

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
HELD VIRTUALLY  
February 8, 2021  
5:30 P.M.**

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THIS COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, virtually, on Monday, February 8, 2021.

A roll-call was held and the following were present:

Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided  
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Ken Westbury  
Administrator John McLaughlin  
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas  
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

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 [www.calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order. A verbal roll call was called and all Councilmen affirmed that they were in attendance.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Extension of Emergency Ordinance 2020-17**

A unanimous vote was held to extend Ordinance 2020-17 which is an Ordinance to Establish Standards for Electronic Meetings. This extension is for sixty (60) days.

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**Public Hearing**

Chairman Summers opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2020-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY (ANIMAL CONTROL).

Due to this Public Hearing being held virtually, the Notice of Hearing which was published in The Calhoun Times Leader on January 21, 2021, stated that any public comments should be e-mailed to the Clerk to Council by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2021. No comments were received prior to the Public Hearing; therefore the Hearing was closed.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the January 11, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments**

None

**Proclamations**

None

**Appearances**

1. Judge Jeff Bloom appeared before Council to request approval of a Central Traffic Court for the County. He explained that the three magistrates will take turns holding Court, with the Court being open Monday through Friday.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept this recommendation and approve a Central Traffic Court. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Emergency Management Director Dave Chojnacki gave an update on the COVID-19 vaccine. Calhoun County EMS has six (6) employees trained to administer the vaccine. Standard Operating Procedures are in place and when the Memorandum of Understanding is received from DHEC, EMS will be prepared to administer the vaccine.

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3. Dr. Dion Franga appeared next to discuss his plans to open a stand-alone surgery center in Orangeburg. He presented a power-point presentation on why he feels there is a need for the Center.

**Resolutions**

1. **Resolution 4-2021** A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO REIMBURSE ITSELF FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES WITH THE PROCEEDS OF DEBT TO BE INCURRED BY CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 4-2021, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Councilman Thornton made a motion to extend Emergency Ordinance 2020-18 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 for sixty (60) days until April 8, 2021. Councilman Westbury seconded. A roll-call vote was held and Councilmen Summers, Haigler, Thornton, and Westbury voted yes. Councilman Nelson voted no. The Ordinance passed with a 3/4 supermajority vote.

**New Business**

None

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2020-16** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY (ANIMAL CONTROL) was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-16. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2021-1** AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE CALHOUN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 2016-11 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS was presented for First Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading on Ordinance 2021-1. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that it is time to begin the budget process for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. He will be asking all Department Heads to start working

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on their budget requests and present them to him and Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas before March 10. On March 10 a budget work session will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. Administrator McLauchlin notified Council that Calhoun County has received an award for having the third lowest Workers' Compensation Modifier for the State based on the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. This resulted in a savings of \$100,000 in Workers' Compensation premiums for the County.

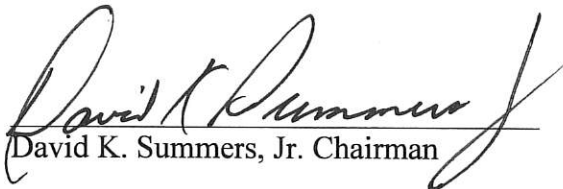
3. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that there will need to be a Special Called Council meeting on February 22 for the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 audit. Also, at the meeting there will be Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-1, the Zoning Ordinance; as well as approval of the bid for signage at the I-26 Industrial Park.

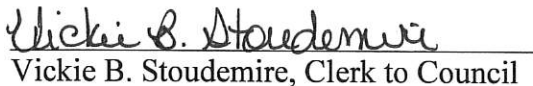
**Executive Session**

There were no items for Executive Session.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

  
David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman

  
Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

