

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 10, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 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
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 a motion to amend the agenda to add First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2022-22 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DATED AS OF MAY 10, 2021, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson, and passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to amend the agenda to table Resolution 16-2022 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE AND APPROVING THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL YEAR until the appropriate documentation becomes available. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Westbury then made the motion to approve the amended October 10, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

Ron Chestnut spoke regarding Heyward Park project and the need for recreation in the county to provide for the youth.

Public Comments on other matters

Tris Waystack spoke on the live burn training facility with concerns as to why it was torn down and rebuilding with taxpayer dollars.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 26, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Councilman Thornton reported on the meeting held with the Public Services Committee, in which it was decided to move forward with the fire training facility in the location discussed.

Appointments

Appointments were made to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee. Ruth Bonnette and Doris Harley were appointed. The motion was made by Chairman Haigler, seconded by Councilman Thornton; and passed unanimously.

Appearances

Kenneth B. Vinson of Heyward Community Development Alliance and the Heyward Community Park was unable to attend.

Resolutions

Agenda was amended to delete item.

New Business

The meeting cancellation was taken off the table when the Agenda was amended.

Council approved the Sandy Run Volunteer Fire Department Water Pumper Tanker bid to Spartan Fire in the amount of \$518,747. Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion, and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2022-22 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, DATED AS OF MAY 10, 2021, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Nelson made the motion to approve First Reading by Title Only and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. Motion

passed with yes votes by Chairman Haigler, Vice-Chairman Westbury, Councilman Nelson and Councilman Thornton. Councilman Carson abstained.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin informed the group that the Heyward Park Ribbon Cutting had been rescheduled for Friday, October 28th at 10:00 am. Also, the Countywide Litter Pick-up Day will be Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Administrator McLauchlin thanked County Transportation Committee, Public Works and Town of St. Matthews for the guardrails on FR Huff Drive. Chairman Haigler also thanked Administrator McLauchlin for his work on the project.

Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session for Receipt of legal advice – Contractual Matter

Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

With no action coming from Executive Session, Councilman Thornton made the motion to come out of Executive Session, was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council