



Clarendon County Rescheduled Regular Council Meeting Thursday, September 14, 2017 - 6:00 PM Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

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: Bobby Baker – The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Joe Witt	Dennis Kropf	Tammy Rodvansky	Peggy Jackson Sorrell
Charlotte Johnston	Al Harris	Larry Johnson, Sr.	Ericka S. Floyd	Jennifer Powell
Patricia Pringle	Kim Jones	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 the Agenda

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for September 14, 2017.

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 August 14, 2017.

III. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, Director of Human Resources, presented four employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

- Casey Connors 5 Years
- James Nance 5 Years
- David Ragin 5 Years
- Donnie Feagin 10 Years

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Epperson thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication.

IV. Presentation from South Carolina Forestry Commission

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a check from SC Forestry Commission in the amount of \$18,589.83. He requested that the Revenue received be divided equally between the three Clarendon School Districts.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept the check from SC Forestry Commission and divide it equally between the three Clarendon School Districts.

V. Proclamation

Chairman Stewart read a Proclamation recognizing the Clarendon County Fire / Rescue Department for Forty Years of Service to Clarendon County. The Proclamation was presented to Francis Richbourg, Fire Chief of Clarendon County Fire / Rescue Department.

Chief Richbourg thanked County Council for everything they do to assist the Fire Department.

VI. Presentation – Mr. Van Green

Chairman Stewart stated that this presentation would be postponed until the November 13, 2017 Council Meeting.

VII. Presentation – Mr. Terrence Whitfield

Mr. Whitfield, South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, began his presentation by stating that this Organization serves Sumter, Clarendon, and Lee Counties. He stated that their Organization works with unemployed fathers. Their program offers the following services:

- Peer Support Sessions
- Healthy Relationships
- Job Readiness and Employment
- Referrals for Additional Services
- Responsible Fatherhood
- Financial Management
- Effective Communication
- Understanding Child Support and the Legal System
- Parenting and Co-Parenting
- Men’s Health Education
- Spiritual Development

Mr. Whitfield continued by stating that there are 20 active citizens from Clarendon County that are in their program and 18 of those citizens came into the program unemployed. Since being in the program, 11 of the 18 are now employed and four of the others are attending job training. He concluded his presentation by stating that as of June 30, 2017, this organization has collected \$17,878.32 in child support and have saved the County \$49,500 for not having to house inmates at the Clarendon County Detention Center for non-child support payments.

Mr. Bertie L. Blanding, Job Development -South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, stated that this Organization is requesting office Space to have training in Clarendon County. He stated that he teaches a weekly Boot Camp Class that trains individuals for jobs. Mr. Blanding stated that after an individual completes the 5-day boot camp, they are ready to go to work. He concluded his presentation by stating that anything that Clarendon County can do to assist them with office space to hold his training class would be appreciated.

- Chairman Stewart asked if the citizens are sent to them by the Courts.
- Mr. Blanding reply by stating yes, they are sent to the Organization by the Court and they received three young men from Clarendon County this week.
- Chairman Stewart stated that we would speak with Administrator Epperson to see if there is anything that Clarendon County could do to assist them with Office Space.

VIII. Request – Clarendon County Historical Society – Mrs. Peggy Sorrell

Mrs. Sorrell, President of the Clarendon County Historical Society, began by stating that the Historical Society is requesting funding from the Hospitality Tax Funds to promote and preserve the History of Clarendon County. She stated that the Historical Society needs money for the Museum. Mrs. Sorrell continued by stating that we are surrounded by a rich and varied history and the Historical Society is dedicated to promoting and preserving that History. She continued by stating that Clarendon County has a lot of history that other parts of the state do not have.

Mrs. Sorrell stated that our museum is not what we want it to be. We have so much more to offer those thousands of people who visit museums and who love history. She stated that in order to be all that we can be, we need financial support for our museum needs:

- A Part-time curator
 - Advertising
 - Sumter Item Website
 - A salute to Clarendon County's WWI veterans
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| Gift shop startup cost | Rack Cards |
| Business Cards | Lakeside Magazine |
| Kingstree News | |

Mrs. Sorrell concluded her presentation by stating that the Clarendon County Historical Society is requesting \$18,870 from the Hospitality Tax Fund to aid in the noble endeavor of preserving and promoting the history of Clarendon County.

- Vice Chairman Frierson asked if the museums in Alcolu and Turbeville fall under the same heading or are they different from the Clarendon County Museum.
- Mrs. Sorrell responded by stating that those museums are municipal museums and Clarendon County museum is County wide and is located in Manning because Manning is the County Seat.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request made by Mrs. Peggy Sorrell requesting \$18,870 from the Hospitality Tax Fund for the Clarendon County Historical Society to promote and preserve the history of Clarendon County.

IX. Ordinance 2017-05

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-05 – An Ordinance to Authorize and establish an Organizational Structure of the Clarendon County Development Board and to set forth its Duties and Responsibilities.

X. Ordinance 2017-06

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-06 – An Ordinance of the County Council, South Carolina to amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #'s 087-00-01-004-00 & 086-00-01-001-00; From Agriculture I (AGI) to Agriculture II (AGII) and Providing an Effective Date.

XI. Ordinance 2017-07

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2017-07 - An Ordinance to Authorize the Merger of the Clarendon County Delinquent Tax Collector's Department with the Office of the Clarendon County

Treasurer and Other Matters Related thereto. He stated that due to a change in leadership in the Delinquent Tax Office, we decided to merge the two departments. We would be able to cross train and work more efficiently.

Matt Evans, Treasurer, stated that this merger would improve efficiency; we would be able to handle all needs in the same office, and we would be able to offer good service and convenience to the tax payers.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-07 – An Ordinance to Authorize the Merger of the Clarendon County Delinquent Tax Collector’s Department with the Office of the Clarendon County Treasurer and Other Matters Related thereto.

XII. ORDINANCE 2017-08

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2017-08 -An Ordinance to Authorize the Merger of the Clarendon County Animal Control Department with the Office of the Clarendon County Sheriff and Other Matters Related thereto. He stated that due to a change in the Animal Control Department, Sheriff Baxley made a request that the Animal Control Officer be a deputy reporting to the Administrator. Administrator Epperson stated that by doing this, we would have a more proactive Animal Control Department that gets involve with Litter Control.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-08 -An Ordinance to Authorize the Merger of the Clarendon County Animal Control Department with the Office of the Clarendon County Sheriff and Other Matters Related thereto.

XIII. ORDINANCE 2017-09

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2017-09- An Ordinance to Authorize the Appointment and Commission of Clarendon County Code Enforcement Officers Pursuant to Section 4-9-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Other Matters Related thereto. He stated that the Animal Control Officer would also act as the Code Enforcement Officer and Council would have the ability to commission the Code Enforcement Officer if needed by Resolution.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-09 An Ordinance to Authorize the Appointment and Commission of Clarendon County Code Enforcement Officers Pursuant to Section 4-9-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and Other Matters Related thereto.

XIV. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,746,477 and Revenue figures of \$606,103 as of August 31, 2017.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$128,167 and Operating Expenses of \$104,785 as of August 31, 2017. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and interest income the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$43,506.
- **Weldon Auditorium** total Revenue for the month ending August 31, 2017 was \$500, and total Expenses were \$16,559. He stated that after a transfer from the Hospitality Tax Fund, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of August 2017 with a \$0 balance.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of August 2017 had a Cash Balance of \$1,365,479 of which \$758,395 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress

and State Proviso Funds. He concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$607,084 as of the end of August 2017.

XV. Administrator's Report

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

- **USDA Phase IIA** – This project has been bid and a contractor selected. This would extend water lines from Lakeshore Drive to the main entrance of Wyboo Subdivision, which would allow us to improve fire protection in the area.
- **DSS Complex** – Construction is moving along on schedule. Anticipated completion date is the end of 2017.
- **Wyboo Firestation** – Clearing has been completed. Large trees remain that will need to be removed. Santee Cooper assisted by allowing its powerline cutting crew to perform the task of clearing.
- **FTC** – A status conference has been scheduled for October 4 in the Administrative Law Court.
- **Hurricane Irma** – We are not aware of any significant damage from the storm. All agencies worked together in preparing for the storm and responding during the storm. I would like to thank all county staff, Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, EMS, the Municipalities, Utility Companies, and all others that assisted in the preparation for the storm.

XVI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he, Councilman Blakely, and Administrator Epperson attended a meeting at the Governor's Mansion and it was a very good meeting. He concluded his report by stating that the Council Of Government has narrowed down the search to three candidates for Mr. Mikota's replacement.

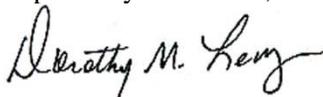
XVII. Adjournment

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 and Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

