



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 PM
Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder

Vice Chairman W. J. Frierson, Sr.
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Ashley Miller, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Larry Johnson	Steven Smith	Robert McFadden
Jacqueline Blackwell	Robert Pegram	Celina Gleason	Jennie Lee
Darlene Hebert	Christine Darby	Carrie Myers	Patricia Pringle
Yana K. Mathis	George E. Frierson, III	And Other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with opening comments. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for September 12, 2022.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting which was held on August 8, 2022.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Special Called Council Meeting which was held on August 29, 2022.

3. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. Stacey R. McInnis to serve on the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board to serve a one-year term.

4. Resolutions

- a. Administrator Epperson presented Council with Resolution 2022-03 – A Resolution Authorizing Amendments to the Clarendon County Employee Guidelines, and Other Related Matters. He stated that this amendment will change the meal reimbursement from a certain dollar amount for breakfast, lunch, and dinner to the flat amount of \$60 per day with a paid receipt.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, County Council Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2022-03 – A Resolution of Clarendon County, South Carolina Authorizing Amendments to the Clarendon County Employee Guidelines; and Other Related Matters.

- b. Administrator Epperson presented Council with Resolution 2022-04 – A Resolution to provide Certification Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act of 2013 (S.C. Code Section 12-67-100 ET SEQ.), Regarding Property Located at 3 S. Church Street, Manning, South Carolina, and having Clarendon County Tax Map Number 187-03-03-002-00. He stated that a taxpayer who rehabilitates an abandoned building is eligible for a tax credit.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, County Council Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2022-04 – A Resolution to Provide Certification Pursuant to the South Carolina Abandoned Building Revitalization Act of 2013 (S.C. Code Section 12-67-100 ET SEQ.), Regarding Property Located at 3 S. Church Street, Manning, South Carolina, and having Clarendon County Tax Map Number 187-03-03-002-00.

5. Memorandum of Understandings

- a. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Memorandum of Understanding between Clarendon County, South Carolina and the Town of Summerton, South Carolina. To transfer property from the County to the Town of Summerton and the Town of Summerton will maintain the property. The property is located on Larry King, Jr., Highway, and the property will be used as a park.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between Clarendon County, South Carolina and the Town of Summerton, South Carolina. To transfer property owned by the County located on Larry King, Jr., Highway to the Town of Summerton and the Town of Summerton will maintain the property.

- b. Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Memorandum of Understanding between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice. He stated that this is an Annual agreement for the Clarendon County Detention Center to house juveniles in Columbia, South Carolina.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between Clarendon County, South Carolina and the Department of Juvenile Justice allowing Clarendon County Detention Center to house juveniles in Columbia, South Carolina.

6. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC is now in session. The CCTC began at 6:12 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to authorize funding for a School Traffic Safety Project on S-14-23 (Old Georgetown Road) and intersecting secondary roadways. He stated that the project will improve the traffic at Laurence Manning Academy (LMA) during dropping off and picking up students. It would include two lanes, one from Manning and one from Sumter and widen the road to the school. He continued by stating that South Carolina Department of Transportation in Columbia will design the project at a total cost of 1.4 million dollars. Administrator Epperson concluded his presentation by stating that the state portion of C-Fund will pay for the project.

- Vice Chairman Frierson stated that it is necessary that something is done in that area, and we need to be proactive and not reactive.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request for the Clarendon County Transportation Committee for a School Traffic Safety Project on S-14-23 (Old Georgetown Road) and intersecting secondary roadways in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC will close. The CCTC closed at 6:17 pm.

7. Hospitality Fee Request

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, presented Council with a request from the Hospitality Fee Program requesting \$1,400 for annual advertising space state-wide publication in a digital magazine for the Chamber of Commerce.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request for funding from the Hospitality Fee Program for annual advertising space in a digital magazine for the Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,400.

8. Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Fund

Mr. Lynden Anthony, Controller, presented Council with requests for the Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Fund:

- Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce for its tourism promotion initiatives in the amount of \$51,500;
- Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce for targeted specific marketing campaign of \$25,000;
- Santee Cooper Country for our-of-area promotional activities in the amount of \$5,000;
- Summerton Revitalization commission for promotional activities associates with the 2022 Duck Fest in the amount of \$20,000; and
- Clarendon County Government for the operation and maintenance of the I-95 Exit 119 Beautification Project in the amount of \$55,000.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the requests from the Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Fund for the following:

- Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce for its tourism promotion initiatives in the amount of \$51,500;
- Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce for targeted specific marketing campaign of \$25,000;
- Santee Cooper Country for our-of-area promotional activities in the amount of \$5,000;
- Summerton Revitalization commission for promotional activities associates with the 2022 Duck Fest in the amount of \$20,000; and
- Clarendon County Government for the operation and maintenance of the I-95 Exit 119 Beautification Project in the amount of \$55,000.

9. Ordinance 2022-05

Consideration was given to the Third and Final reading of Ordinance 2022-05- An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to repeal the 2011-05 Unified Development Code Ordinance, Subsequent Amendment thereto and the 2011 Zoning Classification Map and to Adopt the 2022 Unified Development Code and 2022 Zoning District Classification Map in Conformance with the Requirements of Sections 6-29 et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

Administrator Epperson stated that additional language was updated regarding RVs.

- Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, stated that the staff conducted a study of neighboring counties. The Planning Commission changed the language in the Ordinance to reflect that RVs can be plugged up for maintenance purpose only and no one can stay in the RV overnight.
- Ms. Maria Rose, Deputy Planning Director, stated that the Planning Commission has been working on Unified Development Code amendment for three years. She stated that the Planning Commission is trying to clean up around the lake area and to protect the property value for the homeowners. She continued by stating that first row mobile homes cannot be older than 5 years and 2nd row mobile homes cannot be older than 10 years old.

- Administrator Epperson stated that existing mobile homes are grandfathered in.

On motion by Councilman Richardson, and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-05 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to repeal the 2011-05 Unified Development Code Ordinance, Subsequent Amendment thereto and the 2011 Zoning Classification Map and to Adopt the 2022 Unified Development Code and 2022 Zoning District Classification Map in Conformance with the Requirements of Sections 6-29 et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

10. Ordinance 2022-08

Consideration was given to First Reading of Ordinance 2022-08 – An Ordinance By Clarendon County Council Authorizing the Acceptance of the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections for the Town of Paxville, South Carolina to the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission to Define the Powers, Duties and Responsibilities Assumed by the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission for the conducting of Municipal Elections in the Town of Paxville; To provide for Reimbursement of all Costs and Expenses Incurred by the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission in the Conducting of Such Municipal Elections; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Administrator Epperson stated that State Laws allow for Counties to conduct elections for Municipalities. Therefore, this Ordinance will allow for Voter Registration to handle the elections for the Town of Paxville and the Town of Paxville will reimburse Clarendon County for any expenses associated with handling their elections.

- Ms. Sharmane Anderson, Executive Director, stated that Voters Registration received a Grant to update the voting signs and she and Chief Johnson will be doing a ride along visiting the voting sites. She stated that Voters Registration has 40 new poll mangers for the upcoming elections and the National Guard will have all polling places open for the election and will close up the polling places at the end of the day.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-08 - An Ordinance By Clarendon County Council Authorizing the Acceptance of the Transfer of Authority for Conducting Municipal Elections for the Town of Paxville, South Carolina to the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission to Define the Powers, Duties and Responsibilities Assumed by the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission for the conducting of Municipal Elections in the Town of Paxville; To provide for Reimbursement of all Costs and Expenses Incurred by the Clarendon County Voter Registration and Election Commission in the Conducting of Such Municipal Elections; and to Provide for Other Matters Relating Thereto.

11. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,824,988 and Revenue figures were not available as of August 31, 2022.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$3,469 for the month ending August 31, 2022 and total Expenses were \$18,065. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of August, 2022 after transfers with a zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had total Revenue of \$236,374 for the month ending August 31, 2022 and total Expenses were \$141,403. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Interest income and USDA Phase II, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending August 31, 2022 with a Net Utility Deficit of \$27,981.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending August 31, 2022, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$3,380,647 of which \$2,506,516 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$874,131 as of the end of August 2022.

12. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council an update on the following:

- **Water/Sewer**
 - ✓ Our Phase II water project has been completed and is in service.
 - ✓ Our wastewater project that will be diverting sewer from our Wyboo Waste-Water treatment plant to the City of Manning is currently out for bid.
 - ✓ We submitted two (2) RIA/SCIIP Water Project Grants to the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) last week as a part of the State of SC's ARPA funding.
- **Summerton Park** – Work on the park is continuing as planned. We are still anticipating completion of the project in the Fall of 2022.
- **Barrineau Recycling Center** – Upgrades to this center have begun. Grading has started and a new attendant building has been ordered. However, we are currently in a stand still due to having to wait on septic tank permit from DHEC. Once we receive the permit, we are ready to continue with site development and an opening.
- **Airport**: The new gazebo and dog run areas has been completed. This will give pilots an area to visit so they can enjoy being outside and so they can allow their dogs a chance to run and stretch their legs.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - ✓ Fall sports practices have started. Games will begin in the upcoming weeks. We are offering Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Flag Football and Tackle Football.
 - ✓ We were able to assist FTC with an application where they are applying for broadband funds through the State of SC. We are fortunate that FTC and other providers have installed broadband in a majority of the areas of Clarendon County.
 - ✓ I would like to recognize two Clarendon County Employees for their service to our organization and the citizens. They were not able to make it tonight to receive their service awards:
 - Wayne Peagler – 5 Years
 - David Ragin - 10 Years
 - ✓ Early voting will be held from October 24, 2022 through November 5, 2022, Monday through Saturday.
 - ✓ Council approved in the budget the assistance requested by RTA to see if people will utilize their services.

13. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he attended the Summerton Community Action Group unveiling Ceremony where Congressman Jim Clyburn was the keynote speaker, and the ceremony was very good.

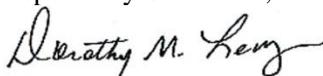
14. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular County Council meeting.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

