



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 8, 2014, 6:00 PM Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Vice Chairman, W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, AC English
Councilman, Benton Blakely
County Administrator, David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Bobby Baker, The Manning Times and Jim Hilley, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Cynthia B. Mack	Cody Odom	Nancy Cave	Hannah Mikell
Meree Harper	Lynden Anthony	Frances Richbourg	Emily Luther
Deepal Eliatamby	Linda Lemon	And other Citizens of Clarendon County	

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

- 5-year award – 24 employees
- 10-year award – 11 employees
- 15-year award – 10 employees
- 20-year award – 2 employees
- 25-year award – 2 employees
- 35-year award – 1 employees

Chairman Stewart thanked everyone for their hard work and then he called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson 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 English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for December 8, 2014.

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 Meeting, which was held on November 10, 2014 with minor corrections.

III. Requests

- Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2015 Schedule for the Regular Council Meetings.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2015 Regular Council Meetings Schedule.

- ii. Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2015 Holidays Observance Schedule.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2015 Holidays Observance Schedule.

IV. Proclamation

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to a Proclamation Declaring Clarendon County as a Purple Heart County.

V. Resolution

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution to Amend the County Employee Guidelines Manual and to change the policy on alcohol use.

On Motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to amend the County Employee Guidelines Manual and change the policy on alcohol use.

VI. E-Waste Presentation

Ms. Vickie Williams, Grants Coordinator, gave Council an update on E-Waste Collection. She stated that 159,312 pounds of E-Waste has been sorted, packed, and removed from the recycling centers and transfer station at a cost to the County of \$33,639.00. Ms. Williams continued by stating that there is an additional 80,000 pounds of E-Waste that are contaminated and broken at the transfer station. She further stated that the remaining 80,000 pounds of E-Waste should be packed and disposed of in January 2015.

Ms. Williams concluded her presentation by stating that beginning in February 2015, E-Waste would only be accepted on the first Saturday of the month at the following centers:

- Turbeville
- North Santee
- Davis Station
- June Burn
- Jordan
- The Landfill

Chairman Stewart thanked Ms. Williams for her presentation.

VII. Ordinance 2014-05

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2014-05, an Ordinance providing for the issuance of not exceeding, in the Aggregate, \$650,000 in General Obligation Bonds, in one or more series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, to be used to fund one or more Capital Projects, including the Purchase of Fire Protection Vehicle and related equipment; Authorizing the County Administrator to prescribe the forms 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; Providing for the acceptance of Grant related to the Capital Projects related to the Bonds; and other related matters.

VIII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$7,796,900 year-to-date and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$294,581 and Operating Expenses of \$204,766 as of November 30, 2014. He stated that after depreciation and interest expense, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility Loss of \$23,339.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had Total Revenue of \$13,559, and Total Expenses of \$59,332. He stated that after transfers, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$1,113,794 as of October 2014 of which \$1,234,493 has been committed to the remaining local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$120,699.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the tour of the Courthouse that was held on December 1, 2014 went well and the construction on the Courthouse continues as scheduled.

He continued by giving Council an update on the following:

USDA Water Projects

- Phase IB, IC and II are proceeding as planned

Economic Development Board

- Currently accepting applications to fill the vacant Director's position.
- The position is being advertised on the following websites:
 - SC Association of Counties
 - SC Economic Developers Association
 - Southern Economic Development Council

Sheriff's Office- Body Camera

- Clarendon County Sheriff deputies have been wearing body cameras for two years
- We are in the process of ordering updated cameras that would record up to ten hours of video.

Festival of Trees

- Administrator Epperson stated that this is the first year for the Festival of Trees, which are located in the lobby. He said that the trees were donated by our local banks and decorated by some of our local businesses in the county. Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that this would provide our local businesses an opportunity to advertise.

X. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that County Council would be having a joint meeting with the Legislative Delegation and the three Clarendon School Districts on December 17, 2014. He concluded his report by stating that this public meeting would be held in the Council Chambers.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to receive an Economic Briefing.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to receive an Economic Briefing. The Executive Session began at 6:46 pm.

XII. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive 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 7:11 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that actions would be taken.

Chairman Stewart stated that the County had funds that were set aside for Spirit Pharmaceuticals but the County has not heard from Spirit Pharmaceuticals of their intentions so the County has to decide what we are going to do with the funds that are set aside and committed to the Pharmaceutical Company.

Administrator Epperson stated that because of Federal Regulations, the County has to decommit the funds that were set aside for Spirit Pharmaceuticals.

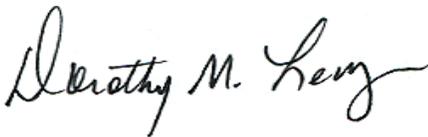
On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to decommit the funds that were set aside for Spirit Pharmaceuticals due to the fact that the County have not heard from the Pharmaceutical Company and they did not meet the deadline that was set by Federal Regulations.

XIII. Adjournment

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

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7.14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

