

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 2023
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 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 McLaughlin
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

Vice-Chairman Westbury made the motion to approve the October 9, 2023 meeting agenda as outlined and was seconded by Councilman Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Public Hearings

Chairman Haigler opened a Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2023-18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE IV. - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 6. - ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN REGIONAL HOSPITAL**. There were no questions or comments, and the Hearing was closed.

Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-18. Councilman Carson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2023-18, and was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the September 25, 2023 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

Representative Russell Ott appeared to give updates regarding funding and various projects. Rep. Ott commented on the grand opening of the Sports Complex, adding that the project is a benefit for the county. He also reported the \$750,000 has been appropriated for the irrigation system at Calhoun Hills Golf Complex, and commended all involved in getting the complex in good shape. He also told that \$83,000 will go for improvements at Congaree Bluffs, \$18,000 for DNR officers' equipment and approximately \$100,000 for Sandy Run walking trail. Rep. Ott also reported that he would be involved with a Judicial Reform bill and a Public Schools Competitive Balance bill. Chairman Haigler commended Rep. Ott for the work he does not only for Calhoun County, but statewide.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Administrator

Administrator McLaughlin thanked Representative Ott for his work. He also noted the 7th Annual Industry Appreciation Tournament on October 20th, 2023.

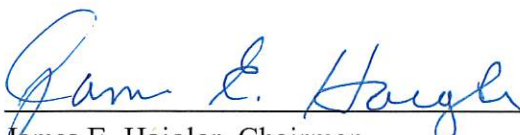
Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session to discuss a Legal matter – Insulin Claim with Attorney Charles Whetstone. Motion was made by Vice-Chairman Westbury, seconded by Councilwoman Bonnette and passed unanimously.

Councilman Thornton made a motion to come out of Executive Session, brining no matters forward. Second was made by Councilwoman Bonnette and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Carson made a motion to adjourn with second by Councilman Thornton. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Chairman


Shayla C. Jenkins, Clerk to Council