

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 26, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 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 McLaughlin
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

Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to amend the agenda to add an appointment to the Sandy Run Fire Commission under New Business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carson, and passed unanimously. Vice Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting agenda as amended and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 8, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Vice Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business None

New Business

SRO Grant and Receiving State Funds

Matt Trentham of Calhoun County Sheriff's Office informed Council of the items needing approval. The Sheriff's office has been awarded funding for a School Resource Officer and a vehicle. The department will use funds from their budget for the items and be reimbursed from the grant. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the funding from the current budget to be reimbursed from the grant. Second to the motion was made by Councilman Carson, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Sheriff's department will also be receiving \$100,000 in state funds to be used for technology improvements. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the receipt of the state funds to be used as directed. Councilwoman Bonnette seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chimney Swift Waterline Project

The project expands water with Lake Marion Regional Water Authority to the Chimney Swift subdivision, and will connect with 41 residences. The project was put out for bid, and Council approved the low bid from Southern Fiber of Orangeburg in the amount of \$363,692.00. The motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Appointment

Council approved the appointment of Justin Conley to the Sandy Run Fire Commission. The motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin thanked Emergency Services and Public Works for their efforts during Hurricane Debby.

Executive Session

Council entered Executive Session to discuss the following:

1. Contract Matter – Integrity Way
2. Economic Development Matter – Project Helios

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

Action after Executive Session

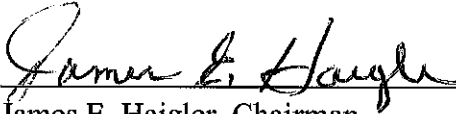
Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to reconvene in open session, was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-11 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL SOURCE CREDIT AGREEMENTS BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND RRIFI SANDY RUN III MEMBER, LLC WITH RESPECT TO

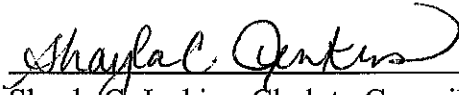
CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL RECEIVE CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading by Title Only. The agreement is 36% SSRC for four years. Motion to pass First Reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2024-11 was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council