

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 24, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, February 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 Ted Felder
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
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 and The Times and Democrat. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Public Hearings:

1. **Ordinance 2020-1** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

2. **Ordinance 2020-2** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A WATERWORKS SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, TO BE DESIGNATED SERIES 2020, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (1,750,000), OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING

Attorney Lawrence Flynn of Pope Flynn explained these two Ordinances. The first, Ordinance 2020-1 is a Master Bond which will allow the County to collapse the 2008 Waterworks Bond into a shorter time period and at a lower interest rate. This will result in significant savings of \$748,000.00 over a 15 year period.

The second, Ordinance 2020-2 will allow a refund of the 2008 bond, under the Master Bond.

There were no comments or questions, and the hearings were closed.

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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 February 10, 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

Chairman Summers presented to Milton Dufford a Proclamation Honoring Mr. Dufford for over 15 years as a Trustee on the Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees.

Appearances

1. Judge Jeff Bloom, Calhoun County Chief Magistrate, gave an update to Council. He outlined several changes he has made to the Magistrate Court system, including a review of all open cases. He stated that fines can now be paid at the St. Matthews office as well as the other two offices, since the St. Matthews office is open full-time. He has asked the other magistrates to submit their budget requests, and he advised that Judge Thomas Randolph will retire on June 30, 2020.

2. Human Resource Director, Brandy Roberson, spoke next. She advised that she is now handling Risk Management for the County and that she has attended several meetings and conferences in regards to this.

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3. Next, Deputy Administrator, Lenessa Hawkins, gave an update on the Opportunity Zone Program and presented here recommendation for participation in the program. Councilman Nelson made a motion that Calhoun County fully embrace the opportunities as outlined by Ms. Hawkins. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business

Administrator Felder notified Council that tRMC asked that the County send a letter in support of the hospital's request for a Certificate of Need to develop an ambulatory surgery center on the hospital's campus. Councilman Haigler made a motion to send the letter of support, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2020-1 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO** was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-1. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2020-2 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A WATERWORKS SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, TO BE DESIGNATED SERIES 2020, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (1,750,000), OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO** was presented for **Second Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-2. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Felder gave an update on a follow up meeting he had with SCDC on the Foodshare Program, and stated that he had had a meeting with Jim Johnson and they toured the new community kitchen at John Ford Community Center.

2. Administrator Felder advised that the Work Session which was scheduled for March 26 will not be held.

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3. Next, Administrator Felder advised that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flintom, who were in attendance, which to donate a bench to Calhoun Hills Golf Complex in memory of their son, John Flintom. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the donation as presented. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

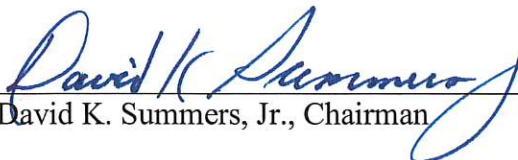
Executive Session

Councilman Nelson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter concerning Project Clemson, and Personnel Matters in Building and Planning; Animal Control, and Magistrate. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

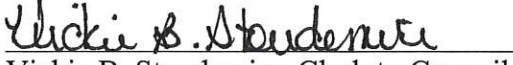
Council returned to open session having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

