

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 12, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 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.

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 September 14, 2020 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

None

Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Rural Fire Coordinator Jeff Price appeared before Council to discuss some communication problems in the County. He stated that the antenna at Dispatch for the 176 Repeater is bad. He has talked with Emergency Management as well as the Sheriff's Department, but has been advised that there is no money budgeted for repairs. He estimates that it will cost approximately \$19,000.00 for repairs to the antenna and other damaged equipment which are causing problems with communication between Dispatch and Fire and Law Enforcement in the County. Councilman Westbury made a motion to authorize up to \$20,000 for upgrades to communications equipment. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Calhoun County Magistrate, Jeff Bloom, appeared before Council to introduce the new Magistrate for Cameron, Judge Cassandra Keller.

Resolutions

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2020-15 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2018-22 TO INCREASE FEES FOR BUILDING CODE PERMITS** was presented for First Reading By Title Only. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass First Reading By Title Only on Ordinance 2020-15. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Administrator

1. Administrator McLaughlin updated Council that a Sandy Run re-zoning meeting was held on September 24 at Beulah Methodist Church in Sandy Run. He stated there was very good attendance estimated at 140 people. Some revisions to the plan are being looked at due to suggestions expressed at the meeting.

2. Next, Administrator McLaughlin notified Council that in order to get a railroad crossing at the new Tri-County Global Industrial Park, Calhoun County will have to close one existing crossing. He believes that the best solution to this is to close the crossing at Hemlock Road. There will be no cost to the County, but DOT will require the County to maintain the road, which is an unimproved State Road. Orangeburg County will also have to close an existing crossing.

Councilman Westbury made a motion to authorize the application for closing of the Railroad Crossing at Hemlock Road. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrator McLaughlin reminded Council of the 4th Annual Business and Industry Appreciation Golf Tournament scheduled for October 23.

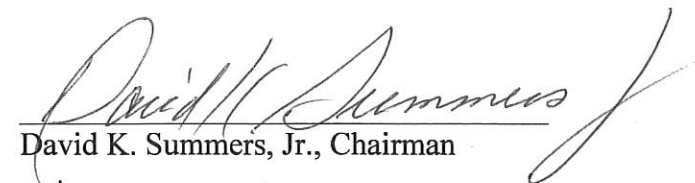
Executive Session

Councilman Thornton made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss economic development; a contract matter regarding legal services; and a legal matter related to the CPST lawsuit. Councilman Haigler seconded and Council entered into Executive Session.


Council returned to open session having taken no action.

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.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

