

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 16, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, on Monday, August 16, 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
Administrator John McLauchlin
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.
Councilman Cecil Thornton

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 July 26, 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

None

Appointments

None

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Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Mr. George Gates appeared before Council to discuss a matter concerning a moving permit for a mobile home. He stated that he was denied a moving permit although he feels he has done everything needed in order to obtain the permit. Administrator McLauchlin added that he would speak with the Building and Planning Department on Tuesday and get back in touch with Mr. Gates with a written statement explaining why he was denied the moving permit. Vice-Chairman Haigler and Councilman Westbury both stated that they would need more information on the situation before deciding on any action.

2. Matt Trentham of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department asked for \$110,004.00 from the Federal Covid Relief Funds to be used as one-time bonuses for employees of the Sheriff's Department. Vice-Chairman Haigler stated that he felt that this would need to be discussed when the full Council was present since it involves a substantial amount of money.

Resolutions

1. **Resolution 15-2021** A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THEIR REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE CURRENT FEDERALLY AUTHORIZED LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE, SOUTH CAROLINA PROJECT was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 15-2021. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Resolution 16-2021** A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT THE SC GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO CONTINUE TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO COLLECT USER FEES THAT FUND CRITICAL NEEDS SUCH AS PUBLIC SAFETY AND INFRASTRUCTURE was presented for approval. Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Resolution 16-2021, with Councilman Haigler seconding. Councilman Westbury asked for a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were: Councilman Nelson – yes; Councilman Haigler – yes; Councilman Westbury – no. The Resolution passed on a 2 to 1 vote.

3. **Resolution 17-2021** A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL'S REQUEST THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALLOW COUNTIES TO INCREASE THE MILLAGE CAP SET BY SECTION 6-1-320 OF THE SC CODE OF LAWS IN THE LIMITED MANNER SET OUT IN SENATE BILL 401 was presented for approval. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve Resolution 17-2021. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2021-19 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 50-31 AND SECTION 50-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (MOBILE HOMES) was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2021-19. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2021-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OF SALE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2021-20. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF EXCESSIVE NOISE AND NUISANCES, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TO SET CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AFTER NOTICE is on hold.

Administrator

Administrator McLauchlin introduced several new employees, shown on attachment.

Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion enter into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter in Administration as well as a Contract Matter in Administration. Councilman Nelson seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and Council entered into Executive Session.


Council returned from Executive Session, having taken no action.

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Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:36p.m.


James E. Haigler, Vice- Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

