

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2022
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022.

The following were present:

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

Absent: Councilman Cecil Thornton

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 November 28, 2022 meeting agenda, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments on Agenda

None

Public Comments on Other Matters

Amy Hill spoke regarding the lease of Heyward Park, which had been signed by Administrator McLauchlin, without a formal council vote being taken. Chairman Haigler told that signing the lease without the vote was an oversight and thanked Mrs. Hill for her comments and insight.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 14, 2022 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Councilman Carson reported on the Rural Fire Committee meeting held on November 17 to review information related to the purchase of a fire tanker truck for the rural district in 2019. He gave a summary based on information gathered from the finance office. The truck was ordered in Fiscal Year 2019 and received in Fiscal Year 2020 (August 2019) with the use of funds from Fund 130, and was not included in the next year's budget. Councilman Carson made a motion to put funds in the amount of \$197,000 into the budget this year and next, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments

None

Appearances

USDA Representative Leslie James was unable to attend.

The Calhoun County Recreation Department Soccer Team was recognized by Council for winning 1st Runner up in the Central District for the 10 and under age group. The youth in attendance were thanked and commended for their achievement, along with the coaches. Recreation Director, Zach Tarrant, spoke of the program and the hard work the children put in, as well as noting that Youth Basketball registration is now happening.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

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

Ordinance 2022-24 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, OF THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN CODE OF ORDINANCES was presented for First Reading. Deputy Administrator Hall told that the updates would bring the code to current standards. Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to

approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022-24 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-25 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF TMS# 021-00-00-011 FROM RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD, COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL was presented for First Reading. Deputy Administrator Hall told that the request was to remove the residential zoning and that the Planning Commission had approved the request at their meeting. Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022-25 and was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin thanked outgoing Voter Registration and Elections Director, Shayla Jenkins, for service in that capacity for 12 years, and added that she would continue in the county with the role of Clerk to Council.

Administrator McLauchlin also spoke on the first meeting of the Constituency Advisory Board for MUSC of Orangeburg and Calhoun Counties and told that the group was formed in order to bring concerns from both Calhoun and Orangeburg counties.

Vice-Chairman Westbury asked if there was action needed to correct the oversight of the Heyward Park lease and it was decided to discuss further at the next meeting with a formal approval.

Chairman Haigler thanked the electors and highlighted that while he is the Councilman for District 5, he continues to strive to work for all of Calhoun County.

Executive Session

No matters

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council