



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2011, 6:00P.M.
Weldon Auditorium, Manning, SC
Meeting Minutes

Those in attendance:

County Council Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
County Council Vice Chairman, William J. Frierson
Councilman, Billy G. Richardson
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Councilman, A. C. English
County Administrator, William Houser
County Attorney, David Epperson
Dorothy M. Levy, Clerk to Council

Press in attendance: Sharon Haley, The Citizen, Robert J. Baker, The Item and Vic MacDonald, The Manning Times.

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Sam Levy	Marilyn Fletcher
Patricia Pringle	Fred Tucker	Ray Fletcher
Linda Lemon	Sandi Tucker	Randy Garrett
Lee Bledsoe	Connie Bledsoe	Deepal Eliatamby
Archie Lemon	Teresa Edge	Charlotte Johnson
John Truluck	Virginia Turbeville	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Following brief introductory remarks from Chairman Stewart, Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

IV. Approval of Agenda

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to the agenda as presented.

V. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the council meeting minutes for November 12, 2011, with minor corrections.

VI. Ordinances

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to the third reading of Ordinance 2011-10 authorizing the issuance and sale of a \$4,080,000.00 Water System Improvement Revenue Bond for the purpose of defraying the cost of improvements to the County's water system.

VII. Requests

Mr. Houser requested council to approve a Policy for a Resolution for Voluntary Retirement.

Mr. Houser gave council a brief explanation of the voluntary retirement policy in which there are 41 potential employees eligible for the voluntary retirement policy based on criteria. With this policy, employees that choose to go on voluntary retirement will receive, as a retirement package, one week of pay for every year employed by Clarendon County for up to thirteen (13) weeks. He continued by stating that the retiring employee's position will not be replaced for one year, unless their job is in a critical area, and the retiring employee will not be up for rehire for ten (10) years.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked if the county could operate efficiently and Mr. Houser's response was yes because the job duties will be distributed among the remaining employees.

Mr. Houser further stated that employees that are in a critical position will not be considered for voluntary retirement.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to the Resolution for the Voluntary Retirement Policy.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to appoint Stephen Christopher Dukes to the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services Commission for 2011-2012.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Mr. Houser informed council that the revenue for 33% of the fiscal year which ended October 31, 2011 was \$ 2,376,900 and the expenditures for that same period was \$ 5,938,468. Leaving a deficit of \$ 3,561,567.

Mr. Houser further reported that The Weldon is operating at a deficit but it was budgeted as a loss for this year. He continued his report by stating that \$110,000 from general fund, \$50,000 from hospitality fund, and \$ 5,000 from accommodation funds will be transferred to the Weldon's Budget. He concluded by stating that we need to make changes, scaling back on operations, and get better participations at concerts.

Councilman Blakely stated that we need to coordinate and work together with the Weldon staff.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart recognized the city administrator of Turbeville, Mr. Deepal Eliatamby, Alliance Consulting Engineer, and Mr. John Truluck, Development Board Director.

X. Public Comments

None

XI. Executive Session

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, council voted unanimous approval to go into executive session to discuss contractual and legal issues.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Councilman Blakely, council voted unanimous approval to come out of executive session.

Chairman Stewart stated that no actions were taken in the executive session in reference to two parcels of Land and the E911 Center.

XII. Adjournment

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, council voted unanimous approval to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

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