

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2024
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Administrator John McLauchlin
Deputy Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins

Absent: Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette

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 Vice-Chairman Westbury.

Election of Officers

Councilman Carson made a motion to reelect James Haigler as Chairman, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. There were no other nominations and Vice-Chairman Westbury moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilman Thornton. James Haigler was unanimously elected as Chair.

Councilman Thornton made a motion to reelect Ken Westbury as Vice-Chairman, and Councilman Carson seconded. There were no other nominations and Ken Westbury was unanimously elected as Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair Westbury made a motion to reelect Rebecca Bonnette as Chaplain. Councilman Carson seconded. There were no other nominations and Rebecca Bonnette was unanimously elected as Chaplain.

Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to amend the agenda to include an appearance by Dave Chojnacki, the Emergency Management Director. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton, and passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve the January 8, 2024 meeting agenda as amended and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 11, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Ashley Keller, Director of Calhoun County Voter Registration & Elections, appeared to update Council on important dates of 2024 to include elections, filing and early voting.

Dave Chojnacki, Director of Emergency Management appeared to give information on the upcoming inclement weather. He advised everyone to sign up for Code Red to receive alerts and information.

New Business

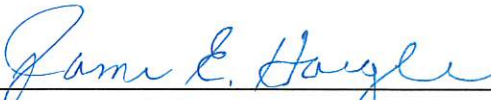
Approval – Animal Shelter bids – The department has outgrown the facility and the expansion project was put out for bidding. The project will be paid for by Penny Sales tax, USDA, Capital Improvement funds and donations. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$425,000 submitted by J. R. Barden Construction and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLaughlin reiterated comments regarding the upcoming storm.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council

