



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, January 12, 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: Bobby Baker, The Manning Times

Others in attendance included:

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| Charlotte Johnston | Patricia Pringle | Nancy Cave | G.G. Cutter |
| Meree Harper | Lynden Anthony | Sean Briley | Emily Luther |
| Deepal Eliatamby | Linda Lemon | And other Citizens of Clarendon County | |

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Judge Tommy Cooper administered the Oath of Office to Vice Chairman WJ Frierson, Sr., Councilman Billy G. Richardson, and Councilman Dallas B. Blakely.

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 January 12, 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 Meeting, which was held on December 8, 2014, with one minor correction.

III. Presentations

- i. Mr. Mike Briggs and Ms. Melissa Mims presented Council with a presentation from Central South Carolina Alliance. Mr. Briggs gave council an update on Capital Investments for Clarendon County for the last 10 years. He concluded his presentation by stating that Clarendon County currently has six active projects.
- ii. Mr. Richard Guess and Ms. Tracy Hunt presented Council with a presentation from Clarendon County Mental Health Center. Mr. Guess stated that the clinic has about 602 open adult cases and 184 open cases on children or adolescents. He continued by stating that it cost Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health \$1,049,211.12 to operate the Manning Clinic last year and the clinic did not receive any funds from Clarendon County.

Mr. Guess concluded his presentation by stating that last year the Department of Mental Health spent almost 1.3 Million dollars providing inpatient treatment to residents of Clarendon County.

IV. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Blakely and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval appointing Ms. Debbie M. Lee to the Clarendon County Disability and Special Needs Board representing District three.

V. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart called the Transportation Committee to order at 6:31 pm.

Administrator Epperson informed Council that the cost to repair Mill Creek Drive would be \$10,200.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to continue with the repairs of Mill Creek Drive.

Administrator Epperson asked Council approval to delay the road paving until the end of January. He stated that the temperature must be at least 40 degrees, in the shade, and rising in order for the asphalt to dry.

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, informed Council that the repairs of State Road 301 and Johnny Scott Road in Summerton would be fully funded by the funds that the County receives from the State for the C Fund Program.

Chairman Stewart stated that the Clarendon County Transportation Committee was now closed. The CCTC meeting closed at 6:39 pm.

VI. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2014 External Audit

Ms. Lori Salley, McGregor & Co., LLP, presented Council with the June 30, 2014 Fiscal Year Audit results. She continued by stating that Clarendon County received the best opinion that you can get from an audit. Ms. Salley continued by stating that as of June 30, 2014, Clarendon County's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$23.6 Million dollars (Net).

Ms. Salley continued by stating that this audit did not find any material weakness. She further stated that the procurement policy was not followed when a drug dog was purchased by the Sheriff's Department with Drug Funds. Ms. Salley concluded her presentation by stating that with the Drug Task Force Grant, the Task Force Officers salaries and fringe benefits were understated and the county missed out on receiving reimbursement for \$1,773 for expenses that were approved under the grant.

Chairman Stewart thanked Ms. Salley and the Departments that worked with her for their hard work.

VII. Proposed Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015/2016

Administrator Epperson presented Council with the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. He concluded by stating that this was for information only.

VIII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$9,493,549 year-to-date and Revenue figures were not available.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$366,582 and Operating Expenses of \$253,305 as of December 31, 2014. He stated that after depreciation and interest expense, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility Loss of \$22,485.

Mr. Anthony continued by stating that the Weldon Auditorium had Total Revenue of \$40,654, and Total Expenses of \$75,481. He stated that after transfers, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of December with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$1,182,327 as of November 2014 of which \$1,202,218 has been committed to the remaining local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$19,891.

IX. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the renovation of the County Courthouse is continuing as scheduled. He continued by stating that the target completion date is June 2015.

He continued by giving Council an update on the following:

USDA Water Projects

- Phase IB, IC and II are proceeding as planned
- Phase 1B – The plans are being revised
- Phase 1C – We have the permit in hand
- Phase 2 – Waiting on the Letter of Conditions from USDA

DHEC Project

- Moving Forward

E-Waste

- Pickup Schedule
 - January 24 – Turbeville, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Summerton, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 - January 31 – JC Britton Park, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Administrator Epperson concluded his report by stating that there would be a Shredding Company onsite as well.

X. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would be attending the Clarendon County Chamber annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia from January 16th – January 18th. He concluded by stating that he would also be attending the Central SC Alliance Meeting on January 22nd, at Nephron Pharmaceuticals.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Executive Session began at 7:29 pm.

XII. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:16 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that actions would be taken.

Chairman Stewart stated that Council discussed renewing Administrator Epperson's employment contract. He concluded by stating that Council would like to offer Administrator Epperson any help and assistance that he needs for 2015.

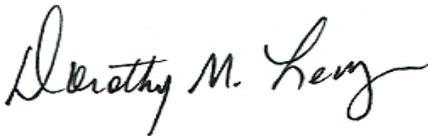
Chairman Stewart asked Council if any one objected to renewing Administrator Epperson's employment contract. Council gave Unanimous Approval to renew Administrator Epperson's employment contract.

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 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

