



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2025
6:00 PM**

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102

Those in attendance:

Chairman John E. Johnson III
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman W.J. Frierson, Sr.
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman John P. Coker
Councilman Kurtis W. Rodine
Interim Administrator Sharmane Y. Anderson

Absent: None

Press in attendance: Manning Times, Melissa McCoy

Others in attendance included:

George Frierson	Diane Georgia	Skippy Osborne	W.L. McCabe	Clara Nelson
Charles Sweat	John Timmons, IV.	Rosevelt Mitchell	Julius Adger	Robert Pegram
Linda P. Lemon	Nate Dyson	Dora Dyson	Maureen Calvo	Jose Calvo
Michael Johnson, Jr.	Jayce Scott	Vicki Fyke	Hope Strickland	Rose Bailey
Sarah Collins	Benny Smith	Kimberly Herbert	Patricia Pringle	Chuck Dukes
Penny McLauchlin	John McLauchlin	Melissa McCoy	Bobby Ridgeway	Marie Dukes
Stephanie Hughes	Sylvia Witherspoon	M.C. Ragin Merrick	Jacqueline Blackwell	Willie Briggs
Lucille Thomas	Debra Billie	Rev. David Woods, Jr.	And other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by welcoming everyone. The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Agenda for the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting for August 11, 2025.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, July 14, 2025, and the minutes for the Special Called Council meeting, which was held on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

3. Service Awards

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council meeting, Leonard Lowery, HR Director, Chairman Johnson, and Interim Administrator Anderson presented service awards to 5 employees for August:

Rebecca Driggers	5 years	Kenneth L. Howard	10 years
Haley M. Floyd	5 years	James L. Mahoney	20 years
Harold W. Wilson, Jr.	5 years		

Chairman Johnson thanked everyone for their years of service to Clarendon County.

4. Recognition of Clarendon County All-Stars

Chairman Johnson and the County Council recognized 9 teams from the Clarendon County Recreation Department:

- Clarendon 8U Softball (7-8 yrs old) – Coach-Melinda Osborne
- Clarendon 10U Softball (9-10 yrs old) – Coach - Allison Baggette
- Clarendon 12U Softball (11-12 yrs old) – Coach – Chelsea Rauch
- Manning AA Baseball (7-8 yrs old) – Coach – Charles Sweat
- Manning AAA Baseball (9-10 yrs old) – Coach – Rob Thompson
- Manning Ozone Baseball (11-12 yrs old) Coach – Scott Jackson
- Turbeville AA Baseball (7-8 yrs old) Coach – Daniel Welch
- Turbeville AAA Baseball (9-10 yrs old) Coach – Neil Floyd
- Turbeville Ozone Baseball (11-12 yrs old) Coach – Dennis Cox & Michael Kirby

5. Public Comments

- **Mr. George Frierson** – began by stating that his son works at George Washington Medical University and Hospital in Washington, DC, and he has some concerns because DC is federalized. He continued by stating that there will be some lawsuits because Home Rule was established in 1973 by Richard Nixon, and he does not see how one person can change that. Mr. Frierson continued by recognizing veterans killed in action from Clarendon County.
 - Hersel Rodolph Ward, Paxville, SC, 08/21/1946 – 06/04/1966
 - Glen Allen Zeigler, Pinewood, SC – 12/04/1946 – 01/10/1958
 - Charles Russell Yates – Turbeville, SC, 05/25/1949 – 01/23/1969
 - PFC Isaiah Turman – Enlisted on 8/19/1968 and was killed in action at the age of 20.

Mr. Frierson concluded by stating that the youngest person killed in action was Daniel Bulluck, who joined the military at age 14 and was killed in action at the age of 15. He is now resting in Goldsboro National Cemetery in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

5. Board Appointment

Chairman Johnson stated that there is a slot coming available on the Santee Lynches Council of Government (the available slot is on the HOME Consortium Board, not the Santee Lynches Council of Government).

