

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 27, 2025
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2025.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Cecil Thornton
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Administrator Richard Hall
Clerk to Council Shayla Jenkins
Human Resources Director Brandy Roberson

Absent: Councilman Ken Westbury

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 October 27, 2025 meeting agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman Thornton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2025-20** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 6. - REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF ORANGEBURG AND CALHOUN COUNTIES. With there being no public comments, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-20.** Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2025-20 and was seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 22, 2025 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.

Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Special Called 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.

Appointments

The following vacancies were announced: Calhoun County Historical Commission - Museum Board (District 1, District 5 and At Large); Zoning Appeals Board (District 1); Planning Commission (District 4). Interested persons are to apply through the Boards and Commissions link (Matchboard) on the county website. Chairman Haigler also commented that appointments to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board would take place after the upcoming local elections.

Proclamations

Council approved a proclamation for Parents as Teachers Day, on November 8, 2025. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Thornton, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion – Wild Rose Ln – Administrator Hall spoke about the request of the owner to close the road, maintained by the Department of Transportation. Some citizens are requesting to keep the road open and there is a petition in opposition of the closure. Council will need to have a position in the event the issue goes to court. Council decided to have the item as ongoing on the agenda, until a position on the matter is taken.

Change Order Request - Red Rock Fire Station (approval required) – The request to extend the water line was approved. Motion was made by Councilman Carson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and approved unanimously.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2025-21 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED SOLID WASTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE THREE RIVERS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY (“AUTHORITY”) TO EXTEND THE TERM THEREOF THROUGH 2050, UPDATE TONNAGE COMMITMENTS AND INCREASE ANNUAL TIPPING FEES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE AUTHORITY OF ITS REVENUE BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NO TO EXCEED \$30 MILLION TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PHASE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Vice-Chairman Thornton made a motion

to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-21 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. With some discussion, clarification and questions, the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-22 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND PROJECT SAM; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-22 and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Bill Tomes, College of Charleston, and Shelby Shumard appeared to iterate findings of the Calhoun County Strategic Plan surveys. They outlined the process of the strategic planning to include analysis, department head meetings and a council workshop, with dates to be determined.


Administrator


Administrator Hall announced the following:

- Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament was a success and thanked the industries that support the county
- Trunk or Treat at 6:00pm – 8:00pm on 10/28/25
- Town Elections
- Councilman Carson and Vice-Chairman Thornton made comments regarding the golf tournament and appreciation to all involved.
- Chairman Haigler commended the staff on the John Ford Community Center operations, where he observed multiple events being held at the same time at the facility.
- Vice-Chairman Thornton also noted, regarding the Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority that Calhoun County partners with Orangeburg County for transporting waste.

Adjournment

Councilman Caron made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council