

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, on Monday, July 12, 2021. The meeting was live-streamed on the County's Facebook page.

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
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 calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Public Hearing

Chairman Summers opened Public Hearings on the following:

1. Ordinance 2021-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2018-2 TO CHANGE THE RENTAL FEES FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OWNED AND OPERATED BY CALHOUN COUNTY

There were no questions or comments and the hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2021-14 was then presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2021-14. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the June 14, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

None

Proclamations

A Proclamation was presented to Beth Dantzler honoring her for thirty-nine years of service to the Regional Medical Center.

Appearances

1. Ms. Vernell Shirer of Cross Vine Court appeared before Council to ask that a proposed social club in her neighborhood not be allowed. Administrator McLauchlin stated that he had looked into this matter and that, according to the Building and Planning Department, the neighborhood is zoned only for residential use and; therefore, no social club would be allowed at the site. Councilman Haigler stated that he had also been contacted about this matter and was told that the area was zoned residential only.

2. David Sutherland, CEO of RMC was on the agenda; however, he was unable to attend and will appear at the July 26 meeting.

3. Brian Lynch of Santee-Cooper presented an update of the Lake Marion Water System transmission line expansion. There are upcoming projects – Dorchester Line, Orangeburg Providence Line, Orangeburg Berkley Line; and Calhoun Line. The Calhoun Line will include the Cameron reach and the St. Matthews reach. Mr. Lynch stated that the US Corps of Engineers will pay 75% of the cost of the expansion. Funding for the Counties' portion of the cost is budgeted from the General Fund.

4. Bobby Mangum of the Calhoun County Animal Control informed Council of a Volunteer Program he is initiating in the County. He hopes to include school children and adults as volunteers. He would like to hold a Community Outreach event in the fall to kick start the volunteer program.

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Councilman Westbury asked if the County has an Animal Shelter or an Animal Control. He feels that these are two different services. Mr. Mangum stated that he would like the name to be Calhoun County Animal Services going forward.

Next, Mr. Mangum presented Cheryl Price with a Career Service Award and thanked here for her eleven years of dedicated service to animals in the County.

5. Calhoun County TI Director, Robert Truesdale presented the new IT Policies and Procedures. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the IT Policies and Procedures as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions

1. **Resolution 14-2021** A RESOLUTION to amend an Agreement Relating to the Joint County Industrial and Business Park of Lexington and Calhoun Counties so as to Enlarge the Park (Project Cherry) was presented. This is for property located in Lexington County. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 14-2021, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2021-15** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM ROAD MAINTENANCE FEE FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE was tabled by motion of Councilman Westbury with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2021-16** AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A VEHICLE FIRE FEE TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RISING COSTS OF FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE RESCUE SERVICES IN CALHOUN COUNTY was tabled by motion of Councilman Westbury with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance 2021-17** AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA NOT EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TO

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PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID BONDS SHALL BE EXPENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass **Second Reading** of Ordinance 2021-17. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin presented a letter from RMC terminating its lease for the RMC Healthplex located at the John Ford Community Center. RMC will be constructing a new Family Practice and Healthplex facility on Highway 601. Councilman Westbury made a motion to allow RMC out of its current lease at John Ford Community Center. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. It was decided by Council that, due to the Association of Counties Annual Conference held the first week of August, the August 9th Council meeting will not be held. The next regular Council meeting will be held on August 23, 2021.

3. Next, Administrator McLauchlin introduced three new employees:

Danielle Scott – PT Kennel Attendant
Jeff Hammond – FT EMT
Kaitlyn Leftin – PT TEM

Executive Session

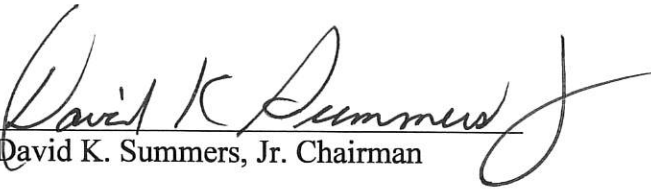
Councilman Nelson made a motion enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development Matter – Project Beach and a Contract Matter concerning the Dawn Center. Councilman Westbury seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and Council entered into Executive Session.


Council returned from Executive Session, having taken no action.

Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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David K. Summers, Jr. Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

