie F350 4X4 and would have to come from County funds. Harold Moody told that Station Four purchased theirs for \$2,500. Bobby Moody asked to table the matter and that Mr. Gandy look into the condition of the truck.

OLD BUSINESS

SCHEDULING OF 1911 TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY

Mr. Young told of learning that the USC president attended the ceremony in October of 1911 and that Judge Lockemy asked the current president to come for our ceremony. He stated the date he was available is November 9th. Mr. Young asked Council if they

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would agree to move the ceremony from the original tentative date of November 1st to November 9th and will let them know the time later.

**LEASE APPROVALS – SALLEY MCINTYRE & GUARDIAN AD LITEM
OFFICE**

Mr. Young stated that the Building Committee had toured the office and discussed this. Mr. Graves told that the committee decided to let the full council decide on whether to grant the increase of paying the taxes and insurance. He told that he didn't feel that we should do it. **Aron Gandy motioned to leave the agreement as it is with no increase to cover the taxes and insurance. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

**EXTENSION OF FARLEY ROAD (HARBOR FREIGHT) - ENGINEERING
SERVICES**

Mr. Young told that Harbor Freight had requested this to help truck traffic, gave Council the proposal from Alliance Engineering and went over the figures to extend the road (total cost estimated at \$605,000). He told that Sandy Watford, PD Regional Council of Gov, had looked at the estimate and stated it was in line. However, she did recommend thicker asphalt and stated that should not change the price. Mr. Young stated our crew can do some of the work. He told that this would pick up where the current pavement stops and continue the road to around the back of Harbor Freight. He also noted he would try to obtain a 75 foot right of way from the Bethea family. He asked Council to consider beginning the engineering, provided the 75 foot right of way is obtained. He told that funding could come from the general fund, capital projects fund, funds received from Marlboro Electric, or cash reserves. He stated grant monies would be hard to obtain because no jobs are created. **Joe Johnson motioned to approve the engineering service proposal of \$119,500 (amount will be less if the project is not done) from Alliance. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.**

ORDINANCE READINGS

**FIRST READING - ORDINANCE SUSPENDING SUNDAY WORK
PROHIBITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

Mr. Young told of this request from Wal-Mart. Mr. Dubose explained that State law gives Counties the right to suspend Blue Laws, allowing businesses to open prior to 1:30 pm. He noted that Cities cannot do this and that this would be county-wide. He also told that this has nothing to do with alcohol sales and protects persons who do not want to work for religious reasons. **Aron Gandy motioned to approve the reading by title only as set forth in the agenda. Bobby Moody seconded. Voting in favor were Aron Gandy, Macio Williamson, Bobby Moody, Archie Scott and Andrew Graves. Voting against were Harold Moody and Joe Johnson.**

RESOLUTIONS

APPROVING THE USE OF FUND BALANCE

Mr. Young stated discussion was held during the budget process about the possibility of a check around the holidays. He told that he will get with the Administration Committee to discuss and get back with council. The matter was tabled.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (2) & CONTRACTUAL MATTERS

Aron Gandy motioned to go into executive session. Macio Williamson seconded and all were in favor.

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ADJOURNMENT

Aron Gandy motioned to adjourn. Bobby Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Archie Scott, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____