

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 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
Administrator Ted Felder
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudenmire

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 April 22, 2019 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of the April 24, 2019 budget work session were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

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Resolutions and Proclamations

Resolution 3-2019 A Resolution Establishing and Agreeing to Participate in The Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 3-2019 as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

1. Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson appeared before Council to request approval regarding health insurance cost for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. She requested the county absorb the 2% increase to the health insurance and pass the 3% increase to dental back to the employees. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the health insurance cost as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Roberson also asked that the Council approve a new Employee Assistance Program through Tri-County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. The cost would be \$4000 annually beginning in July. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the EAP as presented. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Delinquent Tax Collector Tammi Green appeared before Council requesting an increase in delinquent cost to \$100 for next year. Mrs. Green stated that Calhoun County was well below the average and that there has been an increase in the cost of certified mail delivery. Councilman Westbury made a motion to increase the fee to \$125, the motion died. Councilman Thornton made a motion to increase the fee to \$110. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Administrator Felder updated the Council on the Old Sandy Run Road/Highway 21/176 Intersection. Mr. Felder indicated that steps have been taken by The South Carolina Department of Transportation to remediate the issue at the corner of Old Sandy Run Road and Highway 176 in front of the store. They have placed temporary three foot cones and sand bags in the area. If this process is successful they intend to install permanent breakaway post and reflectors in the area. Councilman Nelson thanked Ms. Jacobs with The South Carolina Department of Transportation for helping address this issue.

New Business

1. Deputy Administrator/CFO Christmas requested approval of the Computer Services Agreement with PUBLIQ Software. Ms. Christmas indicated that there was a 10.5% increase to the maintenance contract due to a new State mandate regarding boat billing. The new

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module for boat billing is \$18,725 with a maintenance fee of \$2,975. The total contract amount is \$174,700. Councilman Westbury made a motion to give approval for the contract with PUBLIQ Software with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Second Reading of 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 2019-4 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 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 First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-4. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Ordinance 2019-5 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, 2019, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-5. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Ordinance 2019-6 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, 2019, FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-6. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Ordinance 2019-7 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNDS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN CALHOUN HILLS GOLF COMPLEX FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019

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FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-7. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Ordinance 2019-8 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF 4.4 MILLS TAXES TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE SANDY RUN FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, 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 First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-8. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Ordinance 2019-9 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE CALHOUN COUNTY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, 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 First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-9. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Ordinance 2019-10 AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY OF TAXES FOR COUNTY PURPOSES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019, AND FOR THE EXPENDITURES THEREOF AND OTHER FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE OTHERWISE FOR THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTY was presented for First Reading by Title Only. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-10. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Ordinance 2019-11 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE I. SEC. 2-1 OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DESIGNATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, AND FOR OBSERVANCE THEREOF was presented for First Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-11. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Felder gave the following reports (copies attached):
 - a. Animal Control
 - b. Maintenance and Grounds
 - c. Building and Planning

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2. Administrator Felder reported on the USDA Reconnect program. The USDA and the Federal Government have initiated a program to help rural counties with their broadband connectivity issues. The county has met with several different partners regarding the program and funding mechanisms.

3. Administrator Felder reported that an individual approached the County regarding the purchasing of the landfill permit. Mr. Felder asked Council if there was interest in selling the landfill permit. Councilman Haigler advised that it would be discussed. It was also noted that if Council should decide to sell that the permit would be made available to the public and that bids would be taken.

4. Administrator Felder advised Council that Mr. Newton of Newton Truck Parts had approached him regarding the purchasing of track 001-00-00-006. It was noted that if Council should decide to sell that the property would be made available to the public and that bids would be taken. Councilman Westbury asked that the property be put out for bid.

5. Administrator Felder gave an update on the Sandy Run Area Plan. Mr. Felder reported that the Central Midlands Council of Government's Transportation Committee passed the plan. The plan will then be taken up by the full Central Midlands Council of Government Board for approval later in May.

6. Councilman Nelson took a moment under the Administrator's report to thank Blythe Paving for their generosity. While resurfacing Old Sandy Run Road the contractor took time and resources to repave the entrance to the Sandy Run Fire Station.

Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Council returned to open session having taken no action.

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Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Brandy Roberson, Human Resource Director