

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLED MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2012
10:00 AM**

The Dillon County Council held a called meeting on August 29, 2012 at 10:00 am in the County Council Chambers, 109 S 3rd Ave, Dillon SC. Present were: Aron Gandy, Andrew Graves, Joe Johnson, Bobby Moody and Harold Moody. Not present was Archie Scott. Also present were: Clay Young (County Administrator), Ken DuBose (County Attorney), Lisa Gray (Clerk to Council) and Betsy Finklea (The Dillon Herald).

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 (SCANANA), 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 (NETC), Jamie Rogers (Morning News), Karl McCollester (Agenda Repository), and Archie Scott; By fax – Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Andrew Graves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

ALLIANCE PROPOSAL – LATTA INDUSTRIAL PARK

Tonny McNeil showed Council the layout of and explained the proposed master plan of the site consisting of 45 acres off of I-95 exit 181. He discussed the need for land option agreements and stated Mr. DuBose was working on that. Harold Moody suggested the building/administrative committee meet next Wednesday, September 5, 2012, with the property owner, Robert Johnson, Ken DuBose and Tonny McNeil to discuss negotiations. He told that the SC Department of Commerce will reimburse 75% of the \$59,000 cost of the site certification proposal from Alliance Consulting Engineers. **Council tabled the matter.**

OLD BUSINESS

MOHAWK BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Young thanked all of the staff (county, city, inmates) and Sammy Bracey who have been working on the building and project. He went over the estimated costs of improvements, which totaled \$826,043, and told that it looks like the County would be funding \$496,043 of that. He also noted that Progress Energy may reimburse lighting upgrades with grants in the amount of \$30,000 plus another \$50,000.

Mr. Young also told that Council had previously agreed to fund \$605,000 for the road extension at Harbor Freight and that would no longer be needed if the expansion goes through because the

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State will pay for the road work. He stated he has told Alliance Engineers to invoice us for work done to date and close the project out.

Tonny McNeil told that making these improvements to the Mohawk building in order for Harbor Freight to occupy it is tied to a much larger project. Mr. DuBose explained the lease terms including lease payments, of around \$14,000 per month for 18 months, to Dillon County from Harbor Freight if the expansion does not occur.

After discussion of road and parking lot paving, lighting, duct work removal and other work needed, Council agreed to obtain bids for the work. Mr. Gandy stated we need to make sure we are doing what Harbor Freight needs.

Mr. Young told that he will try to obtain letters soon from SC Department of Commerce and Marlboro Electric committing the funds to Dillon County.

Bobby Moody motioned to proceed with obtaining bids (for work needed on the old Mohawk Building/property) in accordance with the County procurement code as agreed upon in the Harbor Freight lease agreement. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Mr. Young told that the Council committee will open the bids, review them, and then make recommendations to Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe Johnson motioned to adjourn. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

Aron Gandy, Chairman

Lisa B. Gray, Clerk to Council

Date approved _____