



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

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

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony Maria Rose Jamie Welch Charlotte Johnston
Deepal Eliatamby Linda Lemon And other Clarendon County Residents

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

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for an approval of the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for January 11, 2016.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on December 7, 2015 with one correction.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on December 14, 2015.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on December 21, 2015.

III. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2015-08

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2015-08, An Ordinance to Amend the Unified Development Code. The Public Hearing began at 6:06 pm.

Administrator Epperson stated that the amendment to the Unified Development Code is a recommendation to County Council from the Clarendon County Planning Commission.

Maria Rose, Planning Director, stated that the amendment to the Unified Development Code would be to add the following items:

- Light Industrial as a Permitted Use in GC, IND I and IND II and as Allowable (AL) use in PZ.
- Solar Energy System/Solar Farm as a Permitted Use in AG II, IND I, IND II, and as an Allowable (AL) use in PZ.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of an Ordinance Authorizing the amendment of Clarendon County Ordinance #2011-05 A/K/A The County's Unified Development Code.

IV. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Steven Carl Gamble, Jr, to the Clarendon County Planning Commission to serve a 3-year term.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Joan Barber, to the Clarendon Behavioral Health Services Board to serve a 4-year term.

V. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$2,112,096 for the month of December and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of December was \$20,769, and total Expenses of \$70,444. He stated that after transfers from the Accommodation taxes and Hospitality Taxes in the amount of \$49,675, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of December with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$365,726 and Operating Expenses of \$149,958 as of December 31, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest expense, and Grant Revenue totaling \$469,396, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$481,513.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that he did not have any C Fund information to report.

XIV. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following projects:

- USDA Phase 1B – Project has resumed and progressing.
- USDA Phase 1C – Project moving along with a Spring completion.
- USDA Phase 11 - Currently being surveyed
- Individual Assistance – There have been 3,915 individuals who have registered for FEMA assistance in Clarendon County with a payout of \$4,671,000.
- Across the state of South Carolina, FEMA has paid out a total of \$162,000,000

Administrator Epperson further stated that nine County roads are still closed; repairs would be prioritized by roads that are most heavily traveled. He further stated that Highway 301 would be a longer process to repair.

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by requesting approval to award the contract for road repairs to Stukes and Williams LLC.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to award the roads repair contract to Stukes and Williams LLC.

XV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the County Courthouse on January 5 and he will be attending the Clemson Extension Advisory Meeting on January 20, 2016.

A Citizen had concerns about her road not being wide enough for two cars to travel without having to back up and let the other car go by.

Chairman Stewart concluded his report by instructing Administrator Epperson to get the information from that citizen and check into that situation.

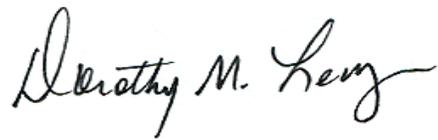
XVIII. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous approval to adjourn the Council meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

