

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 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 Resource 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 a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Caw Caw Fire Department's Fire District Commission Member under Appointments until a later date. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Westbury, and passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2024-10** AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE CALHOUN COUNTY 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, PURSUANT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ENABLING ACT OF 1994.

Dick Watkins commented that he had advocated for completing the updates of the Comprehensive Plan, and that he appreciated being able to offer input. He also thanked John Gardener for his responsiveness during the process.

The Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-10.** Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-10, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **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. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-11.** Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2024-11, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the August 26, 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.

Resolutions

Resolution 9-2024 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE AND APPROVING THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR was presented. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve Resolution 9-2024, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. Councilwoman Bonnette voiced that she would vote no for anything that raised taxes. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote (Westbury, Thornton, Carson and Haigler in favor; Bonnette opposed).

Old Business None

New Business

Insurance Broker Approval – Human Resource Director, Brandy Roberson, offered explanation, telling that the services were put out for bid, and asked Council to approve proceeding with the current broker, Gallagher. Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin made comments on the following:

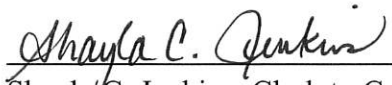
- Delinquent taxes may now be paid online
- Council on Aging upcoming events
- The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15 instead of Monday, because of the holiday.

Adjournment

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council