



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, July 14, 2014, 6:00 PM Clarendon County Council Chambers

Those in attendance:

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

Press in attendance: Sharron Haley, Clarendon Citizen, Bobby Baker, The Manning Times, and Jim Hilley, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Cynthia B. Mack	Don Lane	Dennis Moore
William Evans	Richard Stokes	Loretta Pollard	Linda Lemon
Archie Lemon	Hannah Michaels	Fire chief Richburg	
And other Citizens of Clarendon County			

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm where he acknowledged the passing of Mr. Mark Blackman. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. 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 Meeting, which was held on June 9, 2014 with minor corrections.

II. Resolution honoring Olivia McConnell

Chairman Stewart stated that The McConnells were unable to make it here for the start of the meeting but they may be here at the end of the meeting, so if Council does not object, we will move this resolution to the end of the agenda. He concluded by stating that if The McConnells were not here by the end of the meeting, we will move the Resolution to the August meeting.

III. Resolution 2014-07

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Mutual Aid Agreement between Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office. He continued by stating that this agreement is a Patrol Transfer Agreement. Mr. Epperson further stated that based on The Supreme Court's recent ruling, in order for a Sheriff's Office Mutual Aid Agreement to be valid, County Council must approve it annually.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Mutual Aid Agreement between Clarendon County Sheriff's Office and Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

IV. Clarendon County Transportation Committee

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC) meeting was now

open. The CCTC meeting began at 6:07 pm.

Chairman Stewart informed Council that we received a request to rename a section of Fourth Street in Summerton to B.O. Butler Street. He continued by stating that Mr. Butler was a principal and school superintendent for a long time. Chairman Stewart continued by asking Councilman Richardson to expound on what Mr. Butler did.

Councilman Richardson stated that Mr. Butler was around for a significant amount of time. He continued by stating that Mr. Butler was very knowledgeable in the school system. He was a teacher, a principal, and he was the first black school superintendent in the state of South Carolina. Councilman Richardson concluded by stating that Mr. Butler is very dedicated and touches the lives of many people and he deserves this recognition.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request to rename a section of Fourth Street in Summerton, SC to B.O. Butler Street.

Chairman Stewart stated that if there were no other comments, the CCTC would close. The Clarendon County Transportation Committee closed at 6:10 pm.

V. Requests

1. Ms. Vickie Williams, Grants Coordinator, presented Council with a request to submit a USDA grant application for a Community Facilities Grant. The Grant would be used for the purchase of a new fire engine and associated equipment for the Clarendon County Fire Department Station One. She concluded by stating that this would be a grant of \$50,000 and a loan of \$537,000. The total amount requested would be \$587,000.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request of Ms. Vickie Williams, a request to submit a USDA grant application for a Community Facilities Grant for the purchase of a new fire engine, associated equipment and legal services associated with the loan in the amount of \$587,000.

2. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to accept ownership of Creekside Drive and Millcreek Drive and to add these roads into the Clarendon County Road Maintenance List. He continued by stating that the Homeowner Association approached him and asked, if the roads were brought up to the County's standard, would the County accept the roads into the County Maintenance Road list.

Administrator Epperson then stated that Mr. Billy Timmons, County Engineer, submitted a letter stating his opinion of the roads based on visual inspections. He continued by stating that Mr. Timmons expressed in his letter that the roads reasonably comply with road construction standards contained in the Clarendon County Unified Development Code.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept Creekside Drive and Millcreek Drive into the Clarendon County Road Maintenance List.

3. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a revised memorandum of The Agreement between Clarendon County and The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. He further stated that the terms of the agreement are the same as last year.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept the revised memorandum of The Agreement between Clarendon County and The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice.

VI. Amendment to an Ordinance

Consideration was given to first reading of Ordinance 2014-02, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2010-09, the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations Ordinance.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2014-02, an Ordinance to amend the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations Ordinance no. 2010-09. He concluded by stating that this amendment will reduce the Tap fees.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to first reading of Ordinance 2014-02, an Ordinance to amend the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations Ordinance 2010-09.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$220,000. He further stated that after Depreciation and Interest Expenses, Water and Sewer had a Cash Flow of \$125,552. He concluded by stating that the Water and Sewer Department is meeting its current needs.

Mr. Anthony further stated that Weldon Auditorium finished the June 30, 2014 fiscal year with a deficit of \$64,000 after transfers.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the General Fund will collect more in Ad Voletem taxes than we did in both the current year and the prior year. He continued by stating that our Revenue collections for the General Fund will be \$300,000 less than what we expected as well as our Expenditures will be less than what we budgeted. Mr. Anthony concluded by stating that we are in the process of getting our FEMA reimbursement as well.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C Fund Program had a cash balance of \$717,172 and an Uncommitted Balance of \$553,330 as of May 2014.

VI. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the Courthouse Renovation. He stated that the contractors began on June 23. Administrator Epperson stated that the contractors are working on water proofing around the foundation and when this is complete, it would give us a 10-year warranty on the waterproofing. He further stated that all windows and doors are being removed for re-conditioning.

He continued by giving Council an update on the Water Projects.

- Phase 1B – All permits have been received, plans and specifications have been advertised and are due to be opened on August 7.
- Phase 1C – Survey work has been completed and signups have started.
- Phase 2 – Waiting on approval for additional funding and 270 customers have signed up.

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the Recreation Department has completed their annual All-Star competition and he wanted to thank Lebon Joye and his staff, and all coaches and parents who volunteered their time throughout the season.

Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that Clarendon County now has a Facebook Page and a Twitter Account.

VII. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he was elected to serve on the South Carolina

Association of Counties Board of Directors so he would be in Hilton Head in August for the annual meeting. He continued by stating that he attended the South Carolina Clean Energy Summit. He further stated that some exciting things are happening with alternative fuel. Chairman Stewart concluded his report by stating that Clarendon and Colleton Counties would be participating in an award from South Carolina Clean Air Business Alliance in the amount of \$150,000.

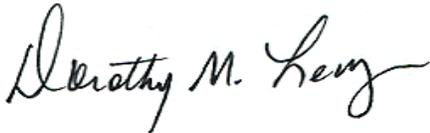
- Chairman Stewart stated that since The McConnells were not able to make it to the Council meeting, he wants to add them to the August Council meeting.
- Councilman Blakely stated that Olivia McConnell is an 8 year old that has raised over \$20,000 selling lemonade for the March of Dimes.

VIII. Adjournment

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

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

