



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018
6:00 PM
Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
County Administrator, David W. Epperson

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Absent: Councilman AC English

Press in attendance: Tommy Wampler, The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony
Lebon Joye
Latasha Pugh
George Kosinski
Martha King

Tammy Rodvansky
Joey Henry
Terry Ragin
Chris McKinney
Linda Lemon

Nathaniel Dyson
Betty Joe Henry
Jennifer Powell
Pamela Brunson
And other Clarendon County Residents

Charlotte Johnston
Karen Henry
Maria Rose
Linda King

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He asked everyone to keep Councilman English in their prayers. Councilman Richardson 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 Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for February 12, 2018.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on January 8, 2018.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Council meeting minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting, which was held on January 29, 2018.

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:

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| • Gerald Cadden | 5 Years | Freddie Huth | 10 Years |
| • Kimberly Hill | 5 Years | Joey Henry | 30 Years |

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

IV. Clarendon CDC – Ms. Pamela Clavon-Brunson

Ms. Clavon-Brunson, Director of Housing for Clarendon CDC, began her presentation by requesting office space to be donated to the Clarendon CDC. She continued by requesting that the Clarendon CDC becomes the Housing Authority for Clarendon County. Ms. Clavon-Brunson continued by requesting to use Weldon Auditorium with a waiver in fees. She concluded by stating that the Clarendon CDC under the direction of Mrs. Loretta and Mrs. Martha King has built eight (8) homes and served over 300 people. Ms. Clavon-Brunson further concluded by stating that it is their hope that their requests would be granted.

Chairman Stewart thanked the Clarendon CDC for their presentation.

V. Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government Economic and Community Sustainability

Chris McKinney, Executive Director of Santee Lynches, began by introducing himself to Council, then he presented Kyle Kelly to Council.

Mr. Kelly gave Council an update on the Economic and Community Sustainability. He stated that Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government is your Planning District, Subject-Matter experts, and your professional problem-solvers. Mr. Kelly continued by stating that Santee Lynches assisted with the 10-year Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Bethune, 20-year plan with Kershaw County, and a 10-year Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Pinewood. He concluded by stating that Santee Lynches Regional Council of Government is on the Web and can be reached at: www.santeelynchescog.org and on their Facebook page at Facebook.com/Santee Lynches. Mr. Kelly stated that he can be reached at KKelly@slcog.org or 803-774-1377.

Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. McKinney and Mr. Kelly for keeping Clarendon County informed.

VI. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC).

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC was now in session. The CCTC began at 6:26 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to purchase Crushed Stones or Re-Constitute Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for road repairs.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request to purchase Crushed Stones or Re-Constitute Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for road repairs.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC would now close. The CCTC closed at 6:27 pm.

VII. Resolution in Honor of Mr. Willie Holliday, Jr.

Chairman Stewart read a Resolution Honoring the late Mr. Willie Holliday, Jr for making history in Summerton, South Carolina, for being the oldest South Carolinian, and the second oldest individual in the United States who died on December 19, 2004 at the age of 110.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution Honoring Mr. Willie Holliday, Jr. for making history in Summerton, South Carolina for being the oldest South Carolinian, and the second oldest individual in the United States who died at the age of 110 on December 19, 2004.

VIII. ORDINANCE 2017-10

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2017-10 an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to amend the County's Unified Development Code, Ordinance #2011-05.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 2018-01

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing is now open for Ordinance 2018-01, an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to Amend the County's Unified Development Code, Ordinance #2011-05. He stated that this is a request from the Magistrate's Office to change the penalty session of the UDC instead of 30 days in jail to 30 days of community service (Recreation Department or Public Works Department) as part of the punishment for violations of the Unified Development Code.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:31 pm.

Administrator Epperson stated that this Ordinance would adopt 30 days of community service in the place of 30 days in jail as part of the punishment for violations on the Unified Development Code.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any comments to this Ordinance. Hearing none, he stated that the Public Hearing will close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:35 pm.

X. ORDINANCE 2018-01

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-01 an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to amend the County's Unified Development Code, Ordinance #2011-05.

XI. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,625,321 and Revenue of \$3,863,784 as of January 31, 2018.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$ 448,604 and Operating Expenses of \$294,287 as of January 31, 2018. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and interest income the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$46,191.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had total Revenue for the month ending January 31, 2018 was \$6,826, and total Expenses were \$69,287. He stated that after a transfer from the Hospitality Tax Fund, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January 2018 with a deficit of \$12,461.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of January 2018 had a Cash Balance of \$1,887,610 of which \$1,587,425 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 263,110 as of the end of January 2018.

XII. Administrator's Report

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

- **DSS Complex** -DSS, Probation and Parole, and the Coroner's Office have moved in and are open for business in their new offices.
- **USDA Phase II** – waiting on approval of plans and authorization to bid from USDA. Still anticipating that the project will be advertised for bid in February however; it is looking more likely in March.
- **USDA Phase IIA** - anticipating completion this month or early March if weather permits.

- **Emergency Management** – Red Cross training has been set up by our Clarendon County EOC to residents of the Town of Turbeville and the surrounding area for shelter operation training on March 23, and March 24. This will allow for the emergency shelter at East Clarendon Middle/High School to be opened in a more expedient and efficient manner in time of disaster.
- **Sheriff's Office** – The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office was recently awarded a LEMPG Grant through the SC Emergency Management Division for the purchase and installation of a generator. The generator is to be installed at the Sheriff's Office and would power the whole facility in times of a loss of power. This grant was made available through FEMA after Hurricane Matthew in October of 2016.

XIII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended a Board meeting at COG as well as the Plan Review meeting and he would be attending the South Carolina Association of Counties Mid-Winter Conference in Columbia on February 21.

XIV. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal briefing / Economic Development Matter in reference to a new Project, Project Merriment.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal briefing / Economic Development Matter in reference to a new Project, Project Merriment.

The Executive Session began at 6:52 pm.

XV. Open Session

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

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

The Executive Session ended at 7:24 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received a Legal Briefing on Economic Development and action will be taken.

XVI. Resolution

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson Council voted Unanimous Approval to a Resolution Committing to Negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement Between Clarendon County and Project Merriment; Identifying the Project; and other matters related thereto.

XVII. Ordinance 2018-02

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2018-02 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Tax Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina and Project Merriment to Provide for Payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; Authorizing certain Infrastructure Credits; and Other Related Matters.

XVIII. Adjournment

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he declared the meeting adjourn. There were no opposes.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

