

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

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 25, 2019 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 Ted Felder
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 and The Times and Democrat. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website www.calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Public Hearing

Chairman Summers opened a public hearing on the following:

Ordinance 2019-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED PROPERTY VALUES RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY FOR ONE PROPERTY TAX YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

Calhoun County Tax Assessor, Steve Hamilton, stated that this is simply a postponement of one year to implement the reassessment, as is allowed by State law. It doesn't change anything, it simply postpones reassessment for one year.

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

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

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Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the October 28, 2019 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

Appointments and Re-appointments to the Sandy Run Fire District Board were made as shown in Resolutions and Proclamations below.

Resolutions and Proclamations

1. **Resolution 8-2019** Appointing Tiffany Basham to the Sandy Run Fire District Board was presented for approval. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 8-2019. Councilman Westbury seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.
2. **Resolution 9-2019** Re-appointing Mike Lee to the Sandy Run Fire District Board was presented for approval. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 9-2019. Councilman Westbury seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.
3. **Resolution 10-2019** Re-appointing William Wolfe to the Sandy Run Fire District Board was presented for approval. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 10-2019. Councilman Westbury seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.
4. **Resolution 11-2019** Appointing Jeff Coker to the Sandy Run Fire District Board was presented for approval. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 11-2019. Councilman Westbury seconded and the Resolution passed unanimously.
5. **Resolution 12-2019** A RESOLUTION (1) AMENDING THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN LEXINGTON COUNTY, SC AND CALHOUN COUNTY, SC TO ENLARGE THE PARK TO ADD CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN LEXINGTON COUNTY OWNED BY 374 METROPOLITAN, LLC; AND (2) APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO was presented for approval. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Resolution 12-2019, with Councilman Westbury seconding. The Resolution passed unanimously.

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6. **Resolution 13-2019** A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE MARION REGIONAL WATER AGENCY COMMITTING TO THE PURCHASE OF THE WATER SYSTEM IN THE EVENT OF THE SALE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY was presented for approval. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Resolution 13-2019, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The Resolution passed unanimously.

Appearances

1. Dr. Walt Tobin of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College gave an update on activities at the college. He thanked Council for its continued support.

2. Stephanie Harrison of tRMC, appeared before Council to discuss Healthy Living Strategies in Calhoun County. Her organization has conducted a Health Needs Assessment in the County and found that the top three concerns are obesity, diabetes, and hypertension. Her organization would like an opportunity to come into Calhoun County to help with these needs. Also, she introduced Jim Johnson who described a food share program which sells produce at reduced prices. He advised that they have the support of Representative Russell Ott, who was in attendance.

3. Next to appear was Lyman Wray of Stephens, Inc. He shared with Council a way to save money on repayment of two USDA Utility Bonds the County owes. Councilman Nelson made a motion to give Administrator Felder authority to look further into this matter. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. County Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas gave a Quarterly Financial report on Governmental Funds (copy attached).

Old Business

1. Administrator Felder gave an update on the City of Cayce Wastewater Agreement. He advised that Cayce has passed its new Ordinance regarding Wastewater and that Calhoun County has sent a letter to DHEC stating its intention to implement changes according to Cayce's Ordinance.

New Business

1. None.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2019-13** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE POSTPONEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED PROPERTY VALUES

RESULTING FROM THE EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT OF ALL PROPERTIES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF CALHOUN COUNTY FOR ONE PROPERTY TAX YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO was presented for Third Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2019-13. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2019-14** AN ORDINANCE TO CONVEY 3.24 ACRES MORE OR LESS, TO NEWTON TRUCK PARTS, INC. was presented for First Reading. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-14. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Felder gave the following reports:

(1) A Building and Planning Review Public Meeting was held on November 18, with a large turn-out;

(2) A Lower Savannah Council of Governments TAC meeting was held on November 19 at the John Ford Community Center. He stated that Calhoun County has projects submitted in all four categories;

(3) Calhoun County has fourteen (14) projects submitted for consideration with the Lower Savannah Council of Governments Long Range Transportation Plan;

(4) Administrator Felder attended the Central Alliance Federal Legislative Conference in Washington, DC. He met with Representative Jim Clyburn as well as the staffs of both Senator Graham and Senator Scott.

(5) HUD and Lower Savannah Council of Governments Fair Housing Plan for 2019-2020. Calhoun County will again be participating in this Plan.

Executive Session

Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter in Probate Court and an Economic Development matter known as Project Clemson. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

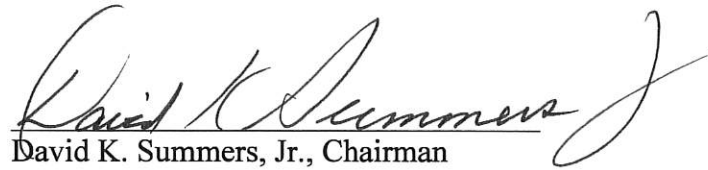
Councilman Nelson left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

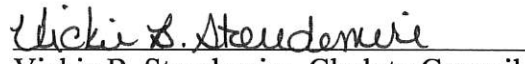
Council returned to open session having taken no action in executive session.

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Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

