

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2022
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Administrator John McLaughlin

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 October 24, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

None

Public Comments on other matters

Tris Waystack spoke regarding the fire truck and questioned the delay of the purchase and the resulting price difference, also noting that other departments could have utilized the money from the price difference. Chairman Haigler stated that the matter would be reviewed by the Fire Committee.

Dennis Spilde appeared again to ask that Council consider rotating meetings to different areas of the county. Chairman Haigler told that the meetings referred to were Planning Commission meetings which are sometimes moved to different locations

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the October 24, 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

Vice-Chairman Westbury commented that the Recreation Committee met and received updates on Heyward Park, the Sandy Run Walking Trail and the Recreation Complex. He encouraged all in attendance to see the progress being made.

Chairman Haigler asked Councilman Thornton and Councilman Carson set up a meeting for the Fire Committee.

Appointments

Councilman Nelson made a motion to appoint Angela Culler-Matthews and Margaret Nelson to the Historical Commission. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Dr. Walt Tobin of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College appeared before Council to highlight upcoming projects, new programs and additions to programs at the college. Some of the college's programs are expanding and free to low-cost tuition is still being offered. He thanked Council for their support and Vice-Chairman Westbury spoke about the importance of technical schools for the communities.

Kenneth Vinson appeared on behalf of the Heyward Community Development Alliance and the Heyward Community Park to thank all involved with the opening of the park and told that working together would help to accomplish goals set forth many years ago to be an asset to the community and surrounding areas.

Resolutions

Resolution 18-2022 IN APPRECIATION OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE BY GREGORY WILSON was presented to former Veterans' Affairs Officer, Gregory Wilson.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

Ordinance 2022-23 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODES AND REGULATIONS was presented for First Reading. Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022-23 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

None

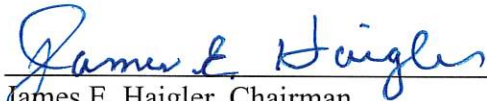
Executive Session

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the following: Receipt of Legal Advice, Contractual Matter – Paradise Lake Grant Application and an Economic Development Matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carson, and passed unanimously.

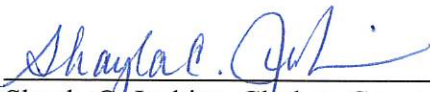
With no action brought from Executive Session, Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to return to open session, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council