

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 9, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 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 John McLaughlin  
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, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website [www.calhouncounty.sc.gov](http://www.calhouncounty.sc.gov).

**Call to Order**

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

**Invocation**

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Appointments**

None

**Proclamations**

None

**Appearances**

1. Dr. Walt Tobin, President of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College appeared before Council to give an update on the College. He stated that due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the academic year started on-line on August 17. Some small groups have been on campus since September 21, and it is expected that for the spring semester there will be some courses taken in person. He also reported on an increase of apprenticeships for students and on two capital projects which are priorities. Dr. Tobin also spoke about the proposed paramedic school and a major upgrade to the Advanced Manufacturing program.

**Resolutions**

None

**Old Business**

Administrator McLauchlin asked the members of Council to look at the design for the new signage at the Calhoun I-26 Industrial Park and let him know their thoughts in the next few weeks.

**New Business**

Administrator McLauchlin went over the six (6) bids for a new roof to the Administration Building (copy attached). He recommended that the bid of \$138,400 from Bone Dry Roofing be approved. Councilman Westbury made a motion to accept the bid of \$138,400 from Bone Dry Roofing. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinances**

1. **Ordinance 2020-15 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2018-22 TO ADD ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT FEES** was presented for Second Reading. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Second Reading on Ordinance 2020-15. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2020-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY (ANIMAL CONTROL)** was

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presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only on Ordinance 2020-6. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that Dominion Energy will contract with the County to replace all of the lights in the Administration Building parking lot with LED lights for an average savings of \$1,584.00 per year. This will require a ten (10) year contract, with no initial cost to the County.

Also, Dominion will replace all inside lights in the Administration Building with LED lights at a cost of \$24,000.00. Dominion has a rebate program which will reimburse the County one-half of the initial costs. This change will result in a savings of approximately \$6,600.00 per year.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to proceed with the Contract with Dominion as stated, with Councilman Nelson seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Next, Administrator McLauchlin notified Council that the new Time Clock Manager Software is in place and that all employees will begin using it in the next few weeks. He reported that 100% of the County employees will be using the new system.

Chairman Summers recognized Dr. William Molnar of the Lower Savannah Council of Governments who updated Council of upcoming COG events and meetings.

Councilman Westbury asked about the Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament that was held on October 23. Administrator McLauchlin stated that the tournament was a great success with good feedback. He thanked all sponsors and participants.

**Executive Session**


Chairman Summers noted that there were several items for Executive Session, including Economic Development – Sandy Run Industrial Park; and a Legal Matter concerning personnel issues. Councilman Nelson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as stated. Councilman Thornton seconded and Council entered into Executive Session.

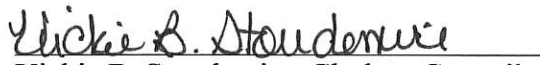
Council returned to open session having taken no action.

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**Adjournment**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

  
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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

