

MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 28, 2019
5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 28, 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
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.

Call to Order

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman James Haigler.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the October 14, 2019 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

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

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Appearances

1. Ms. Beverly Graves of the Friends of the Calhoun County Library appeared along with Kenneth Green, a Boy Scout from Troop 428. Kenneth asked that he be allowed to construct and place a "Little Free Library" at the Calhoun County Cares site as a project for him to achieve Eagle Scout rank. Councilman Westbury made a motion to allow Kenneth Green to go forward with presenting a proposal for the "Little Free Library". Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas was on the agenda to present a Quarterly Financial Report on Governmental Funds; however, she was unable to attend the meeting so this item was carried over.

3. Mallory Coffey, Keep South Carolina Beautiful State Leader, appeared before Council and gave a power point presentation on the Palmetto Pride project. She advised that there are grant funds available to help with litter control, including education. She stated that she would be happy to speak with County Administration about the types of help available. Chairman Summers asked that Mr. Felder follow up with this.

4. Next, Administrator Felder recognized the County's new Deputy Administrator of Operations, Ms. Lenessa Hawkins.

5. Deputy Administrator Hawkins gave the following reports (copies attached):

1. Animal Control Report
2. Recreation Department Update

Old Business

1. Administrator Felder gave an update on the Landfill Closure Process. He advised that the County can either let the Landfill Permit expire, or the County can sell the Permit. He stated that if the County is interesting in selling the Permit, he believes that professionals should be brought in for guidance. Councilman Westbury made a motion to authorize Administrator Felder to go forward with negotiating with a firm for professional guidance to explore the possibility of selling the Landfill Permit. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator Felder gave an update on the John Ford Community Center renovations. He advised that Phase II is basically complete, including new bathrooms in the Banquet Hall, a completely renovated kitchen, and heating and air conditioning in the gymnasium.

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3. Administrator Felder updated Council on the Wastewater Agreement with the City of Cayce. He reminded Council that the County sends its wastewater to Cayce, but that the County has retained its permit, but is not releasing any wastewater on its own.

New Business

1. Councilman Westbury made a motion that the November 11 Council meeting be cancelled as that is Veterans Day, a holiday observed by the County. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ordinances

1. Third Reading of 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 is on hold for Public Hearing.

Administrator

1. Administrator Felder requested that a Council Work Session be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. All Councilman agreed.

2. Next, Mr. Felder updated Council on the Building and Planning Review Public meeting which was held on October 21. He stated that there were approximately 10 people in attendance, with most being from the upper part of the County. The next public meeting will be at the EMS Station in Sandy Run on November 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

3. Administrator Felder next gave a report on the CDBG Workshop that he, Deputy Administrator Hawkins, and Councilman Haigler attended on October 22. As soon as the Jumper Station Fire Truck grant is closed out, Calhoun County will be eligible to apply for another grant in 2020. Councilman Haigler added that a lot of the grants are for municipalities and he has spoken with St. Matthews Town Administrator, Milton Pope, about the possibility of joint projects.

4. Administrator Felder advised that a Lower Savannah COG TAC meeting will be held on November 19. Calhoun County has submitted 14 projects for consideration.

Executive Session

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

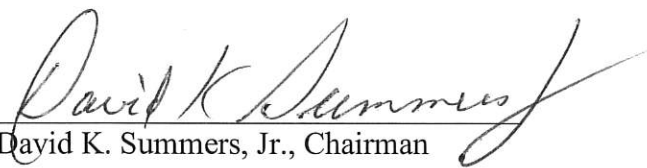
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Councilman Nelson left the meeting at 6:35 p.m.


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

Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

