



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator Lynden Anthony
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman John P. Coker
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson

Absent: Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Jose Calvo	Bobby Ridgeway	Angel S. Reed	Kathleen L. Gibson
Deloris Moore	Jason Dennis	Larry Johnson	Jacqueline Blackwell
Franklin Colclough, Jr.	Azalee Williams-Kinard	Burier Spann	Patricia Pringle
Jarrett Daniels	Johnny Wilson	Bobby Gibbons	Rob Gibbons
Jonah Gibbons	And Other Clarendon County Residents		

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular scheduled Council Meeting for July 8, 2024.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, June 10, 2024.

3. Service Awards

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting Thomasina Hall, Benefits Coordinator, Vice Chairman Frierson and Administrator Lynden Anthony recognized six employees for service awards.

• Jennifer Manning	5 years	Bernard Morris	10 years
• Benjamin Holmes	5 years	Michael Stinnie	10 years
• Jeremy Ganes	5 years	Aretha Stephen	15 years

Vice Chairman Frierson thanked everyone for their service.

4. Public Comments

- We did not have a public comment section at this meeting.

5. Presentation

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, presented a plaque to Mr. Robert Gibbons for his numerous

years of dedicated service serving as a member of the Clarendon County Planning Commission.

Mr. Gibbons gave comments thanking the Planning Commission and County Council for recognizing him with a plaque and he thanked Former Councilman Benton Blakely for nominating him to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Gibbons concluded his comments by stating that he feels like Councilman Coker is able to represent Clarendon County District Three.

6. Board Appointment

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval appointing Mr. Jay Bruner to serve on the Clarendon County Behavioral Health Services Board.

7. Clarendon County Accommodations Tax Fund – “Promotional Fund”

Administrator Anthony presented Council with a request from the Accommodation Tax Fund. He stated that the county collects \$100,000 annually for the Accommodation Tax Fund and the State determines the use of the funds.

- Mr. Jesse Surette began his presentation by giving Council an overview of the General Operation Expenditures of the Chamber. He continued by stating that the Chamber is requesting \$67,500 for the 2024-2025 budget year for the Tourism Department for day-to-day operations.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce requesting \$67,500 from Accommodations Tax Fund for its ongoing tourism promotional program for Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

8. Intergovernmental Agreement

Administrator Anthony presented Council with an Intergovernmental Agreement between Clarendon County, South Carolina and the Town of Turbeville. He stated that this agreement is for Code Enforcement Services. The Agreement is for a one (1) year period in the amount of \$8,500.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Clarendon County, South Carolina and the Town of Turbeville.

9. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$29,389,048 and Revenue was not available as of June 30, 2024.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$50,781 for the month ending June 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$174,099. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of June, 2024 (after transfers) with a deficit of \$28,318.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had total Revenue of \$1,519,398 for the month ending June 30, 2024 and total Expenses were \$992,491. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Transfers, Interest income and Grant Revenue, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of June 30, 2024, with a Net Utility Income of \$923,500; of which was reinvested into system expansion.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending June 30, 2024, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$6,947,706 of which \$5,089,513 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 \$1,858,193 as of the end of June 2024.

10. Administrator's Report

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

Facilities:

EOC/Communication Center: Architectural firm and Civil Engineering sub-contractor are developing preliminary site plans now. We continue to work with them in clearly identifying our expectations and needs for interior space.

Turbeville Fire Station: Site work has begun, and we are having a groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at the site at 10 am.

Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control: We have scheduled to release a Request For Proposals (RFP) for design/build services soon now that our wastewater plans have been firmed up.

SCIIP Grant: We have executed our contract for engineering /design services and work has begun designing both the well and storage tank, We have to bid out the drilling of a test well on the site and are completing that bid package now.

Weldon Auditorium Renovations: No change from last month on Weldon Auditorium renovations: currently expect that design and specifications will be completed and bid packages ready later this month. Our recent site study for potential hazardous materials came back clean.

Palmetto Trails Foundation: The final improvements to the trailhead are nearly done. We have partnered with Palmetto Trails and SCNR to make this project a reality. Many of our citizens and guests have already started using the facility. This facility is maintained by Palmetto Trails volunteers; they do not visit the facility daily so please help us in keeping the trailhead park clean and neat by disposing of trash properly.

Turbeville Library: The General Assembly has approved proviso funding in the recently completed budget to move the project forward.

North Shore Summerton Development Project: A utility easement has been recorded and engineering design and site work can continue.

Law Enforcement Joint Training Facility: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Manning, Sheriff's Department, and the County to build the facility has been completed and we are awaiting its approval from the City.

General Assembly: I would like to thank Representative Pedalino for securing funds to clean out a major section of the Newman Branch Road from Walker Gamble Rd to as far down as fire Tower Rd.

✓ Recreation:

- Our volleyball programs starts tomorrow and will continue weekly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 pm.
- Registration for our fall sports will start at the end of the month on July 29th.
- We have recently completed boardwalk repairs at Taw Caw Park; if you have the opportunity, spend some time enjoying the natural beauty present. We will soon be adding to our children's play area at the park as well.

✓ Miscellaneous:

- I would like to thank Ms. Tammy Rodvansky for accepting the CFO position with the County. She had worked in the Finance department as budget analyst and staff accountant for eleven years prior to moving over to our HR department seven years ago.
- We have recently been notified that our experience modifier with our Worker's Compensation insurance provider is the best of the 41 counties participating in the SC Association of Counties Trust. This result saved Clarendon County over a hundred thousand dollars off its insurance premium this year. Ms. Rodvansky will accept the awards on our behalf at the Association's annual Winter conference in January.
- Emergency calls – In June, our E911 call center received early 2,200 inbound 911 calls. We responded to over 815 fires and medicals calls. We had over 3,750 Sheriff department responses logged in. I would like to thank our First responders for their tireless efforts.

11. Chairman's Report

Vice Chairman Frierson stated that we will continue to pray for Chairman Stewart for a speedy recovery.

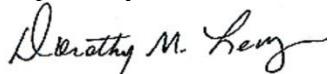
12. Adjourn

Vice Chairman Frierson stated that we had exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman Coker and Seconded by Councilman English Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC