



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2019
6:00 PM
Clarendon County Council**

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 A.C. English
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Press in attendance: The Manning Times, Jake McElveen

Others in attendance included:

Nehemiah Conyers	James L. Conyers	Willie Briggs	Robert Pegram
Seal Felder	Gregory Holiday	Jennifer Powell	Clinton Bethune
Glyn Oliver-Bethune	Dennis Kropf	Shirley Black-Oliver	Michael A. Johnson, Jr.
Tammy Rodvansky	Linda P. Lemon	And Other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm with opening comments. He thanked everyone for coming. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for November 11, 2019.

2. 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 Monday, October 14, 2019.

3. Service Awards Recognition

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

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| • Judge Robert McCord | 10 Years | Katrina Mellerson | 5 Years |
| • Glyn Oliver Bethune | 5 Years | Susan Welch | 5 Years |

4. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Ms. Tiffany Myers to the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services Board to serve a 4-year term. Councilman Blakely abstained from voting.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Jason J. Montgomery to the Clarendon County Archives Advisory Commission Board to serve a 4-year term.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. William “Scott” Wannamaker, III to the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services Board to serve a 4-year term.

5. Clarendon County Fire Department Update

Chief Michael Johnson gave Council an update on the activities of the Fire Department. He stated that year to date; the fire department installed 599 smoke alarms. Chief Johnson continued by stating that for the month of October, the fire department completed 69 inspections and noted 78 violations of which 38 of those violations have been resolved.

Chief Johnson continued by stating that in October, there were 7 different training opportunities and 1348 student contact hours. He stated that the volunteer firefighters go through the same training as the regular firefighters. Chief Johnson continued by stating that the department is in good shape. He stated that the Clarendon County Fire Department responded to 150 incidents in September and 20 different incident types.

Chief Johnson concluded his presentation by stating that the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) merger is moving along and some members of Clarendon County Fire Department attended the National EMS Conference in New Orleans.

6. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC was now in session. The CCTC began at 6:33 PM.

Administrator Epperson presented the CCTC with two requests:

1. He stated that Joe Rodgers Blvd. needs to be extended down to the property that is owned by Sumter Casket Company with an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to extend Joe Rodgers Blvd down to the property that is owned by Sumter Casket Company with an amount not to exceed \$120,000.

2. Administrator Epperson requested authorization for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 to pave the Public Access #1 adjacent to the Wyboo Fire Station.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to pave the Public Access #1 adjacent to the Wyboo Fire Station for an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC will now close. The CCTC closed at 6:37 pm.

7. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2019-07

An Ordinance – To Accept the Transfer of Authority for the Conduct of Elections for the City of Manning to the Clarendon County Voters Registration and Election Commission. He continued by stating that it was discussed by the Voters Registration and Election Commission and they do not have a problem with this Ordinance.

Administrator Epperson stated that the City of Manning had their 2nd Reading and they recommend that the County accepts the agreement to conduct their elections.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing is now open. The Public Hearing opened at 6:38 pm. He asked if there were any questions or comments on this Ordinance.

Chairman Stewart stated that hearing no questions or comments, the public hearing will now close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:39 pm.

8. Ordinance 2019-07

Ordinance 2019-07 - An Ordinance – To Accept the Transfer of Authority for the Conduct of Elections for the City of Manning to the Clarendon County Voters Registration and Election Commission. He continued by stating that it was discussed by the Voters Registration and Election Commission and they do not have a problem with this Ordinance.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-07 - An Ordinance – To Accept the Transfer of Authority for the Conduct of Elections for the City of Manning to the Clarendon County Voters Registration and Election Commission.

9. Resolution 2019-01

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Resolution 2019-01 – A Resolution - Declaring the County’s Intent to Reimburse itself for Certain Expenditures made Prior to the County’s Consummation of a Federally Tax-Exempt Financing.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2019-01 a Resolution Declaring the County’s Intent to Reimburse itself for Certain Expenditures made Prior to the County’s Consummation of a Federally Tax-Exempt Financing.

10. Ordinance 2019-08

Consideration of First Reading of Ordinance 2019-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects in the Emergency Services Special Tax District; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

Administrator Epperson stated that this was agreed upon during the Budgeting Process which went into effect on July 1, 2019. He stated that we have to speed up the process because one of the ambulances has to be repaired and we need the unit for the Summerton Fire Department.

- Councilman Richardson asked if there would be enough space to house the ambulance or would additional space be added.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that there is enough space to house the equipment.
- Councilman Blakely asked does the New Zion EMS need any up grading.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that the County appropriated funds for the upkeep of that building which is in very good shape.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2019-08 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, In an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, Equipping, or Rehabilitating Various Capital Projects in the Emergency Services Special Tax District; Authorizing the County Administrator to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; and Other Related Matters.

11. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$2,206,057 and Revenue figures were not available as of October 31, 2019.

- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$5,054 for the month ending October 31, 2019 and total Expenses were \$42,682. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of October 2019 after transfers with a Zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Revenue of \$303,314 for the month ending October 31, 2019 and total Expenses were \$231,138. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and Interest Income, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of October 2019 with a Net Utility Loss of \$190,842.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of October 2019 had a Cash Balance of \$2,476,130 of which \$1,507,441 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$968,689 as of the end of October 2019.

12. Administrator's Report

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

- **USDA Phase II** – Work is continuing as planned.
- **Phase III Water Project** – Currently waiting on approval from DHEC on well. We anticipate receiving this by the end of November.
- **County Council Fire Department-(Wyboo Station)** – Grants Coordinator, Vickie Williams and County Engineer, Billy Timmons, recently met with representatives from DNR regarding funding to assist with improvements to the impound area adjacent to Wyboo FS. This meeting went well and DNR should be able to provide grant funding for this project. It will include a new pier, floating dock and natural debris clean up along the shore line.
- **Capital Projects**
Currently, solicitations are out for most of the projects we have planned. We anticipate receiving these back by the end of November and work commencing shortly thereafter. These areas include: Landfill, Roofs, JC Britton Park, Walker Gamble Park, and the Summerton Park.
- **Archives Building**
Work has been finished on the Archives Building and the parking lot at the County Administration Building.
- **Ball Park**
Work has also begun on the refurbishing of the basketball courts at JC Britton Park and Walker Gamble Park. New basketball goals have been installed and the kids are currently using them. Resurfacing, striping and fencing will shortly follow.
- **Misc.**
County will host an e-waste recycling and shred day on this Saturday, November 16, 2019 at the Clarendon County Administration Building Parking area. Time is 9am – 1 pm.
County employees will have a trash pick-up on Saturday, December 7, 2019. We will be meeting at the Jordan Recycling Center and picking up litter in that general area.

13. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report stating that he will be attending the event sponsored by Congressman Clyburn on November 12th in reference to County wide internet. He stated that there is a movement to get the old Hwy. 301 re-opened.

Chairman Stewart concluded his presentation by stating that he would be traveling to Washington, DC on Wednesday, November 20th.

- Councilman Richardson asked does the bridge have structural damage and who owns the bridge.
- Chairman Stewart replied by stating Santee Cooper owns the bridge.

14. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Briefing on Opioid Litigation and he asked Attorney Cezar McKnight to come into the Executive Session.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Briefing on Opioid Litigation. The Executive Session began at 7:08 pm.

15. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On Motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into open session. The Executive Session ended at 7:27 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session they received a Legal Briefing on the Opioid Litigation and actions would be taken

Chairman Stewart asked what is the will of Council in reference to a Resolution to Opt in to the Nationwide Class Certified for Negotiation Purposes in Re-National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL-2804.

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to a Resolution to Opt in to the Nationwide Class Certified for Negotiation Purposes in Re-National Prescription Opiate Litigation MDL-2804.

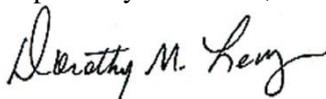
16. Adjournment

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

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

