

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

June 9, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 9, 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 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 Westbury made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the Resolution and Ordinance related to the Planning Commission recommendation, and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the June 9, 2025 meeting agenda as amended and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments None

Public Hearings and Third Readings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on the following Ordinances:

Ordinance 2025-8, 2025-9, 2025-10, 2025-11, 2025-12, and 2025-13. There were no comments; therefore, the Hearings were closed.

Ordinance 2025-8 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE, BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN

COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-8. Councilman Westbury seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

Ordinance 2025-9 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Third Reading**. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-9 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-10 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-10 and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-11 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-11 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed with 4-1 vote (Carson, Westbury, Thornton and Haigler in favor; Bonnette opposed).

Ordinance 2025-12 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-12 and was seconded by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-13 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE

OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-13 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution 7-2025 IN SUPPORT OF PRESCRIBED FIRE was approved. Motion was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously. Councilman Westbury noted burn permits are required.

New Business

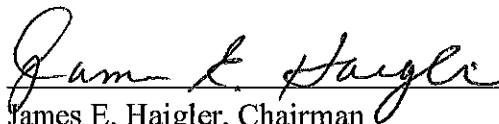
Financial Advisor agreement – Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve an agreement with Compass Municipal Advisors, LLC and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin thanked everyone involved in the Ag & Art Tour and told that there were an estimated 450-500 attendees, which exceeded expectations for the event. He also reminded of the upcoming July 4th Fireworks show, to be held on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council