

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, September 23, 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
Deputy Administrator/CFO Denise Christmas
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudenmire

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 September 9, 2019 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Haigler and seconded by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

None

Appointments

1. Councilman Westbury nominated Christine Randolph to be reappointed to the Assessment Appeals Board from District 2.
2. Chairman Summers nominated Michael Edge to be reappointed to the Assessment Appeals Board from District 1.

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3. Councilman Nelson nominated Leon Fogle, Jr. to be reappointed to the Assessment Appeals Board from District 3.

Councilman Nelson made a motion to reappoint the nominees as presented. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions and Proclamations

Resolution 7-2019 A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MILLAGE AND LOST CREDIT FACTOR FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL YEAR was presented for passage. Councilman Haigler made a motion to pass Resolution 7-2019 as presented. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Appearances

1. Recreation Department Director Tyrone Dantzler gave an update (copy attached). He reported that the HVAC and PARD projects for the gymnasium at John Ford are being worked on.

2. HR Director Brandy Roberson appeared before Council next. She asked for approval for using ProBenefits to handle the HRA and FSA employee benefits. She stated that the company the County has used in the past will no longer be handling HRA or FSA benefits as of January 1, 2020. This new contract will save approximately \$1.00 per employee. She also asked that employees be allowed to use the HRA plan for medical, dental, vision, and pharmacy. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the Contract with ProBenefits to handle HRA and FSA benefits for the County. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Roberson asked Crystal Youmans, EMS Director, to explain the EMS Tuition Reimbursement Agreement which Ms. Youmans would like to have approved by Council. (copy attached). Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the EMS Tuition Reimbursement Agreement. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. Administrator Felder advised Council that the Agreement with J.R. Wilburn and Associates for the Building and Planning Review is not quite ready to be signed. Mr. Felder asked for signing authority with the understanding that the Agreement will be brought back to Council at the next meeting for final approval. Councilman Westbury made a motion to give signing authority for the Agreement with J.R. Wilburn and Associates to Administrator Felder. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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New Business

None

Ordinances

1. 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 was presented for First Reading. Councilman Thornton made a motion to pass First Reading of Ordinance 2019-13. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrator

Administrator Felder gave the following reports: Animal Control and Maintenance and Grounds (copies attached).

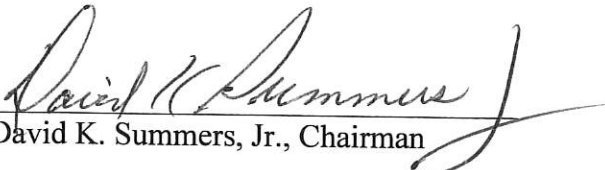
Executive Session


Councilman Westbury made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss two Economic Development matters – Project Build and Project Roe; as well as a Personnel Matter in Administration. Councilman Haigler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Adjournment

Councilman Thornton made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Westbury seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

