

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2016
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 22, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Councilwoman Pamela Claxton
Administrator Lee Prickett
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder
Clerk Vickie Stoudemire
Finance Director Denise Christmas

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.

Public Hearing

The floor was opened for a public hearing on Ordinance 2016-1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, AND THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTIRAL PARK

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the February 8, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilwoman Claxton and seconded by Councilman Haigler to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments None

Appearances

1. Finance Director Denise Christmas gave a report on the Lower County Water Project. She advised that a 1.6 million dollar grant and a 2.7 million dollar loan were obtained for this project. There is approximately \$8,497.00 of the funds left, which may be used for extension of water lines or for replacing meter heads with radio-read meters in the lower part of the County.

Resolutions and Proclamations

A Proclamation Commemorating March 21, 2016 as End Racism Day was presented. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to approve the Proclamation as presented. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Assistant Administrator Ted Felder introduced Guy Sanfratello, a registered forester, to Council. Mr. Sanfratello presented bids he received on the harvesting of timber on properties owned by Calhoun County. The bids were opened on February 18, 2016, and he recommends accepting the bid of Caw Caw Land & Timber. He stated that some of the timber would be thinned and some would be completely harvested. Councilman Nelson made a motion to accept the bid of Caw Caw Land & Timber. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Assistant Administrator Felder advised that a USDA Grant is available for improvements to Soft Breezes Road and to Preference Road, which were damaged during the October flood. The grants will require a 25% match from the County. The grant amount

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available for Soft Breezes Road is \$15,184.42 which will require a match of \$3,796.11. The grant amount available for Preference Road is \$314,741.30 which will require a match of \$78,685.33. Administrator Prickett advised this grant is only a sediment control program which will include some piping and rocking, but will not be for paving. He also advised that some work on Soft Breezes has already been done by the Public Works Department. He also advised that the Public Works Department has made Preference Road passable, but that this is a low traffic, cut-through road with only one permanent residence on the road.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve the grant application for repairs to Soft Breezes Road. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Administrator Lee Prickett advised Council that money is available through the SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to maintain or convert the tennis/basketball court located at Bates Park. It can be fixed or converted to green space, or moved to another location. PARD money can be used for a match if the tennis court is moved to another location, and can also be used to repair the tennis courts located on Butler Street, if the Town is willing to work this out. Councilman Thornton made a motion to authorize a letter of intent to convert the tennis/basketball court located at Bates Park. Councilwoman Claxton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator Prickett asked for authorization for use of the John Ford Community Center as a located for a 2 day, one time clinic for spaying and neutering of dogs and cats. Under the agreement with Lulu's Rescue, the costs will be \$25 for cats and \$55 for dogs. Councilman Haigler made a motion to authorize use of John Ford for services as presented. Councilwoman Claxton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrator Prickett advised that he has been approached and asked that the John Ford Community Center be used for Alcoholics Anonymous meetings on Thursday nights. Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to approve of this request. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2016-1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND HICKORY SPRINGS BOTTLING, INC. PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENBT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAXES AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, AND THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN CALHOUN COUNTY IN A MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTIRAL PARK was presented for Third Reading.

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Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2016-1. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Prickett advised that good progress has been made on the repairs to the St. Matthews EMS Station following the fire there. Approximately \$25,000.00 in repairs have been finished to date.

2. Mr. Prickett gave an update on the two pump station being installed in the County. The station for the Cayce connection should be completed by March 15, and the re-pump at the I26 Industrial Park which will increase the flow to 300,000 gpd is waiting on delivery.

3. Also, Mr. Prickett reported that the replacement water lines from Old Sandy Run Road to Old Swamp Road are 95% completed.

4. Next, Mr. Prickett asked that a work session be scheduled in place of the March 28, 2016 Council meeting. Council agreed to a work session to begin at 9:30 a.m. on March 22, 2016, which will take the place of the March 28 regular meeting.

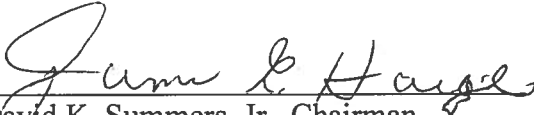
Executive Session

Councilwoman Claxton made a motion to convene Executive Session to discuss a legal matter concerning the SC Forestry Association vs. Calhoun County, et al. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council returned from executive session having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
in absence of Chairman Summers



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council