

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**July 10, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 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 McLaughlin  
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](http://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 July 10, 2023 meeting agenda as outlined and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

John Cantrell appeared to address parliamentary procedure and civility. He distributed a handout to council and gave specifics on a second to a motion, telling that it does not mean the member approves, but that the topic is worthy of discussion. He found it rude to not second a motion brought before the group.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the June 26, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolutions**

Resolution 14-2023 – Designation of July as Parks and Recreation Month

Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve Resolution 14-2023, was seconded by Councilman Carson and the motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### Procurement, Ambulance Purchase – State Contract Approved

Administrator McLaughlin explained the item, telling that the purchase would be four (4) Ford F350 4x2 Road Rescue Metromedics ambulances at a cost of \$1,150,951. One year after the loan commencement, there would be an interest only payment of \$56,217.51, and after two years, payments are \$198,074.94 (years 2-8). Rate is 4.88%, and payments would be made from the General Fund. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the Procurement item, Ambulance Purchase, in the amount of \$1,150,951. Second was given by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Ordinances**

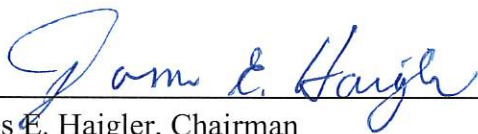
**Ordinance 2023-16** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE III OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ALLOW FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE BOUNDARIES OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS UPON APPROVAL BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION was presented for **First Reading**. After clarification and brief discussion, Councilman Carson made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2023-16. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Administrator**

Administrator McLaughlin thanked everyone for attending and the efforts of all involved (Council, Town and staff) in the fireworks show on July 1. The event was well-attended.

### **Adjournment**

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

