

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 26, 2019  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2019 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 Ted Felder  
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas  
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudenmire

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 and The Times and Democrat. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website [www.calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Public Hearing:**

Chairman Summers opened a public hearing on the following:

Ordinance 2019-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-4 TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS

There were no citizen comments or questions and the hearing was closed.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the July 22, 2019 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.

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**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments**

None

**Resolutions and Proclamations**

**Resolution 6-2019** A Resolution Declaring August 29, 2019 Regional Medical Center Day was presented.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 6-2019 as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Appearances**

1. Wanda Kris Thompson appeared before Council to ask for help concerning a night club operating next to her property. She had many complaints about the club and stated that she has been to law enforcement about the issue, but has been told there is nothing they can do. She also stated she has made complaints to South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) but has not received any help. Council advised Ms. Thompson that they will look into the County Ordinances to see what can be done.

2. Jeff Price, Rural Fire District Coordinator, appeared next and thanked Council for its continued support. He added that the last tanker has been received and is in operation. He also advised that the Midway District's ISO rating has dropped from a 9 to a 5, which will save residents of the District quite a bit on their insurance rates.

3. Next, Crystal Youmans and Tim Moore of EMS appeared to give an update on the new emergency equipment, which they are already using. They thanked Council for its continued support.

4. Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas presented an Enterprise Funds Report for Fiscal Year 208-2019 (copy attached).

**Old Business**

1. Administrator Felder gave a report on the Lower Savannah COG Long-Range Transportation Plan Calhoun County Projects (copy attached).

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**New Business**

1. Administrator Felder presented a Memorandum Of Understanding between Calhoun County and the SC Department of Social Services which would allow DSS to use the John Ford Community Center for DSNAP services during emergencies. Councilman Haigler made a motion to approve the Memorandum as presented, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2018-27** Administrator Felder advised that an RFQ has been issued for legal services for changes to the Zoning Ordinance, and he feels further readings of this Ordinance should be tabled until such time as legal services have been procured. Councilman Westbury made a motion to table **Second Reading of Ordinance 2018-27 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-11, THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ESTABLISH USE RESTRICTIONS IN RUD ZONED AREA.** Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion to table was unanimously passed.

2. **Ordinance 2019-12 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-4 TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS** was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2019-12. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

Administrator Felder gave the following reports:

1. He reported that Councilman John Nelson has been appointed as Vice-Chair to the Central Midlands COG Transportation Subcommittee.
2. Animal Control; Maintenance and Grounds, EMD Activities (copies attached).
3. Administrator Felder advised that SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has issued an initial report on closure of the Calhoun County Landfill.

**Chairman Summers stated that he would like to amend the Agenda to include an item in Executive Session, being a contract matter concerning the Landfill closure. Councilman Westbury made a motion to amend the agenda to include a contract matter concerning the Landfill. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

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4. Administrator Felder reminded Council that the 100 year anniversary celebration for tRMC will be held on Thursday, August 29.

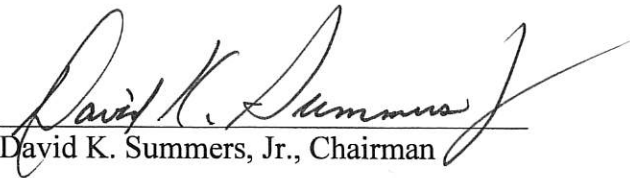
**Executive Session**

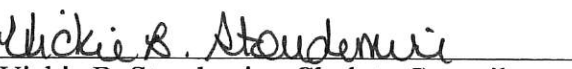
Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in Building and Planning; to receive legal advice in the SC Public Interest Foundation, et al. vs. Calhoun County; and to discuss a contract matter concerning the Calhoun County Landfill. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council returned to open session having taken no action in executive session.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

