

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 11, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, on Monday, October 11, 2021. The meeting was live-streamed on the County's Facebook page.

The following were present:

Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Administrator John McLauchlin
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.

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

Vice-Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the September 27, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Councilman Westbury advised that the Recreation Committee has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Calhoun County School District for use of the proposed new Recreation Complex to be located on Chestnut Street. Both the school district and the County will use the complex.

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Appointments

Vice-chairman Haigler stated that Clerk to Council, Vickie Stoudemire, will be retiring as of January 1, 2022. Councilman Westbury then made a motion to appoint Shayla Jenkins as Clerk to Council to begin the day after the current Clerk leaves. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Bessie Wright was listed on the agenda to discuss a mobile home issue, but was not present at the meeting.

2. Chief Magistrate, Jeff Bloom, appeared to give an update to Council. He stated that the Magistrate Court is running very smoothly, and that both Judge Cynthia Keller and Judge Joseph Teague are doing good jobs.

Resolutions

1. An amended **Resolution 19-2021** SETTING THE MILLAGE AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR 2021-2022 was presented for passage. Administrator McLauchlin advised that the only change to the Resolution that was passed on September 27 was a correction to an error on the Local Option Sales Tax Credit Factor. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass and amended Resolution 19-2021. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 21-2021** AMENDING AN AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK OF LEXINGTON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (LONESTAR SOLAR) was tabled until a later meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

Administrator McLauchlin proposed a one-time bonus to employees who worked during the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposal is for \$1000 to full-time employees, and \$500.00 to

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part-time employees who worked during the period of March 19, 2020 to June 30, 2021. The COVID-19 Funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan would fund these bonuses. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pay a one-time bonus to employees who worked during the period March 19, 2020 to June 30, 2021 of \$1000.00 to full-time employees and \$500.00 to part-time employees, with the exception of elected officials. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Councilman Nelson noted, for the record, that he would support this motion but that he feels Council should have done something special for first responders and "I just would have done it a different way". After some discussion, a vote was held and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

None.

Administrator

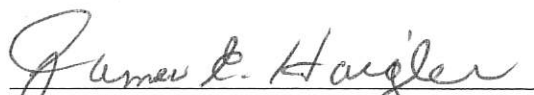
1. Administrator McLauchlin reminded Council of the Countywide Litter Pick-up on October 15.
2. Human Resource Director, Brandy Roberson, was recognized for completing the Darla Moore Local Government Leadership Institute.


Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Vice- Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

