



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2016, 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman AC English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: Robert Baker, The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Patricia Pringle	Ryan Way	Tiffany Myers
Pro Prothro	Ericka Floyd	Will Buyck	Kim Johnson
Joey Moore	Robert McFadden	Ceth Land	Larry Johnson
Jamie Welch	Linda Lemon	And other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. 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 Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Council Meeting Agenda for July 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 June 13, 2016 with corrections.

III. Clarendon County Behavioral Health

Ms. Robin Murphy, Interim CEO, Clarendon Behavioral Health introduced herself to Council and thanked them for the funds that the County provides to Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services.

IV. Resolution

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution to amend the Clarendon County Employee Guidelines and Other Related Matters. He stated that this amendment would amend the following:

- Exhibit A
 1. An increase in the annual leaves accrual and leave carryover based on years of service.
- Exhibit B
 1. An increase in the meal reimbursements from \$30 per day to \$45 per day for out of town travel.
- Exhibit C
 1. The starting rate of pay and the Elected Officials Salary Increase are included in the Clarendon County Employee Guidelines.

Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that the starting rate of pay would begin at the minimum scale unless the applicant has exceptional experience; in that case, the Administrator would have the authority to increase the starting rate of pay by 10%. He concluded by stating that Elected Official 5% salary increase would be added to the Employees Policy Manual.

Vice Chairman Frierson stated that in order to be fair, leave accrual and carryover should be based on the scheduled hours an individual works.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution to amend the Clarendon County Employee Guidelines changing Exhibit A, B, and C.

V. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2016-03

Chairman Stewart stated that County Council does not have a position on the Ordinance. He stated that this is for a Referendum for the citizens to decide on the November Ballot.

Administrator Epperson stated that the Ordinance allows the referendum to be placed on the ballot for November. He stated that the Ordinance must be approved prior to August 2016 in order to be placed on the ballot in November.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing is now open. The public hearing opened at 6:22 pm.

- Mr. Robert McFadden stated that he was speaking on behalf of some Clarendon County Citizens and they wanted to know why the decision was made to allow a referendum to be placed on the November ballot.
- Chairman Stewart responded by stating that Council was approached by the Clarendon County Chambers of Commerce and they made the request.
- Mr. McFadden asked why the citizens were not asked their opinion.
- Mr. Joey Moore stated that he was speaking on behalf of his son who has stores in Clarendon County. He stated that he thinks it would be an Economic impact to the County and he thinks it would be a plus for the county. He concluded by stating that Sunday sales would allow different businesses to come into the County and that would help the County to grow.

Chairman Stewart stated that if there were no other comments, the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:29 pm.

VI. Ordinance 2016-03

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2016-03, An Ordinance ordering a Referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the possession sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to Bona Fide Nonprofit Organizations and business establishment authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales.

VII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$22,540,881 as of the end of Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium total Revenue for the month of June was \$49,045, and total Expenses of \$208,300. He stated that after transfers from the General Fund, Accommodation taxes and Hospitality Taxes in the amount of \$125,000, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of June with a deficit of \$34,255.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$705,911 and Operating Expenses of \$415,092 as of June 30, 2016. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, interest expense, and Grant Revenue totaling \$671,580, the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility income of \$962,399.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program for the month of May 2016 had a Cash Balance of \$4,116,632 of which \$3,797,063 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds.

VIII. Administrator's Report

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

- USDA Phase 1B – Punch list items are being completed.
- USDA Phase 1C – Meters have received final programming and water is available.
- USDA Phase II – Authorization has been given to our engineer to proceed with surveying and final project design.
- 2015 Flood -Individual Assistance – \$96.8 million has been allocated to the State of SC in the form of CDBG-HUD Funds to assist individuals with the repair and replacement of damaged homes.
- Financial –Reimbursements have been submitted to FEMA and SCEMD and these payments are continuing to come in.
- Road Paving – Roads scheduled for paving through the County’s portion of C-Funding for 2015 have been completed. The 2016 projects preliminary design estimates have been received with projects to begin in the fall.
- The C-Fund Proviso projects bid has been completed and we anticipate work to begin in September.
- Althea Gibson Governmental Services Center –Design and costs estimates are being finalized and we anticipate construction to begin in the fall.
- We have received wetlands approval from the US Army Corps of Engineers, this has been forwarded to Santee Cooper, and the County would be ready to move forward with the Wyboo Fire Station Project very soon.

IX. Chairman’s Report

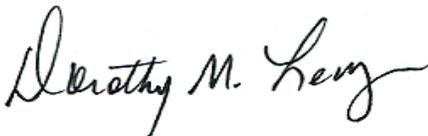
Chairman Stewart stated that he would be attending the Association of Counties Annual Conference in Hilton Head, SC on July 30 through August 2, 2016.

X. 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 Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous approval to adjourn the Council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

