

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**March 25, 2019**  
**5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present were: Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided  
Councilman Cecil Thornton  
Councilman John Nelson  
Councilman Ken Westbury  
Acting Administrator Ted Felder  
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas  
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.

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).

**Call to Order**

Vice-Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the March 11, 2019 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

1. Councilman Haigler stated that the Recreation Committee had met and that Administrator Ted Felder would give a report on said meeting. Mr. Felder first introduced Mr. Greg Cole, who gave a presentation of disc golf. Mr. Cole would like to have disc golf available at the Calhoun Hills Golf Complex. He advised that the course has a great lay out for this, and that disc golf would be played on one side of the course, and only on the front nine holes. He estimated that it would cost approximately \$8,000.00 to set up the course for disc golf. He stated that this is a very fast growing sport and he believes it will pay for itself and eventually generate

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income for the golf complex. Council asked that he get a specific proposal together to present at a future Council meeting.

2. Next, Administrator Felder reported on the on-going renovations at the John Ford Community Center. Due to a mold issue in the stage area, he asked that Council approve a change order of \$11,310.00 to address this issue. Also, the roof has been completed at a cost of \$56,808.00. Only the air conditioning work is left to be done in the gymnasium area. Mr. Felder also advised that a sealed bid process has been advertised for some kitchen items, which will not be used in the renovation.

**Appointments**

None

**Resolutions and Proclamations**

None

**Appearances**

None

**Old Business**

1. Administrator Felder asked for approval of a change order for an air handler at the John Ford project. He introduced James Benson from LCK who advised that due to some issues, an air handler will be needed for the kitchen, estimated to cost no more than \$10,000.00. Councilman Westbury made a motion to authorize Administrator Felder to approve the change order for an air handler in the kitchen, not to exceed \$10,000.00. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**

1. Administrator Felder advised that a Due Diligence Grant from the Department of Commerce is available to be applied for, which would be used to pay for due diligence in the I-26 Industrial Park. This grant would require a match of \$6,775.00 from the County, which would be paid from this fiscal year budget (2018-2019 FY). Mr. Felder made the recommendation that the County apply for this grant. Councilman Westbury made a motion to authorize Administrator Felder to apply for the Due Diligence Grant with a required match of \$6,775.00. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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2. Next, Deputy Administrator/CFO, Denise Christmas, advised Council that the contract for auditing services with C.C. McGregor ended this fiscal year. New proposals for auditing services had come in and been opened and ranked. The highest ranking went to Mauldin & Jenkins, at a proposal of \$35,900.00. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the proposal of \$35,900.00 from Mauldin & Jenkins, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2018-27** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2016-11, THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ESTABLISH USE RESTRICTIONS IN RUD ZONED AREA is on hold.

2. **Ordinance 2019-1** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM ONE OR MORE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARKS WITHIN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-1. Councilman Thornton seconded.

Councilman Westbury asked if the money used from the fees for infrastructure could also be used for off-site infrastructure for any new schools which may be built in the County. Will Johnson from Haynesworth Sinkler Boyd was in attendance and advised that the fees could be used for future school infrastructure if Council agreed. He also advised that current Council or any future Council would have the right to amend the distribution of revenue percentages. After this discussion, the motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-1 passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance 2019-2** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2015-1 TO AMEND THE RENTAL FEES FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY CALHOUN COUNTY AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL FACILITIES was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-2. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance 2019-3** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 2016-11 AS RELATES TO §5-125 SOLAR PROJECTS OR FARMS OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE OR ATTACHED TO A RESIDENTIAL UNIT was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 2019-3. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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**Administrator**

1. Administrator Felder gave the following reports (copies attached):
  - a. Animal Control
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
  - c. Building and Planning
  - d. EMA Activities
  
2. Administrator Felder reminded Council that a meeting is scheduled for April 24 beginning at 9:30 a.m. for Department Heads to speak to Council concerning their budget requests. He also reminded Council that the Purple Martin Festival will be held on April 6.

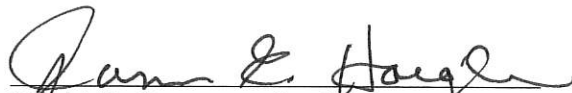
**Executive Session**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning the County attorney. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

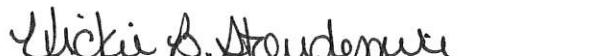
Council returned to open session having taken no action.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

James E. Haigler, Vice-Chairman

  
Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

