

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

August 24, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: 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 Lenessa Hawkins
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.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Summers opened the Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2020-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 95-6, AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK OF LEXINGTON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO RELATED.** There were no questions or comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to amend the Agenda to have Laura Evans and Reverend Richburg who were scheduled to appear moved to Executive Session. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the July 27, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

Appearances

Chad Lowder, CEO of Tri-County Electric Cooperative appeared before Council to give an update of the fiber installation project in the County. He stated that this is a 3-year project which will provide fiber connection to all Tri-County members, and that he expects the first connection to take place in November.

Old Business

None

New Business

Councilman Haigler made a motion to allow the John Ford Association to place a Historical Marker on the grounds of the John Ford Community Center. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2020-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 95-6, AS AMENDED BY SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK OF LEXINGTON AND CALHOUN COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK, AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO RELATED** was presented for Third

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Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-11. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2020-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-12 TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS** was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-13. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance 2020-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2000-1 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TO SET CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AFTER NOTICE** was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-14. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that he has prepared a letter to send to the Calhoun County School District asking that they transfer ownership of property the School District owns located on Park Street to the County to be used as a recreational facility. He stated that a Phase I Environmental Study will need to be done, as well as a legal title search.

2. Next, Council discussed having only one meeting per month due to COVID-19 concerns. Councilman Westbury made a motion to change the meeting schedule to one meeting per month from now until the end of the fiscal year. Councilman Haigler seconded. Councilman Nelson stated that he had some concerns about the length of time for this change. After some discussion, Chairman Summers called for a vote on the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

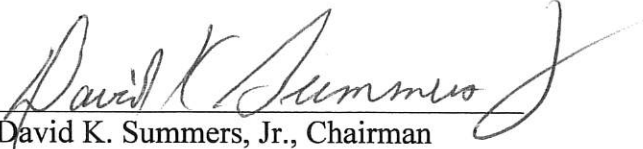
Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in the Sheriff's Department as well as hearing from Laura Evans and Reverend Richburg from the tRMC Board of Trustees. Councilman Thornton seconded and Council entered into Executive Session.

Council returned to open session, having taken no action.

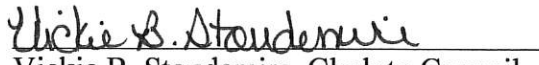
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Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

