

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilman Ken Westbury
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, and she encouraged everyone to keep the Scott and Hair families in prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Bonnette made the motion to approve the February 10, 2025 meeting agenda as presented and was seconded by Councilman Carson. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Public Hearings None

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 27, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearance

Mrs. Sandra Ellis-Johnson, Facilities Event Monitor at John Ford Community Center, appeared to update Council regarding the Community Kitchen at the facility. She gave background and spoke on the chefs/caterers that use the facility, as well as requirements for utilizing the facility.

Old Business

Contract Approval – Sheriff’s Office cameras Council approved the contract for the purchase of flock cameras previously discussed, in the amount of \$100,000, which will be paid for by grant funds. Councilman Westbury made the motion to approve and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Banks house roofing (approval required) Council approved the winning bid of \$8,295 from Reliable Roofing & Repairs LLC. Councilman Westbury made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and the motion passed unanimously.

Animal Shelter paving (approval required) Council approved the winning bid of \$26,5000 from Asphalt Paving and Maintenance Co, Inc., to be paid from penny sales tax funds. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANIMAL CONTROL CODE was presented for Second Reading. Motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-1 was made by Councilwoman Bonnette, seconded by Councilman Carson and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-2 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF TMS# 022-00-00-039 FROM RURAL NEIGHBORHOOD AND INDUSTRIAL TO INDUSTRIAL was presented for Second Reading. Motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-2 was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-3 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING (1) THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (THE “COUNTY”); HIGH ROAD REAL ESTATE, LLC; AND BLANCHARD MACHINERY COMPANY, PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED AS PROJECT CHATEAU, ACTING FOR THEMSELVES, ONE OR MORE AFFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS (COLLECTIVELY, THE “COMPANY”), PURSUANT TO WHICH THE COUNTY SHALL COVENANT TO ACCEPT CERTAIN NEGOTIATED FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND/OR EXPANSION OF CERTAIN FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY (THE “PROJECT”); (2) THE APPROVAL OF INCREASING CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; (3) THE APPROVAL OF AN INVESTMENT PERIOD EXTENSION; AND (4) OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-3 was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-4 AN ORDINANCE TO AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO ALLOW FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR CEMETERIES AND BURIALS was presented for

First Reading. Motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2025-4 was made by Councilman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin acknowledged the Livingston, Scott and Hair families in the loss of their loved ones.

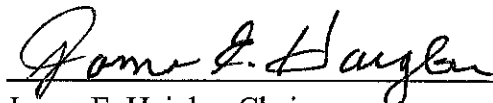
Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session to receive legal advice. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury to enter Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

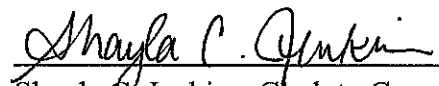
Motion to return to open session bringing no matters forward was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



James E. Haigler, Chairman



Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council