

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 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 July 11, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

Mrs. Amy Hill appeared to comment on a petition regarding Sandy Run Crossing and the availability and location. She also addressed items regarding the project not being discussed in Executive Session.

Public Comments on other matters

Mrs. Suzanne Wolfe thanked council for the work on the new water lines and asked for consideration to be made for the side branches and the numerous water line breaks.

Mrs. Ida Culler appeared to voice concerns over the Sandy Run Crossing project.

Mrs. Rebecca Bonnette commented regarding the Planning Commission meetings and public comment portion, asking council to take into consideration opening up for public commenting.

Public Hearings:

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

Mr. James Cooke from the Fort Motte Fire Department was appointed to the Calhoun County Fire Training Committee to replace Mr. Randy Coleman. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler also asked the group think of nominees to the Lower Savannah Regional Advisory Committee.

Proclamations

None

Appearances

Mr. Nelson Lindsay appeared on behalf of Central South Carolina Alliance and gave Council a briefing on the services the agency provides, and that they work on the counties' behalf. He also informed Council that for the month of July, Calhoun County is being highlighted.

Mr. Calvin Wright, Executive Director for OCAB, appeared and spoke regarding the space being used in the John Ford Community Center. He asked that Council maintain the agreement as is.

Mr. Matt Trentham of Calhoun County Sheriff's Office appeared to speak regarding the Motorola Lease for the upgrade to radio equipment.

Resolutions

12-2022 MOTOROLA LEASE AGREEMENT. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 12 -2022, was seconded by Councilman Nelson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

Council received information regarding the repainting of the I-26 Welcome to Calhoun County water tank. Eight (8) bids were received to clean, paint and disinfect, with the highest bid at \$358,000 and the lowest at \$207,000. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to award to Southeastern Tank and Tower at \$207,000, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

None

Administrator

Administrator McLaughlin gave updates regarding Sandy Run Crossing. The first plan by the developers' was not approved, and they have since revised the plan to be send to the Planning Commission. He also informed Mrs. Hill that the petition she spoke of was in the custody of the Clerk to Council and that Council had not seen the petition because the matter has not come before Council.

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Contractual Matters regarding the Regional Medical Center, with action required upon return to open session. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.


Return to Open Session (Action Required)

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to return to open session with matter brought forward for public vote. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion that Council support the partnership agreement with Regional Medical Center and Medical University of South Carolina. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council