

CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING, ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021. DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, THIS MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SCHEDULED APPEARANCES. THE MEETING WAS LIVE-STREAMED OVER THE COUNTY'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

The following were present:

Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., who presided
Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Administrator John McLaughlin
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Councilman Cecil Thornton

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.

Amendment to Agenda

Councilman Westbury made a motion to amend the Agenda as previously posted to include First Reading of Ordinance 2021-4. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion to amend the Agenda was passed unanimously.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Ordinance 2021-2 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REAUTHORIZE AND EXTEND THE USE OF AND STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC MEETINGS; AND OTHER

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MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for passage. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Ordinance 2021-2. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Chairman Summers opened a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-1 AN ORDINANCE TO REPLACE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 2016-11 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Due to this Public Hearing being physically closed to the public, the Notice of Hearing which was published in The Times and Democrat on February 22, 2021 and in The Calhoun Times Leader on February 25, 2021, stated that any public comments should be e-mailed to the Clerk to Council by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. No comments were received prior to the Public Hearing; therefore the Hearing was closed.

ORDINANCE 2021-1 was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2021-1, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting and the February 22 special called 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

Recreation Director, Tyrone Dantzler, presented a report updating Council on on-going activities of the Recreation Department (copy attached).

Appointments

Councilman Westbury made a motion to appoint Councilman John Nelson to the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors to replace Councilman David Summers who resigned from the Board. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

None

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Appearances

1. Judge Jeff Bloom appeared before Council to give an update of the Magistrates' Court. He reported that he has ordered 500 hours of community service under the new Animal Control and Nuisance Ordinances. Also, that the new Central Traffic Court should be in operation by May; that in-person Court should be starting back soon; and that he sees a need for, and would recommend that Calhoun County look to providing its own detention center in the next 5 to 10 years.

2. Next, Ken Green of Boy Scout Troop 428 presented to Council his proposed Eagle Scout project. He proposes to build and install a "Little Free Library" at the John Ford Community Center. Councilman Westbury made a motion to allow Ken Green to go forward with placing a "Little Free Library" at the John Ford Community Center. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Chief Gary Hardee of the Sandy Run Fire District appeared next. He stated that the Fire District would like to issue a \$700,000 debt bond to pay off the fire engine debt, to add three (3) bays to the current station, to purchase new equipment, and to hire a fulltime employee at the station, all to be included in the District's proposed budget.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

A Financial Analyst Contract with Stephens Co., for a flat fee of \$25,000.00 was presented for approval. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve of the Financial Analyst Contract as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2021-3** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12 CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A CERTAIN COMPANY, IDENTIFIED FOR THE TIME BEING AS PROJECT COLA, TO

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PROVIDE FOR FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVES AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only of Ordinance 2021-3. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2021-4** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$7,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROJECTS APPROVED PURSUANT TO A CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX REFERENDUM ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only on Ordinance 2021-4. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that he and Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas have set up meetings with Department Heads who wished to meet to discuss their proposed budgets for 2021-2022. He also reminded Council of the Budget Work Session scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 10.

2. Administrator McLauchlin notified Council that biofuel containers which are used to collect used cooking oil will be placed at each Collection/Convenience Site. There will be no cost to the County.

3. Next, Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that there will be a county-wide litter pick up on March 19, to be coordinated by Ron Gibson.

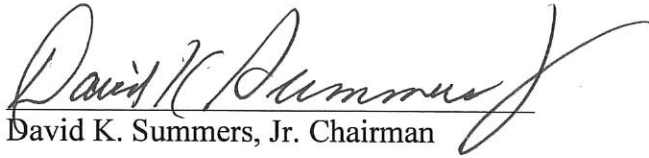
Executive Session

There were no items for Executive Session.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

