

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 27, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 27, 2023.

The following were present:

Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Vice-Chairman Ken Westbury
Councilman Richard Carson
Councilwoman Rebecca Bonnette
Councilman Cecil Thornton
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 Rebecca Bonnette.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Carson made the motion to approve the November 27, 2023 meeting agenda as outlined and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearing

Development Agreement Calhoun County Replacement Class 2 Landfill Project – Chairman Haigler opened the second Public Hearing on the matter. Administrator McLauchlin offered explanation of the project and the requirement of two (2) Public Hearings. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. Councilwoman Bonnette made a motion to approve the Development Agreement and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDINGS CODE AND REGULATIONS. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-19.** Councilwoman

Bonnette made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-19, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2023-20** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROVISIONS FOR THE EMERGENCY ABATEMENT OF A PUBLIC NUISANCE. Deputy Administrator Hall provided explanation. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-20.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-20, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2023-21** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE 1, SEC.2-1 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, AND FOR OBSERVANCE THEREOF. There were no questions or comments; therefore, the Hearing was closed. **Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-21.** Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-20, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the November 13, 2023 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.

Appointments

Resolution 20-2023 was on the Agenda for an appointment to the Calhoun County Fire Commission; however, more information was needed and Administrator McLaughlin recommended to table the item. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to table the Resolution and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Dr. Walt Tobin of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College appeared to give Council updates. He highlighted the Employee Building Skills course being offered. Dr. Tobin also spoke on upcoming projects to include the Machine Tools Technology Lab, plans for the learning commons in the S Building and renovations to the K Building. Enrollment numbers are up for the college as well.

Nickie Toomes of USDA presented the Letter of Conditions for Emergency Preparedness Equipment. The grant award amount is \$33,500.00, which will go towards the total cost of \$223,339.00 for the project. Vice-Chairman Westbury made a motion to approve the \$33,500.00 grant and Letter of Conditions. Motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton and passed unanimously.

Mauldin & Jenkins CPAs and Advisors, reviewed the packet provided to Council regarding the 2022 Fiscal Year Audit, highlighting areas throughout the document. Councilwoman Bonnette inquired about the length of time the Audit took and Administrator McLauchlin reported that the issues surrounding the delay has been identified.

New Business

Audit Approval – Councilman Thornton made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Audit report presented and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously.

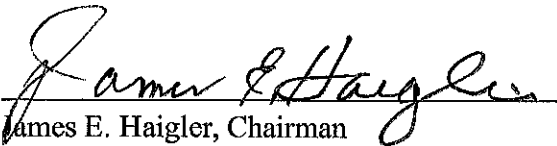
Integrity Way – Administrator McLauchlin reported on the project, telling that the construction of the new public road would provide access to Lot 3 for the next speculative building as well as future lots and use by Blanchard Machinery and Zeus. The road is expected to cost \$1.7 million, which Red Rock Development would pay for, in exchange for a 30% Special Source Revenue Credit for approximately 5 years until paid off, and taking the road into the county maintenance system upon completion. Motion to approve was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

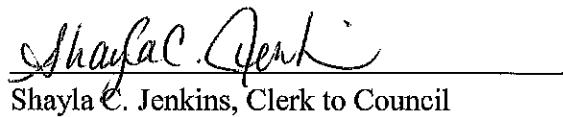
Administrator

None

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Vice-Chairman Westbury. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council