



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday, January 8, 2018**  
**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                      Tammy Rodvansky                      Nathaniel Dyson                      Joe Witt  
Linda Lemon                              Jennifer Powell                      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 the Agenda**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the agenda for January 8, 2018.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on December 11, 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 two employees with service awards. The awards were presented as listed:

- Terrance Levy                      5 Years
- Harold Morris                      5 Years

Chairman Stewart and Administrator Epperson thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked First Responders, the Sheriff 's Department, the Fire Department, and Hospital Staff for working hard to keep all of us safe during the snow storm.

**IV. Budget Schedule**

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2018/2019.

## V. Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-10

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2017-10 - an Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon, South Carolina to amend the County's Unified Development Code, Ordinance #2011-05 is now open. The Public Hearing began at 6.12 pm.

Ms. Maria Rose, Planning Commission Director stated that this Ordinance is to adopt the 2015 Pool and Spa Code.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any comments. Hearing none, he stated that the Public Hearing will close. The Public Hearing Closed at 6:14 pm.

## VI. ORDINANCE 2017-10

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second 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.

## VII. ORDINANCE 2018-01

Administrator Epperson presented Council with 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.

- Vice Chairman Frierson asked what if the individual refuses to do community service.
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that now it's a fine or Jail and hopefully, we can get them to work off the fine instead of jail.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First 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.

## VIII. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,785,508 and Revenue figures were not available as of December 31, 2017.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had Operating Revenue of \$ 379,537 and Operating Expenses of \$271,733 as of December 31, 2017. He stated that after depreciation, Bond interest expense, and interest income the Water and Sewer Department had Net Utility Loss of \$64,098.
- **Weldon Auditorium** total Revenue for the month ending December 31, 2017 was \$6,176, and total Expenses were \$58,059. He stated that after a transfer from the Hospitality Tax Fund, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of December 2017 with a deficit of \$1,883.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of December 2017 had a Cash Balance of \$1,809,450 of which \$1,744,500 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 64,950 as of the end of December 2017.

### **XIII. Administrator's Report**

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

- **DSS Complex** - Construction is Complete, all certificates are in hand, punch list items should be completed this week and we are working with DSS, Probation and Parole and the Coroner's Office to coordinate move in dates during the month.
- **USDA Phase II** – project design and permitting including right-of-way acquisition is essentially complete. Plans have been submitted to USDA for approval including approval to bid the project. We anticipate the project to be advertised for bid in February.
- **USDA Phase IIA** - Work began in November and currently all of the 12" water main along Players Course Drive has been installed. It is anticipated that this project will be completed in February.
- **Eagle Point/Wyboo Point Connector** – We are currently in the process of satisfying our letter of conditions on the \$486,080 RIA grant we received on the project. Design work should begin shortly and we are also conducting preliminary work on obtaining funding from USDA for proposed elevated tank related to the connection improvements.
- **2018 Snow Storm** – Between 3 pm on Wednesday and 9 am on Thursday, there were 75 reported accidents. We had one Fire Department Engine involved in an accident and we were very thankful that no one was injured when an 18-wheeler slid into the back and the side of the Fire Engine. I would like to thank all the first responders who worked during the event. Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Dispatch, Emergency Management, Public Works and all others who assisted during the storm.

### **XIV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that a lot of coordination goes into planning for these storms. Some of our citizens get impatient because they feel like their road are not being taken care of as soon as they expected.

- Councilman Blakely asked was any shelter available.
- Administrator Epperson responded by stating that we did not have a need so they were not open.
- Chairman Stewart stated that the Red Cross have to request the shelter to be open because they have to supply the resources.
- Administrator Epperson stated that the Sheriff's Office has people trained to provide security and to man the shelters if needed.

Councilman Blakely presented Mr. John McCants to Council.

Mr. McCants began by giving Council a copy of his business plan. He stating that he is in the process of creating a TV Network in the area. The Network would create 3,000 jobs on the project and have around 5 to 6,000 employees with an annual salary of \$50,000 a year. Mr. McCants continued by stating that this project could gross 40,000,000 a year for 5 years. He continued by stating that the project would have a board walk, race track, horse track, and a dirt bike track. Mr. McCants further stated that the name of the Project would be Studio City and he is looking to purchasing land around the Mega Site and within the next 30 to 45 days we would be moving closer to getting this project started.

Chairman Stewart thanked Mr. McCants for bringing the plans to Clarendon County and he stated that the County has an 8,000 feet Air Strip that can be used to get people in and out of Clarendon County.

### **XV. 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 Blakley, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting ended at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC



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