



Clarendon County Special Called Meeting
Thursday, December 29, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman, Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman, AC English, Jr.
Councilman, Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman WJ Frierson, Sr.
Councilman, Billy Richardson
Deputy Administrator, Ted Felder

Absent: Administrator David W. Epperson

Media: The Item, Ashley Miller

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Lori Salley	Meesha Witherspoon	Jacqueline Blackwell
Willie Briggs	Patricia Pringle	Johnny Wilson	Zion Wilson
And other Clarendon County Residents.			

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and Vice Chairman led the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

I. Presentation

Deputy Administrator presented Ms. Lori Salley to County Council by stating that the law requires that the County have an annual audit, and the results must be submitted to Council before the end of year.

Ms. Lori Salley, McGregor & Company, presented Council with the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. She began by giving Council an Unmodified Opinion of the Audit. Ms. Salley stated that an Unmodified Opinion is a clean opinion, which is a good summary. She continued by stating that Clarendon County's Net Position as of June 30, 2022, was \$11,021,701 which includes Governmental and Business-Type Activities.

Ms. Salley stated that the Balance Sheet shows the net position had an ending balance of \$7,535,412.

Ms. Salley stated that the Governmental Funds balance sheet reported an ending fund balance of \$24,682,349.

Ms. Salley continued by stating that the General Fund reported a Fund balance at the end of the year of \$11,457,390

Ms. Salley continued her presentation by updating Council on the new standards on lease agreements. She continued by giving an update on Nonmajor Governmental Funds, Special Revenue Funds.

Ms. Salley continued by stating that in planning and performing the audit of the financial statements of Clarendon County for the year ended June 30, 2022, we considered the County's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control. During our audit, we determined that there was no material weakness, and this is a clean report.

Ms. Salley concluded her presentation by stating that the Magistrates are to report any overages in the accounts of \$100 on an annual basis to the Court Administration. Overages for the Magistrate totaled \$1,866. We recommend that overages be investigated and reported periodically to the Court Administration.

- Chairman Stewart thanked Ms. Salley, Administrator Epperson, Elected Officials, Mr. Lynden Anthony, and all staff members for the work that was done on the audit.
- Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, thanked Ms. Salley and her staff for their patience.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to except the Audit as presented.

II. Ordinance 2022-12

Deputy Administrator Felder stated that this is the Third and Final Reading of an Ordinance giving Authorization to increase Compensation for each Member of County Council; and Providing for Related Matters.

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

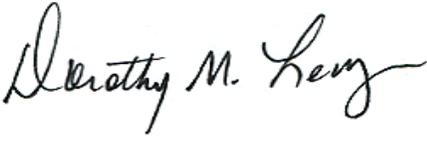
- Councilman Blakely stated that Spartanburg County increased its Council salary from \$9,000 to \$40,000 and Clarendon County just went up \$2,000. He also stated that all Elected Officials want an increase in salary.

III. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and for the Special Called Council Meeting, and he declared that the meeting is adjourn.

The Special Called Council Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dorothy M. Levy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council