



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting Monday, September 14, 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: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony
Linda Lemon

Christina Darby
Chief Francis Richbourg

Marilyn Fletcher
Billy Timmons

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

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Stewart stated that he needed a motion to amend the agenda, to add an Executive Session for a Contractual Matter dealing with the County Courthouse Construction, and approval of the amended agenda.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to amend the agenda, to add an Executive Session for a Contractual Matter dealing with the County Courthouse Construction, and to approve the amended agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson and Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on August 10, 2015.

III. Presentation – SC Forestry Commission

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a check from SC Forestry Commission in the amount of \$8,832.25. He requested that the Revenue received be divided equally between the three Clarendon School Districts.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to accept the check from SC Forestry Commission and divide it equally between the three Clarendon School Districts.

Chairman Stewart thanked the SC Forestry Commission.

IV. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Willie L. Durant to the Planning Commission to serve a term of 3 years.

V. Public Hearing

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was open for Ordinance 2015-02, 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. The Public Hearing opened at 6:08 pm.

Administrator Epperson stated that the Ordinance also comes with a Fixed Based Agreement that would extend the time period and allow a 20,000 square feet hanger to be constructed at the Airport. He concluded by stating that the County would receive Revenue from the taxes that are generated from the Airport.

Ms. Marilyn Fletcher asked would there be a limited number of planes at the airport at one time.

Administrator Epperson responded by stating that he does not know of a limited number of planes or a minimum number of planes at this time. He stated that Pilot Classes and Pilot Training are included in the agreement.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any other comments, if not, he said that the Public Hearing would close. The Public Hearing Closed at 6:13 pm.

VI. Ordinance 2015-12

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the second 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.

VII. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC is now in session. The CCTC began at 6:14 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a recommendation to approve a primary paving list and an alternate paving list utilizing the 2016 C-Fund proviso funding. He stated that he had a meeting with the Municipalities and a DOT Officer discussing how to utilize the money from the first Proviso of 1.3 million dollars, which must be used on state owned roads.

Mr. Billy Timmons, County Engineer, presented Council with a presentation listing the Primary Project list and the Alternate paving list. Mr. Timmons concluded by showing Council the location of the roads on the map.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the primary and alternate paving lists utilizing the 2016 C-Fund proviso funding.

VII. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating that the General Fund had Expenditures of \$1,511,678 for the second 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 August with total Revenue of \$2,739, and total Expenses of \$14,348. He stated that after a transfer from the General Fund of \$11,609, the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of August with a zero balance.

Mr. Anthony further stated that the Water and Sewer Department had Operating Revenue of \$131,038 and Operating Expenses of \$86,915 as of August 31, 2015. He stated that after depreciation, transfers, and interest expense totaling \$15,996, the Water and Sewer Department had a Net Utility deficit of \$1,872.

Mr. Anthony concluded his report by stating that the C-Fund had a cash balance of \$510,643 as of July 31, 2015 of which \$774,650 has been committed to the local paving projects and the state required projects leaving a deficit of \$264,007.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by stating that the renovations of the County Courthouse are completed and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. He continued by stating that we are working on setting a date for the Courthouse Grand opening and replacing the time capsule.

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

- USDA Water Project – Construction is on schedule for the Well and Tank for Phase 1B.
- Phase IC - Project is moving along as scheduled.
- Phase II – Currently, we are working with our Engineering Firm to move forward.
- Road Paving – All roads scheduled for paving using the County portion of C-Fund for 2015 have been surveyed, designed, and we are waiting on bids.
- October's council meeting will be held in Summerton at the District One Office Board Room.

IX. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he, Administrator Epperson, and Mr. George Kosinski, Development Board Director, would be traveling to Washington, DC. He concluded by thanking both the City of Manning and the Clarendon County Fire Departments for the quick response to the fire alarm at the County Courthouse.

X. Executive Session.

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Contractual Matter in reference to the Courthouse Construction.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session for a Contractual Matter in reference to the Courthouse Construction. The Executive Session began at 6:49 pm.

XI. Open 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 7:14 pm.

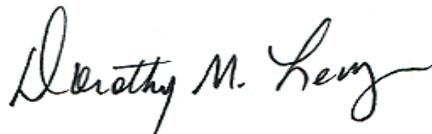
Chairman Stewart stated that Council received a legal briefing on the courthouse construction and no action would be taken.

X. 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 Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the council meeting. The Council Meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council

