

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2024
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 28, 2024.

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 Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the May 28, 2024 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Project Co-Op – Administrator McLauchlin explained the project, which will be a training center for the SC Electric Cooperatives, and will also serve as the Emergency Operations Center for the 18 Cooperatives. The 45-acre property, located across from the Sandy Run Industrial Park property would

be transferred from Mixon Holdings, to the Economic Development 501C3, to the SC Electric Cooperative. Council approved with motion by Vice-Chairman Westbury, second by Councilman Thornton and unanimous vote.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2024-2 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE, BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-2. Councilwoman Bonnette seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2024-3 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-3. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2024-4 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-4. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2024-5 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-5. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-6 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.2 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-6. Councilman Carson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2024-7 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE 2 MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-7. Vice-Chairman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2024-8 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Second Reading**. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-8. Councilman Carson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Administrator

Administrator McLaughlin announced that Early Voting for the Primaries is being held in the Community Development Center, Mondays – Fridays until June 7th from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm.

Also, the new Library Director, Boyd Bruce, was introduced to Council and welcomed.

Executive Session

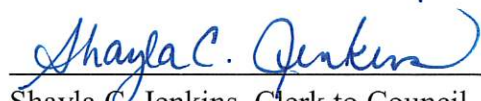
Council went into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter – Project Sunny. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury to enter Executive Session bringing no matters forward, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Motion to return to open session was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council