

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
June 22, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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.

Public Hearings:

1. Ordinance 2020-4

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY

2. Ordinance 2020-5

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

3. Ordinance 2020-6

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

4. Ordinance 2020-7

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX

5. Ordinance 2020-8 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.12 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT

6. Ordinance 2020-9 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE THREE (3) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

7. Ordinance 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY

There were no questions or comments from the public, and the Hearings were closed.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

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Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 8, 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

1. Chairman Summers nominated Dawn Robinson to the tRMC Hospital Board to represent Calhoun County in place of Kenneth Rickenbaker, who resigned. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the nomination of Dawn Robinson, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Councilman Haigler made a motion to approve of the nomination of Kirsten Pratt to represent Calhoun County on the Lower Savannah Workforce Development Board. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Steve Yeargin of the Building and Planning Department introduced himself to Council and gave a report on his office's activities. He is working with DNR on updating the County's Flood Plain Ordinance; and he is also conducting a study of permit fees in the County. He stated that the developers of Lakewilde Subdivision have shown renewed interest and have come before the Planning Commission with a new plan for the subdivision.

Also, the developers of McCord's Ferry development, formerly known as Blackwater, have been before the Planning Commission with subdivision plans. It is Mr. Yeargin's recommendation that Council approve moving forward with the proposed changes at Lakewilde and McCord's Ferry.

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Councilman Westbury made a motion to move forward with approval of the changes to Lakewilde Subdivision. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Westbury then made a motion to move forward with approval of the changes to McCord's Ferry for the portion located in Calhoun County. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Chief Magistrate, Jeff Bloom, gave Council a quarterly update on the Magistrate's Court. He advised that he has moved some cases from the Sandy Run Court to the St. Matthews office, that the St. Matthews office has been operating during the COVID-19 quarantine, with safety measures being followed, and that hearings were being held virtually via Zoom.

Judge Bloom added that Judge Thomas Randolph of the Cameron office will be retiring as of June 30, 2020, and that a new Judge for Cameron may be placed by August or September. Chairman Summers, who represents the Cameron District, stated that he does not believe that a Magistrate is needed in Cameron, as the case load is very light. Jude Bloom said that he would look into the matter.

Old Business

Administrator McLaughlin advised that he will be meeting with a representative of Davis & Floyd to discuss the Landfill Closure draft, as well as ideas for improvements to the County Convenience Sites. He will also be meeting with someone from Parker Poe to discuss selling the Landfill permit.

New Business

None

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2020-4 Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR THE OPERATION, DEBT SERVICE BUILDING FUND AND FOOD SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, THE ORANGEBURG-CALHOUN TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD (INCLUDING THE L. MARION GRESSETTE CENTER); TO PROVIDE FOR DEPOSIT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN CALHOUN COUNTY was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Haigler

made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-4. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ordinance 2020-5 Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBT SERVICE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURE THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-5. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2020-6 Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER AND WASTEWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-6. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2020-7 Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-7. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2020-8 Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.12 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020 AND TO APPROPRIATE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-8. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2020-9

Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF, TO PROVIDE THREE (3) MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-9. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2020-10

Third Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-10. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance 2020-11

Second Reading

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 Second Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Second Reading of Ordinance 2020-11. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin reported on the litter pickup days. The Fire Departments picked up on June 13, and County employees picked up on June 15. Over 6,000 pounds of litter were picked up on these days.

2. Next, Administrator McLauchlin reported that there were approximately 200 people tested for COVID-19 in Cameron, and approximately 320 were tested at the event in the Annex parking lot in St. Matthews.

3. Administrator McLauchlin then introduced the new County Animal Control Director, Bobby Mangum. Mr. Mangum stated that he is in the process of implementing new ideas and that when the new Animal Control Officer is hired, training will be provided.

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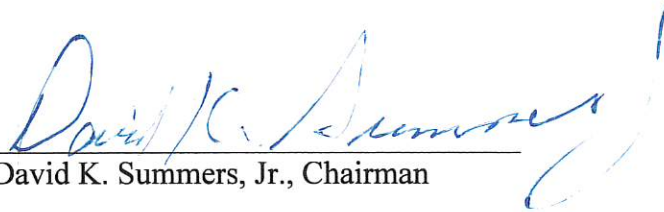
Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Legal Matter and a Personnel Matter.


Council returned to open session, having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

