

- Request for approval for the 2023 Holidays Observance Schedule.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2023 Holidays Observance Schedule.

- Request for approval for the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Administrator Epperson stated that we need to add a Special Called meeting for April 24, 2023 for a Budget Workshop.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and the Special Called meeting for April 24, 2023.

- Ms. Vicki Williams, Grants Administrator, presented Council with a request to approve an updated schedule of hanger rental fees at the Clarendon County/Santee Cooper Regional Airport.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the updated schedule of hanger rental fees at the Clarendon County/Santee Cooper Regional Airport.

5. Presentations

- Mr. Dennis Cyphers, South Carolina Regional Council of Government (SCRCOG), presented Councilman Blakely with a plaque for his 20 years of Service with SCRCOG.

- Ms. Julia Nelson, Chairperson of SCRCOG, thanked Councilman Blakely for his years of service.

- Mr. Lebon Joye, Clarendon County Recreation Director, thanked Council for the assistance that they have given the Recreation Department during his 24 years of service of Recreation Director. He stated that it has been an honor and a privilege working for Clarendon County. Mr. Joye continued by stating that he was given 100% support and he wants to thank Council for their support.

- Councilman Blakely thanked Mr. Joye for putting the teams together and for all of the work he has done for the Recreation Department.

- Chairman Stewart presented Councilman Blakely with a plaque from Clarendon County Council thanking him for his tireless and unselfish service to the citizens of Clarendon County, South Carolina for 23 years.

- Councilman Blakely thanked everyone and stated that he has been working for Clarendon County for many years starting with working on the School board for many years, County Council and SCRCOG. He stated that what he does, he does it for the citizens of Clarendon County.

6. Ordinance 2022-09

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-09 - An Ordinance to Accept, Adopt, and Implement the Classification and Compensation Study of Clarendon County, South Carolina; to Authorize Funding of the Classification and Compensation Study of Clarendon County, South Carolina; and Other Related Matters.

7. Ordinance 2022-10

Chairman Stewart Excused himself and Vice Chairman Frierson asked what was the will of Council in reference to Ordinance 2022-10 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to Amend the County's Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel #122-00-03-017-00; from Agriculture II (AGII) to General Commercial (GC) and Providing an Effective Date.

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, stated that this parcel #122-00-03-017-00 would change the zoning map from Agriculture II to General Commercial allowing for mini warehouses.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilmen Blakely and English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-10 – An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to Amend the County’s Official Zoning Map Designation for Tax Map Parcel # 122-00-13-017-00; From Agriculture II (AGII) to General Commercial (GC) and Providing an Effective Date.

Chairman Stewart read into the minutes a Proclamation to the President of South Carolina State University Mr. Alexander Conyers who was not present at the meeting.

8. Public Hearing – Ordinance 2022-12

Chairman Stewart stated that the Public Hearing was now open for Ordinance 2022-12 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Increase in Compensation for Each Member of County Council; And Providing for Related Matters.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:28 pm

Administrator Epperson stated that this Ordinance would increase the compensation for each Council Member to \$2,000 more per year. He stated that the Chairman Position will increase from \$14,000 per year to \$16,000 and the Councilman position will increase from \$13,000 per year to \$15,000 per year. Administrator Epperson concluded by stating that this is in line with other areas.

- A Citizen asked why you think you all should get a raise. Some employers are getting \$.25, and you all are getting \$2,000. He stated that departments should be held accountable and the \$2,000 should go to the people that are doing the work. He asked how much work you all are doing for a meeting once a month.
- Chairman asked if there were any other comments, hearing none, he stated that the public hearing will close. The public hearing closed at 6:33 pm.

9. Ordinance 2022-12

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-12 – An Ordinance Authorizing an Increase in Compensation for Each Member of County Council; and Providing for Related Matters.

10. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,819,674 and Revenue figures were not available as of November 30, 2022.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$8,157 for the month ending November 30, 2022 and total Expenses were \$46,023. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November, 2022 after transfers with a zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had total Revenue of \$560,881 for the month ending November 30, 2022 and total Expenses were \$322,362. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Interest income and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending November 30, 2022 with a Net Utility Deficit of \$78,695.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending November 30, 2022, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$6,139,915 of which \$1,915,584 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 \$4,224,331 as of the end of November 2022.

11. Administrator's Report

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

- **Water/Sewer**
 - ✓ We had the pre-construction meeting and the notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor. The anticipated start date is within the next two weeks.
 - **Summerton Park** – Work has been completed. Picnic tables and benches has been installed. I hope the citizens of Summerton are happy with the results.
 - **Barrineau Recycling Center** – All items related to the center have been installed. Awaiting final electrical hook-up from Santee Electric Co-op and the installation of the compactor and roll-off containers from Waster Management. We are slated to receive a new compactor and updated roll-offs at this site.
 - **Miscellaneous**
 - ✓ Basketball practices have begun, and games should begin in January. Games will be played in Summerton, Manning, and Turbeville. Baseball and Softball Registration is scheduled to start early next year. Please check our social media sites for the announcement.
 - ✓ There would be a Special Called Meeting on December 22, 2022 at 6pm. The County's Fy2022 Audit will be presented.
 - ✓ County Offices will be closed on December 23, 26, and 27 for the Christmas Holliday and January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Holiday.
 - ✓ A swearing in ceremony for our local elected officials will be held on January 3, 2023 at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers at the Clarendon County Administration Building. The Public is invited to attend.
 - ✓ Beginning in 2023 during our Regular Scheduled Meeting, we will add a public comments section to our agenda. Anyone that would like to speak will have to sign up prior to the meeting. Once the clerk gets the list, no one else would be able to sign up for that meeting.
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- Councilman Blakely asked about the parking lot in Turbeville.
 - Administrator Epperson replied by stating that the County can not use C Fund to pave a parking lot.
 - Councilman Blakely stated that Council on Aging is corrupt, and a lot of funds are missing, and SLED needs to come in an investigate because we need someone to take care of our elderly people.
 - Mr. Dennis Cyphers, COG, stated that the previous provider for meals contract expired on November 19, 2022 because of lack of payments but we have another provider in place before the contract ended.

12. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart stated that he and Councilman Richardson participated in the Christmas Parade in Summerton this past Sunday and it was well attended.

13. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter and a Legal Briefing.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter and a Legal Briefing. The Executive Session began at 6:55 pm.

14. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 8:08 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council received information on a Personnel Matter and a Legal Briefing, and no action would be taken.

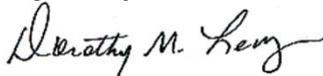
15. Adjourn

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 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

