



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, August 10, 2015, 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: Brianna Bradham, The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony
Linda Lemon

Hannah Mikell
Carl Humphries

Scherrie Cogdill
And other Citizens of Clarendon County

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Vice Chairman Frierson 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 Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the regular council meeting agenda for August 10, 2015.

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 Council Meeting, which was held on July 13, 2015 with one correction.

III. Presentation - HopeHealth

Mr. Carl Humphries, CEO of HopeHealth, gave County Council an overview of the services offered by HopeHealth. He began by stating that August 10th – 14th was National Health Center Week. Mr. Humphries continued by stating that HopeHealth is a Community Health Center that provides awareness and healthcare. There are centers in Clarendon, Florence, and Williamsburg Counties. He continued by stating that HopeHealth started in 1964 and was in business for 50 years providing quality outpatient care for the insured and uninsured. Mr. Humphries further stated that patients without health insurance get the same level of service as patients with health insurance.

A list of the new programs that HopeHealth will provide is as follows:

- 12-hour days – 6 days a week
- Hepatitis C Program
- Woman's Health
- Free Health Screening

Mr. Humphries concluded his presentation by informing Council that one in twelve patients across the County receive health care from a Health Center.

IV. Ordinance 2015-02

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2015-02– An Ordinance to authorize the leasing of one parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County, located at the Santee Cooper Regional Airport, and identified on the Attached Exhibit A. He continued by stating that this Ordinance comes with a Lease Agreement and a Fixed Base Agreement.

Ms. Cheryl Boil stated that she is very committed to the growth at the Air Port.

Consideration was given to the First Reading of Ordinance 2015-02 and the Fixed Based Agreement, an Ordinance authorizing the leasing of one parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County, located at the Santee Cooper Regional Airport, and identified on the Attached Exhibit A.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson and Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the first reading of Ordinance 2015-02 and the Fixed Base Agreement. An Ordinance authorizing the leasing of one parcel of real property owned by Clarendon County, located at the Santee Cooper Regional Airport, and identified on the Attached Exhibit A.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Lease Agreement authorizing County Council to lease real property to Precision Air. Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this lease comes with an annual lease fee of \$2,720 for a 30-year term.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Lease Agreement to lease real property to Precision Air at an annual lease fee of \$2,720 for a 30-year term.

V. Resolution

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution Congratulating Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of Hunger in South Carolina and to recognize “Hunger Awareness and Action Month”.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution Congratulating Harvest Hope Food Bank for its work to bring awareness to the issue of Hunger in South Carolina and to recognize “Hunger Awareness and Action Month”.

VI. Agreement

Administrator Epperson presented Council with an Agreement for information only. He stated that he notified Santee Lynch Regional Council of Government of his agreement to the South Carolina Project Notification Review System Agreement. He continued by stating that this project is for Federal Assistance for Central Carolina Technical College to help fund Veteran Students.

VII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,752,699 for the first month of the Fiscal year and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had very little activity for the month of July with total Revenue of \$350, and total Expenses of \$9,425. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of July with a deficit of \$9,075.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$65,352 and Operating Expenses of \$41,177 as of July 31, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, and interest expense totaling \$22,997, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility Income of \$1,178.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$764,145 as of June 30, 2015 of which \$774,650 has been committed to the local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$10,505.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the renovation of the County Courthouse is continuing as Landscaping has begun and the sidewalks have been poured. He continued by stating that the work trailer and fencing has been removed. Administrator Epperson further stated that the anticipated move into the County Court House would be during the week of September 14.

Administrator Epperson continued by giving Council an update on the following items:

- USDA Water Project – Construction has begun on Well and Tank for Phase 1B.
- We have the authorization to begin the expansion of Phase 1C.
- We have ended our relationship with CDA Architecture Firm because we could not reach an agreement about the design of the DSS building and the projected cost.
- We are now looking into purchasing an existing building in Manning that could be renovated to meet our needs to accommodate DSS, Coroner and probation and Parole Offices.
- We received information from HR that would suggest that the Federal Government is going to raise the salary requirements for individuals to be classified as "exempt". Currently the County has 38 employees classified as exempt and 16 of those employees make less than the proposed exempt salary level of \$50,440 for a 40-hour week. This proposed regulation is set to take place next year.
- Design work is progressing for Brodgon/Boston Wells, Welsh Poppy Circle, and Maggie Lane with anticipated work to begin later this year.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would be attending the Association of Counties Board meetings beginning in September

X. Executive Session.

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue in reference to the Weldon Auditorium.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue in reference to the Weldon Auditorium. The Executive Session began at 7:02 pm.

XI. Open Session

On motion by Councilman Blakely 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 7:58 pm.

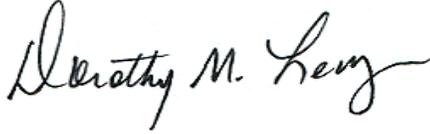
Chairman Stewart stated that Council received a briefing on using an Interim Director for the Weldon Auditorium. He concluded by stating that Administrator Epperson will keep Council informed on the progress of the Weldon Auditorium.

X. 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 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

