

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

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 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 McLauchlin
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.

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 February 26, 2024 meeting agenda as amended and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Herbert Briggman inquired about the County's plans for Lavender Lane concerning maintenance and making the road passable once the state work is finished. Chairman Haigler referred Mr. Briggman to Administration for follow-up.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Carson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Jill Truesdale, Director of the Calhoun County Council on Aging, appeared and gave updates on the various programs and services offered by the agency. Council thanked Mrs. Truesdale and her staff for their work.

Hydie Kirkland of District 2 appeared to make comments regarding the Planning Commission, highlighting concerns regarding membership, lack of involvement and attendance. She also referenced concerns about timely posting of the group's minutes.

Resolutions

Resolution 3-2024 CONSENTING TO THE MERGER OF ZEUS COMPANY INC. WITH AN AFFILIATED CORPORATION, THE CONVERSION INTO A SOUTH CAROLINA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND THE SUBSEQUENT MERGER WITH AND INTO A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY was presented. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2024 and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4-2024 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ZEUS INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, INC. AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA DATED AS OF MARCH 12, 2018 PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT UNDER THE FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX AGREEMENT, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented. Administrator McLauchlin told that Zeus was expanding it investment. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 4-2024 and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Approval - RFP 2401 – Landscaping Maintenance Contracts – Council approved Landscape Maintenance Contracts to Dibble Landscaping, Tru-Blu Landscaping, Calhoun Lawn & Landscaping, Tri-County Lawn Maintenance and New Image Landscape Supply for a total amount of \$78,595.67 for the year. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve RFP 2401, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval – Lake Marion Regional Water Authority – Administrator McLauchlin explained that \$445,605.00 is the county's part of the match to extend public water from Stumphole to Creston to Cameron, and the funds would come from Penny Sales tax revenue and ARPA funds. Vice

Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve, and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously,

Approval – Calhoun County Fire Commission Capital Fund Request – pending grant award – Administrator McLauchlin read the letter from Fire Commission Chairman, Scott Pate asking Council to approve funding for the amount that the grant will not cover in order to purchase a fire engine. The funds will only be needed if the grant is awarded and it is estimated that the capital funds would be needed in Fiscal Year 25 or 26. Councilman Carson made a motion to approve the request. With second by Vice-Chairman Westbury, the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2024-1 TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX AGREEMENT BETWEEN LEEK HOLDINGS, LLC AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Carson recused himself from the matter, due to being a solar farm land owner. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-1. Councilman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

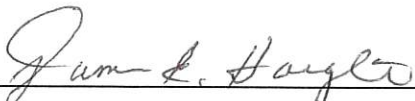
Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin remarked on the Purple Martin Festival to be held Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th, 2024. Signage is up around the county and there has been a lot of interest in vendor registrations.

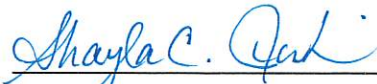
Councilwoman Bonnette announced that on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10:00am – 1:00pm, there would be a Chili Cook off at the Sandy Run Museum.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council