



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Regular Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Item, Jack Justice, Clarendon Citizen

Others in attendance included:

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| Lynden Anthony | Sarah Garland | Sandi Tucker |
| Fred Tucker | Betty Knight | W.R. Ridgeway |
| Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Briggs | Loretta Benboe | Peggy Lane |
| John Truluck | Susie R. Mack | James O. Robinson |
| Johnny Radcliffe | Eleese Radcliffe | Pat & David Paul |
| Alexander House | Sandra House | Sarah Mack |
| Lee Bledsoe | Connie Bledsoe | Charley Schmidt |
| Donna O'Neil | Ricky Richards | Pamela & Robert Warn |
| Roy Williams | Ned McIntosh | Vickie Williams |
| Hal Lowder | Michael Kozlarek | Emily Luther |
| And other citizens of Clarendon County | | |

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman WJ Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to move the Presentation of the South Carolina Forestry Commission up on the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to move the presentation of the South Carolina Forestry Commission up on the agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for Regular Meeting

which was held on October 8, 2012.

V. Presentation

Mr. Harvey Belser, South Carolina Forestry Commission, presented Clarendon County Council with a check for \$ 14,319.36. He stated that this amount represents Clarendon County's Portion (which is 25%) of the revenues from timber sold by Manchester State Forest. A portion of Manchester State Forest is located in Clarendon County.

Chairman Stewart stated that he needed a motion to accept the check and divide the amount evenly between the three school districts.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to accept the check and divide the amount evenly between the three Clarendon County School Districts.

VI. Public Hearing

Chairman Stewart opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2012-03 at 6:08 pm.

Administrator Epperson gave a description of Ordinance 2012-03 – Authorizing Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the Expansion of the Boundaries of the Multi-County Industrial Park jointly developed with Sumter County to Include Certain Real Property; The execution and delivery of a credit agreement by and between Clarendon County, and [Project Rally], to provide for special source revenue credits; to provide for the manufacturer's abatement; and other related matters.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any discussions on this Ordinance. He stated if there were no discussions, the public hearing will close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:10 pm.

VII. Ordinance 2012-04

Consideration was given to the first reading on Ordinance 2012-04 - an Ordinance to amend Clarendon County, South Carolina Ordinance No.:2011-07, The Procurement Code Regulations of Clarendon County.

Mr. Epperson stated that amending this ordinance would allow Clarendon County to work more efficiently. He stated that this change would be in line with the State's guidelines.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to first reading on Ordinance 2012-04.

VIII. Ordinance 2012-03

Consideration was given to third and final reading on Ordinance 2012-03 – Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Tax Agreement, by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina and [Project Rally], as sponsor, and one or more sponsor affiliates, to provide for a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive; to provide for the “Manufacturer’s Abatement”; and other related matters.

Mr. Michael Kozlarek, Parker Poe, stated that there was one technical change in Ordinance 2012-03. He stated that there is a title change but the body of the Ordinance remains the same.

Consideration was given to third and final reading on Ordinance 2012-03 with the new title change – An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the Expansion of the boundaries of the Multi-County Industrial Park jointly developed with Sumter County to include certain real property; the execution and delivery of a credit agreement by and between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Rally], to provide for special source revenue credits; to provide for the Manufacturer’s abatement; and other related matters.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to third and final reading on Ordinance 2012-03 under the new title.

IX. Ordinance 2012-02

Consideration was given to third and final reading on Ordinance 2012-02 - an Ordinance to authorize the sale of (1) Parcel of Real Property Owned by Clarendon County and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No. 083-00-01-042-00. The parcel of land would be sold for \$1,500.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to third and final reading on Ordinance 2012-02.

X. Requests

Mr. Epperson presented County Council with an Ordinance from the Town of Paxville that would transfer authority for conducting Municipal Elections to Clarendon County Voter’s Registration and the Election Commission.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to transfer authority for conducting Municipal Elections to Clarendon County Voters Registration and the Election Commission.

Mr. Epperson presented County Council with out-of-state travel request for the

Sheriff's Office to investigate a death that occurred on September 19, 2012.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval for an out-of-state travel request for the Sheriff's office.

XI. Transportation Committee

Mr. Epperson presented County Council with two requests for the Transportation Committee.

- i. Request to purchase reconstituted asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.
- ii. Request to purchase culverts in an amount not to exceed \$18,176.08.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to grant the two requests of the Transportation Committee.

XII. Proclamation

Mr. Epperson presented County Council with a Proclamation proclaiming November 10-18, 2012 as National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. Mr. Epperson read the Proclamation.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the Proclamation proclaiming November 10-18, 2012 as National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week.

XIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson stated that the expenses for the month of October were \$1,325,399 of what was budgeted. He continued by stating that the C Fund report for September had an uncommitted balance of \$297,656. He continued by stating that Water and Sewer had total revenues of \$249,902 and total expenses of \$189,455 for the month of October.

Mr. Epperson stated that the Animal Shelter received 37 dogs for the month of October. He stated that 30 were brought in by Animal Control and the other seven were brought in by the public.

Mr. Epperson continued by stating that Weldon Auditorium had several events scheduled. He stated that the USC Symphony Orchard was scheduled for November 15, 2012 and tickets were on sale for \$30.00 each. He stated that the appreciation celebration for Senator John Land will be held on Sunday, November 25, 2012 from 2 pm – 4 pm. He continued by stating that Manning High School will be having Holiday around the World on November 29, 2012 and tickets were \$2.00 each.

Mr. Epperson concluded by thanking all of the poll workers, volunteers, and Voter's Registration Director and Staff for the work that was done during the election.

XI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for their support during the election and thanked everyone for getting out and exercising their rights to vote.

XII. Executive Session

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson and Councilman Blakely, Council voted unanimous approval to go into Executive Session. The Executive Session began at 6:37 pm.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:09 pm.

i. Legal Briefing – Airport

Chairman Stewart stated that the Airport Commission wants to extend the runway for the airport. He continued by stating that the request to extend the runway for the airport is a request from FAA which provides 90 to 95% of the funding for the airport. He stated that by extending the airport runway, this would allow Corporate Jets and larger aircraft to use the airport. Chairman Stewart stated that we have 35,000 citizens in Clarendon County and if you travel anywhere in the county, someone had to give us property for the roads that you are traveling. He continued by asking Mr. Epperson to check with FAA to see if there isn't any other way. Chairman Stewart concluded by stating that no action would be taken at this time.

ii. Contractual / Legal Briefing - Detention Center

Chairman Stewart stated that actions would be taken on this Legal Briefing.

Consideration was given for an Intergovernmental Agreement with all Municipalities for a Fee for the use of the County Jail. The fee would be \$20.00 for the first 5 hours and \$1.00 thereafter for all prisoners.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted unanimous approval to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Detention Center.

iii. Economic Development – Project Fraser

Chairman Stewart stated that action would be taken on Project Fraser.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to the first reading on Ordinance 2012-05 – an Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, the Execution and delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Taxes Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, and [Project Fraser]; authorizing the inclusion of the project in a Multi-County Industrial Park; to provide for the manufacturer's abatement; and other related matters.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, council voted unanimous approval to Resolution 2012-12 – Authorizing an Incentive and Inducement agreement among Clarendon County and Project Fraser providing for a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement and grant; and other related matters.

XIII. Adjournment

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted unanimous approval to adjourn the council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted


Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

