

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING
March 6, 20139:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore.

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Leighton Bell – The Link; Gary Phillips – Pageland Progressive Journal; Deepal S. Eliatamby – Alliance Consulting Engineers; Ruthie Tarlton, Mary Powe and Rena Dutton. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER: Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Member Cole opened the meeting with prayer.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County's Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. Council recognized the following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u># of Years</u>
Lois Burr	Voter Registration	1-14-08	5 Years
Bridget Dixon	Detention	1-28-08	5 Years
Becky Harris	Clerk of Court	2-25-08	5 Years
Steven Johnson	Detention	1-16-08	5 Years
Caroline Tyler	E911/Sheriff	1-8-08	5 Years
Wayne Jordan	Sheriff	1-8-03	10 Years
Ritchie Rollings	Detention Center	1-8-03	10 Years

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Plyler made a motion to adopt the March 6, 2013 meeting agenda with any amendments approved by council. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 6, 2013 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the February 6, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Walter Goldsmith, Davenport & Company

Appeared before Council to address any questions Council may have and to give Council a brief update on the process of planning in connection with the bond issue. Mr. Goldsmith advised Council of a couple of options that were available to choose from and he also gave Council their recommendation. Attorney Ben Zeigler could not be in attendance due to prior commitments.

b. Mary Powe, Citizen

Appeared before Council to thank them for responding to her and the crys from tax payers across Chesterfield County for relief in payment of their property taxes. Stated that she wanted to personally thank Council for their actions taken regarding the Property Tax Installment Ordinance and that this Ordinance marks the real meaning of constituent accountability and how government should work and the political process of working at its best and that it only works at its best when laws are implemented that demonstrates good will toward man. Stated that she would like to pay public accolades to State Representative Jay Lucas and his staff and Councilwoman Lenora Powe for their tireless acts in making this Ordinance a reality for the tax payers of Chesterfield County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ruthie Tarlton

Advised Council that she had three questions for them in reference to the County Council tax measures. She advised Council she would like to know how the tax installments will be set up and if beautification measures taking place will be added to property tax and if so, how will this affect the citizens taxes.

CHAIRMAN RIVERS: Advised that a Public Hearing was going to be held on this matter in just a few seconds and that these questions would be addressed at that time.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Building Projects GO Bond Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Plyler made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

There was some discussion made regarding the GO Bond.

Council Member Moore made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

b. Property Tax Installment Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Moore made a motion to open the public hearing. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. There were no oral comments from the public made at the meeting nor were any written comments received from the public.

Chairman Rivers:

Stated that he was going to try to answer Ms. Ruthie Tarlton's questions at this time. Installments will be set up according to the Ordinance that Council is voting on in this meeting. The payments will be set up as quarterly payments.

Vice-Chair Powe: There will be five payments, February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15 and October 15.

Chairman Rivers: Stated that the interest, if any, on those installments will be given to the county pursuant to state statute. All this is state statute, it is not like we are coming up with our own laws, we are just doing what the state says. If you make a payment, you have to make all payments and then they are counted so that you could not come in and pay \$100.00 on a \$1000.00 bill and lengthen out the time on a tax bill.

Council Member Curtis: Next January 15 is when it will take effect but you have got to apply in November.

Chairman Rivers: Stated that he hoped this had answered Ms. Ruthie Tarlton's questions.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Building Projects GO Bond Ordinance - 3rd Reading

Council Member Plyler made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Council Members Bruce E. Rivers, Curtis, Powe, Cole, Plyler, Miller and Moore voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Johnson voted against the motion. The motion passed.

b. Property Tax Installment Bond Ordinance – 3rd Reading

Council Member Powe made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Council Members Powe, Cole, Plyler, Moore and Chairman Rivers voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Bruce E. Rivers, Curtis, Miller and Johnson voted against the motion. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property – Douglass

Requested that Council declare the following vehicles which are in poor shape and will cost more to repair than it is worth, as surplus property.

Road Department

- (1) 1991 Chevy S10 Pick-up
- (1) 1996 Buick Century

Sheriff's Department:

- (2) 2007 Ford Crown Vics

Council Member Miller made a motion to declare the 1991 Chevy S10 Pick-up, 1996 Buick Century and the two 2007 Ford Crown Vic automobiles as surplus property. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Johnson

None

Council Member Moore

Stated that last month Council voted to support the WorkReady Communities initiative and that he had volunteered to lead that steering committee. He advised Council that they had received a request from Dr. Bartley to engage some school district members, technical school college representatives, some industry and some chamber of commerce and that he wanted Council to know that he was going to go ahead and work with Dr. Bartley and get that started. He advised Council that there was an article in the State paper in regards to the counties that have jumped on board with this and the importance of this. He advised he would keep Council apprised on what is going on.

Council Member Bruce E. Rivers

None

Council Member Miller

None

Council Member Cole

None

Council Member Plyler

None

Council Member Curtis

Announced that he would like to appoint Randy King to the Land Use and Planning Commission.

Council Vice-Chair Powe

Stated that in regards to what Council Member Moore said, the Governor brought this up at the Rural Summit and that there are a couple of other programs that they are working on in regards to the SC Work Ready Program. Vice-Chair Powe stated that the Superintendent came in a few days ago and did a presentation on some of the things they were looking to do within the school system. She said she would be working with Mr. Moore on this. She advised Council that at the last COG meeting Chesterfield County was the only county in the Pee Dee Region that did not have any property closures and we only had 8 layoffs for the whole year of 2012 and that was from American Stainless. She also wanted to let Council know that former Council Member Loretta McNeil lost her son a couple of days ago and she just wanted Council to know and to please keep them in their prayers.

Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers

Advised that he had talked with Mayor of the Town of Chesterfield, Mayor Douglas and that he had asked for a letter concerning a request for the use of those lands in their Industrial Park and to see where we stand with deciding whether we go forth and what our options are.

Denise Douglass, Administrator:

Stated that she just wanted it to be reflected in the minutes that Council Member Plyler has appointed Mr. Robert Weir, Jr. to the Economic Development Board and Vice-Chair Powe has appointed Maurice Banks to the Economic Development Boards.

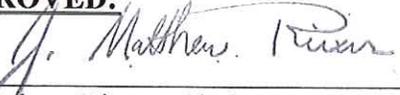
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council did not enter Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Chairman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

APPROVED:



J. Matthew Rivers, Chairman

Date: April 10, 2013

ATTEST:



Susie Boswell, Clerk to Council