

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022.

The following were present:

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

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

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the September 12, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

The following spoke expressing opposition to the rezoning of the property referenced in Ordinance 2022-20, which was on the agenda for Second Reading:

1. Scott Whetstone
2. Will Dillard
3. Pastor Wagner
4. Al O'Connor
5. Keith Bachelder
6. Julie Taylor
7. Angie Matthews
8. George Rogers
9. Jim Ulmer
10. Ida Culler

11. Margaret (Peg) Nelson
12. Mike Williamson

Public Comments on other matters

None

Public Hearings

The Hearing for the Calhoun County Community Development Block Grant Application for a Ladder Truck was postponed.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 22, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

The Fire Training Committee met and decision was made to dissolve the committee.

Appointments

Chairman Haigler would like to collaborate with Council on Aging Executive Director, Jill Truesdale, to make appointments to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Regional Aging Advisory Board, and will make appointments to the board at a later date.

Chairman Haigler appointed Councilman Carson to the Public Service and County Planning and Natural Resource and Development standing committees.

Proclamations

None

Appearances

Tris Waystack appeared with a handout to Council, which addressed concerns regarding the proposed development, employment statistics and highlighted the need for industries for citizens' employment.

Sam White appeared to voice concerns with the contractor for the proposed development.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2022-20 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT TMS# 021-00-00-011 FROM INDUSTRIAL, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Nelson made a motion to deny Ordinance 2022-20. Councilman Carson seconded. Councilman Nelson made remarks thanking citizens for their participation, the history of the project and the need for commercial and industrial growth. Chairman Haigler remarked about opening the meetings for the public and need for compromises as the county grows. Councilman Carson remarked on the information presented and needs of infrastructure and Sheriff's Department. Vote was then taken. Councilman Nelson, Councilman Carson and Councilman Thornton voted in favor of denying Ordinance 2022-20; Chairman Haigler and Vice-Chairman Westbury abstained. The motion to deny the Ordinance passed with 3-0 vote.

ORDINANCE 2022-21 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE IV; DIVISION 6, BY ADDING SEC 2-313 REGARDING REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF ORANGEBURG AND CALHOUN COUNTIES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-21; and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin commented regarding the partnership with MUSC and RMC. Calhoun County will get two (2) members and thanked the members who have served over the years.
2. Administrator McLauchlin reported that the county will be partnering with Matchboard, a software that will allow for applications to and for maintaining the boards and commissions.
3. Administrator McLauchlin informed council of the status of Brett Weaver's issues presented at the previous meeting, which is deemed to be an owner/contractor dispute and that LLR is investigating.
4. Lastly, Administrator McLauchlin discussed the new recreation opportunity with Heyward AME Church and the 50 year lease of the property at the old Eastman Park. There will be a ribbon cutting on Friday, September 30 at 10:00am.

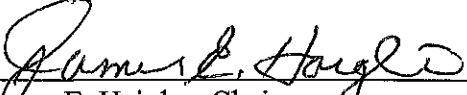
Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter regarding a letter of intent for Project Hammer. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

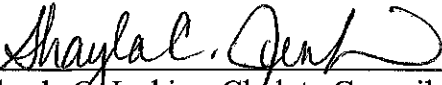
Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to return to Open Session with no action taken. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with Vice-Chairman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council