

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 27, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 27, 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/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, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

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 June 22, 2020 regular meeting and the July 8 emergency 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

1. Calhoun County EMS Director, Crystal Youmans, appeared before Council to present two awards to EMS employees. The first award was the "Employee of the Year" awarded to Michelle Myers. The second award was a special award presented to Tim Moore for his efforts in saving EMS and the County over \$48,000.00 over the last two years.

2. Deputy Administrator/CFO, Denise Christmas, appeared next. She advised Council that a One Dollar (\$1.00) per month increase in residential water fees to the Belleville and Sandy Run areas of the Water District is needed in order to finalize the plan to make all fees in the County equal and to be eligible for certain USDA grants. This minimum fee will pay for 4,000 gallons, which is a 250 gallon increase in what the current fee pays for. Also, she is asking that the sewer rate be raised by twenty-eight cents (.28) per gallon to a rate of \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

1. 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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2020-13. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. 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 First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2020-14. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Administrator

None

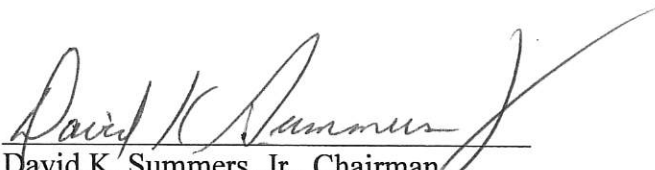
Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter (Project Almeta) and a Personnel Matter concerning Evaluations. Councilman Thornton seconded and Council entered into Executive Session.

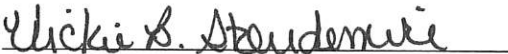
Council returned to open session, having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

