

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2023
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Councilman Richard Carson
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 Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve April 10, 2023 meeting agenda as outlined and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Jacob Hair made comments voicing concerns about rules during council meetings on audience members applauding. He asked if there were formal rules preventing citizens from clapping.

Public Hearing

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **ORDINANCE 2023-4 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE "COUNTY") AND PROJECT CHATEAU, ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (THE "COMPANY"), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF**

CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) THE INCLUSION OF THE PROJECT IN A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK, IF NOT SO ALREADY INCLUDED; (3) THE APPROVAL OF PROVIDING CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Administrator McLaughlin made comments regarding the ordinance, and welcoming Blanchard to Calhoun County. The project, to be housed in the Sandy Run Industrial Park, comes with a \$46,000,000 investment, 30 net new jobs with 150 jobs transferring, with impacts on tax revenue and vehicle taxes. Chairman Haigler and Council welcomed the Blanchard team to Calhoun County. Boyd Blanchard spoke about the endeavor, telling that they were excited to be coming to Calhoun County and looks forward to being a good steward of the county.

There were no questions or additional comments, and the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-4. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-4, and seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 27, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Chairman Haigler reported that the new deadline for appearances listed on the agenda is now noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting.

Appointments

None

Proclamations

None

Appearances

None

Resolutions

Resolution 5-2023 Project Chateau – Multi-County Industrial Park Agreement. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK ESTABLISHED BY THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”) AND LEXINGTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (“LEXINGTON COUNTY”), DATED AS OF DECEMBER 11, 1995, AS AMENDED, SUCH ENLARGEMENT AFFECTING THAT PORTION OF THE PARK

GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Councilman Thornton made a motion to approved Resolution 5-2023, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 6-2023 Fair Housing Month. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve Resolution 6-2023, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2023-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND THE COMPOSITION, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARDS FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT AND THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS SHALL BE OPERATED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF CALHOUN COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of the Ordinance 2023-3. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

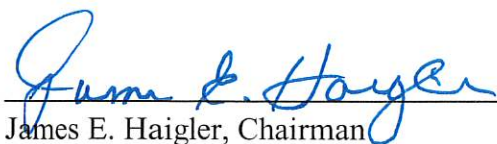
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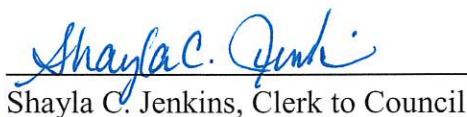
Countywide Litter Pick-Up will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. The Purple Martin Festival will be held Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Administrator McLaughlin also thanked the Blanchard team, along with the Mixons, owners of the Industrial Park.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with seconding by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

