



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 8, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Clarendon One Board Room
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
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: Councilman A.C. English

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

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Nancy Cave	Sandi Tucker
Fred Tucker	Linda Lemon	Nikki Toomes
Archie Lemon	John Truluck	Robert McFadden
Patricia Pringle	Don Lane	Gregory Holiday
Lee Bledsoe	Connie Bledsoe	Bobby Stewart

And other citizens of Clarendon County

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

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 September 10, 2012.

V. Administrator Epperson gave a description of Ordinance 2012-03 - 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 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

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to second reading of Ordinance 2012-03.

VI. Chairman Stewart opened the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2012-02 at 6:05 pm.

Administrator Epperson gave a description of Ordinance 2012-02 - an Ordinance to authorize the sale of one (1) parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County and identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No. 083-00-01-042-00. Mr. Epperson stated that the county purchased this parcel of land in 1988 to use the sand but have not used the property in years. He concluded by stating that someone inquired about purchasing this parcel.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any other discussion. He stated if there was no other discussion, the public hearing will close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:07 pm.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to second reading on Ordinance 2012-02.

VII. Requests

i. On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to re-appoint Ms. Martha Jones, Dr. Kate Smith, and Mrs. Beulah Roberts to the Clarendon Behavioral Health Services Board to serve another four-year term.

ii. On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to grant out-of-state travel for John Truluck, Economic Development Director. He will be traveling to New Orleans from February 25-27, 2013.

iii. Administrator Epperson gave a description of the Mutual Aid Agreement between Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department and Clarendon County Sheriff's Department.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the Mutual Aid Agreement between Orangeburg County Sheriff's Department and Clarendon County Sheriff's Department.

IX. Proclamation declaring October Archives Month

Chairman Stewart read the Proclamation declaring October Archives Month.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the Proclamation declaring October Archives Month.

X. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson stated that the expenses for the month of September were \$1,668,023. He gave an update on the water project and he stated that USDA final inspection was good. He continued by stating that the C Fund report for July had an Uncommitted balance of \$105,825.

Mr. Epperson continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had revenues of \$136,200 and an operating expenses total of \$125,534 for the month of September. Mr. Epperson continued by stating that there were eight groups of roads forwarded to Engineering for design and pricing for this paving season. He also stated that the Bond for the Courthouse Renovation should close this week with the Renovation beginning early 2013. He concluded by stating that Clarendon County has an A+ Bond Rating.

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, stated that the Bond Rating would determine the interest rate on Loans. He also stated that a good rate will make it easier to obtain a loan and it saves the taxpayers money over the life of the loan.

Mr. Epperson continued by stating that the Clarendon Community Center would be starting a Jr. Golf Program in November. He stated that Mr. Donald Hardy will be the instructor and it will be based on ages and levels.

Level One – Course work, how to keep score and the rules of the game.

Level Two – Explaining the score, bookwork, and how to putt.

Level Three – Driving range and hitting.

He continued by stating that there will be two age groups: 7-12 years old and 13-18 years old. Mr. Epperson concluded by stating that beginning in January, the Administration Office and Human Resources Office would be starting a recognition program for employees that have given 25 years of continuous service to the county. Their names will be added to a Plaque and the Plaque will be hanging in the front lobby.

XI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart stated that Clarendon Memorial Hospital would be sponsoring the South Carolina Mission on October 19th -20th at the Cypress Center. This is an initiative to provide medical service to the uninsured and underinsured at no cost. Chairman Stewart concluded by stating that County Council would be hosting a joint meeting with the Municipalities on October 22 at the Administrative Complex.

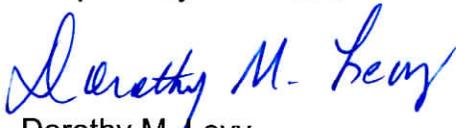
Mr. Robert McFadden had comments about the golf program. He wanted to know how are we getting the word out. He stated that it should be in different parts of the county and should involve the entire county not just one location.

Chairman Stewart responded by stating that we are very excited to have our first Jr. Golf Program in the county and we have to start somewhere. He concluded by stating that Mr. McFadden can transport kids to the Clarendon Community Complex for the program if he wanted to.

XVI. 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 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

