

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 14, 2020  
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 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.

**Public Hearings:**

1. Chairman Summers opened the Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2020-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2019-12 TO INCREASE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR THE CALHOUN COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS**. There were no questions or comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

**Ordinance 2020-13** was then presented for Third Reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Third Reading on Ordinance 2020-13. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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2. Chairman Summers opened the Public Hearing on **Ordinance 2020-14 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF EXCESSIVE NOISE NUISANCES, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TO SET CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AFTER NOTICE.** Clerk Vickie Stoudemire informed Council that there is a slight change in the title to this Ordinance from the First and Second readings, which in no way effects the body of the Ordinance. There were no questions or comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

**Ordinance 2020-14** was then presented for Third Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass Third Reading on Ordinance 2020-14. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes of the August 24, 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**

Councilman Nelson nominated Kay James to the Calhoun County Library Board from District 3. Councilman Westbury seconded and the nomination and motion passed.

**Proclamations**

Chairman Summers presented a Proclamation to Kenneth T. Rickenbaker honoring Mr. Rickenbaker for his service to Calhoun County as a member of the Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees.

**Appearances**

1. Environmental Services Director Ron Gibson updated Council with a report on litter and mosquito control (copy attached).

2. Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas appeared next. She asked Council for approval of a supplemental appropriation for the Water Department budget for a \$178,000

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increase to the budget. \$35,000 of this amount is for an RIA Grant match, with the remainder to be used to fund the new Water Bond cushion and water line repairs. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation for the Water Department budget. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Next, Ms. Christmas advised that there will be a 2 mill increase to the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year millage set for the County. However, a credit factor decrease should offset any tax increase due to the increased millage. She added that the Public Schools District has not asked for an increase in its millage.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 4-2020** Setting the Millage and Lost Credit Factor for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year was presented. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 4-2020, with Councilman Haigler seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Chairman Summers asked Administrator McLauchlin if he could check into a matter that a constituent had concerning a 911 call made from Cameron, which was sent to the Orangeburg EMS rather than Calhoun. Mr. McLauchlin stated that he would look into this.

Dr. William Molnar of the Lower Savannah COG advised Council that a TAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 2:00 p.m.

**Ordinances**

See Public Hearings above.

**Administrator**

1. Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that going forward he will be asking all new employees to come to a Council meeting to be introduced. He then asked Human Resource Director Brandy Roberson to introduce several new employees. The employees introduced were:

Sam Jackson in Buildings and Grounds  
Christine Gaskins at the library

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Nancy Smith in the Assessor's Office  
David Smith in Animal Control

2. Mr. McLaughlin advised that there will be a re-zoning meeting on September 24 beginning at 5:30 at Beulah Methodist Church in Sandy Run.

**Executive Session**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract matter with the Calhoun County Public School District, as well as an economic development matter concerning Project Almeta. Councilman Haigler seconded and Council entered into Executive Session.


Council returned to open session to hold a vote on a matter discussed in executive session.

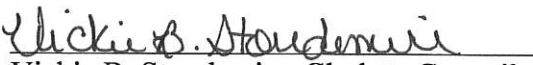
**Open Session**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 5-2020 A RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ORANGEBURG COUNTY..... Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

  
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David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman

  
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Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

