

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 27, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 27, 2022.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Administrator John McLauchlin
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve the June 27, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

None

Public Comments on other matters

None

Public Hearings:

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2022-9 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE, BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE**

FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE
AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY

There were no comments or questions; therefore, the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-9. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-9. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 13, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Proclamations

None

Appearances

Mrs. DeBorah Jamison of the Food Policy Council gave a presentation to Council regarding new initiatives in the Tri-County area and the Community Health Improvement Plan (C.H.I.P.). She gave a hand out and told of future involvements with counties to help navigate the policies around food and healthy distributions.

Mr. George Gates appeared before Council to speak about the Emergency Abatement Ordinance. Mr. Gates told of reasons he believed the ordinance should not be enforced on his property and asked Council to reconsider. He asked Matt Trentham of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department to come forward to give clarification. Prior to, the Judge's ruling was to uphold the ordinance.

Mr. John Deloache, attorney with the SC Association of Counties came to clarify any issues surrounding the Form of Government change. With the current form, Council holds both legislative and administrative duties. The change would allow the Administrator to make decisions as long as he is in line with statutes and ordinances. It was highlighted that Council is not making the decision to change, just to ask the public via referendum.

Resolutions

11-2022 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOWER SAVANNAH REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 11 -2022, was seconded by Councilman Nelson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2022-16 AN ORDINANCE TO CALL A PUBLIC REFERENDUM IN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS WISH TO KEEP THE PRESENT COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS OR ADOPT THE COUNCIL-ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH FIVE (5) COUNCIL MEMBERS was presented for **Second Reading**. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-16. Councilman Thornton seconded. Chairman Haigler, Vice-Chairman Westbury and Councilman Thornton voted in favor and Councilman Nelson opposed. The motion passed with 3-1 vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-17 AN ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-17. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.


Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin introduced the new County Attorney, Michael Montgomery, and thanked Heath Taylor for his service. He also thanked Red Rock for their work on the speculative building at the industrial park. Lastly, Mr. McLauchlin announced the 4th of July Fireworks show to be held on July 2.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council