

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING**

March 9, 2020

5:30 P.M.

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, March 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 Ken Westbury
Administrator Ted Felder
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Deputy Administrator Lenessa Hawkins
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Councilman John Nelson

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 February 24, 2020 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Westbury and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

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Appointments

Councilman Thornton made a motion to appoint David Stack to the Zoning Appeals Board to replace Boyd McLeod, who resigned. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions and Proclamations

None

Appearances

1. Jenny Swofford, Director of the Calhoun County Council on Aging appeared before Council to present and ask for approval of the Title VI Plan. This plan must be updated every three years, and was last updated in 2017. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the Title VI Plan as presented. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Deputy Administrator Lenessa Hawkins, updated Council on the proposed Animal Control Policies. The policies, which are for internal use, are under review and will be brought back at the next Council meeting.

Old Business

1. Brad Sanderson of Thomas & Hutton gave a report on the bid results for the pad grading at the I-26 Industrial Park. He advised that fifteen bids were received, with a low bid of \$327,200.00 from Wylie Easton Construction, Inc. Mr. Sanderson stated that Thomas & Hutton recommends proceeding with Wylie Easton based on their total bid of \$327,200.00. Councilman Westbury made a motion to move forward with the bid from Wylie Easton, Inc. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator Felder advised Council that RDA funds are available for improvements to the signage at the I-26 Industrial Park. An amendment to the Contract with Thomas & Hutton is required for them to handle the signage issue. Councilman Westbury made a motion to allow the county Administrator to amend the contract as stated. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Administrator Felder advised that J.R. Wilburn has submitted a proposal for further work on the Zoning Ordinance Review. The total will be \$28,170.00. Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas asked that this be delayed until the beginning of the new fiscal year in July, as there is no money budgeted for this proposal. Councilman Westbury made

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a motion to table the issue until July. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion to table passed unanimously.

4. Next, Administrator Felder reported that a bid of \$7,500.00 was submitted for a 1999 Dump Truck owned by the County. Brunson Hair was the only bidder. Councilman Haigler made a motion to accept the \$7,500.00 bid of Brunson Hair and Councilman Westbury seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Deputy Administrator/CFO, Denise Christmas, presented the Computer Services Agreements with PUBLIQ for Tax Processing and Software Maintenance. The Forms and Supply Agreement is for \$1,306.44, and the Computer Services Agreement for Tax Processing and Software Maintenance is for \$153,021.43. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the Contracts as presented, with Councilman Thornton seconding. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. Administrator Felder advised that the contract has been signed for signage at the Sandy Run Industrial Park and a public event showcasing the sign should be held soon.

Ordinances

1. **Ordinance 2020-1 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO** was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-1. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance 2020-2 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A WATERWORKS SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND, TO BE DESIGNATED SERIES 2020, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (1,750,000), OF CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO** was presented for **Third Reading**. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading of Ordinance 2020-2. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

1. Administrator Felder advised Council that the LSCOG TAC meeting has been changed to March 11.

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2. Administrator Felder advised that the 2020 Purple Martin Festival is scheduled for April 25.

3. Deputy Administrator Christmas asked that a budget work session be held on March 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Council agreed to this session. Ms. Christmas also stated that the budget readings will be held on May 11, June 8, and June 22.

4. Next, Administrator Felder advised that the County received recognition, in the form of an Achievement Award from NACO, for the tRMC joint project with Bamberg and Orangeburg Counties.

Executive Session

Councilman Thornton made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter concerning the Landfill Permit Process; economic development matters for Project Mesh and Project Test; and personnel matters in Animal Control and Administration

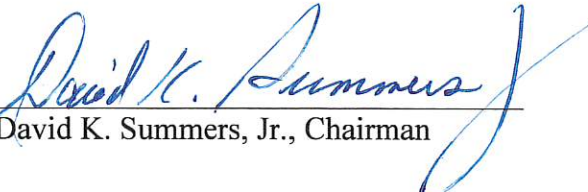
Open Session


Council returned to open session to vote on a recommendation on a new County Administrator as Administrator Felder resigned on January 15 to be effective March 16.

Councilman Haigler made a motion to offer an Employment Contract as County Administrator to John McLaughlin to become effective March 16, 2020. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Councilman Haigler made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