Vice Chairman Coker nominated Mr. Randy B. Floyd to serve on the Santee Lynches Council of Government, and it was seconded by Councilman Richardson. Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Floyd to serve in the open slot on the COG Board.

6. Presentations

- **Jayce Scott** - presented the Council with a project that he has been working on for a County Flag that he designed. He stated that out of the 46 counties in South Carolina, fifteen of them have a county flag. For the state of North Carolina, out of the 100 counties, 73 of them have a county flag. I thought it would be a good idea if Clarendon County had a county flag. So, he designed it based on the South Carolina flag. The flag contains the outline for Clarendon County, the County Seal, and a star that represents both Summerton and Turbeville. He concluded by asking for the Council's approval to go forward.
- Chairman Johnson stated that the Council will discuss it and get back to him before the next meeting, and he thinks that it is a good idea.
- **South Carolina Fire Safe Presentation**
Ms. Katie Flannery – began by congratulating Clarendon County Fire Rescue for receiving the 2024 Community Designation. Clarendon County Fire Rescue promotes consistent fire and life safety messaging. To earn Community Designation, Clarendon County Fire Rescue completes courses, documents opportunities for public education, and works with partners in the community to address risks. Clarendon County Fire Rescue has been a fire-safe community since 2019. This is Clarendon County's sixth consecutive Community Designation.

8. Ordinance 2025-08

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, presented the Council with a definition of Tiny Homes. She stated that a Tiny Home is a small but permanent house, 600 square feet or less, not counting loft space. It can be built on-site or in a factory and moved to the property. These are real houses, built to safety and building code standards. They are not campers, RVs, or park models. They are designed for year-round living.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted unanimously in approval of the amendment to Ordinance 2025-08 clarifying the definition of Tiny Homes.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, Council voted unanimously to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-08 – An Ordinance amending the Clarendon County Unified Development Code regarding the Regulation of Tiny Homes and Other Matters Related Thereto.

9. Ordinance 2025-10

- Mr. George Kosinski, Development Board Director, gave the Council an update on Project Latitude. He stated that Project Latitude acquired the Alucoil building to use as its office and headquarters. They are investing \$30,000,000, and the job creation remains the same as it was under Project Hailstorm, which acquired Spec building #8 as their manufacturing facility.

On motion by Councilman Rodine and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously in approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2025-10 – An Ordinance Authorizing, Pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as Amended, the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and a Company currently known to the County as Project Latitude, Acting for Itself, One or More current or Future Affiliates and Other Project Companies (Collectively, “Company”); Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Matters.

10. Ordinance 2025-11

On motion by Councilman Richardson and seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, the Council voted unanimously in approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2025-11 – An Ordinance amending Clarendon County Ordinance No. 2014-02 To Amend Utility Tap Fees and to Implement Additional Updates to the Clarendon County Water and Sewer Department Code of Regulations, and Other Matters Related Thereto.

11. Ordinance 2025-12

Consideration was given to the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-12 – An Ordinance Amending the Clarendon County Unified Development Code Regarding the Regulation of Mobile Food Vendors and Other Matters Related Thereto.

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, stated that this ordinance is to regulate mobile food vendors, which includes Ice Cream Trucks, Mobile Food Vendors, and Mobile Food Vendor Units. She stated that all mobile food vendors doing business in the County must obtain a temporary use permit and obtain approval from the county’s fire marshal. She continued by stating the following:

- No mobile food vendor unit shall be operated within 100 feet of the door of an operating restaurant unless the owner of the restaurant gives consent.
- No mobile food vendor unit shall operate within 75 feet of a resident.
- No mobile food vendor unit shall operate closer than 50 feet from flammable combustible liquid or gas.
- No mobile food vendor unit shall operate within 20 feet of any public right-of-way.
- Ice Cream trucks shall only sell, display, or offer to sell frozen prepackaged food products.
- No ice cream truck can remain stationary on a public street or right-of-way for more than 30 minutes.
- No ice cream truck, or any mobile food vendor, shall sound any device which produces an offensive or loud noise to attract customers.

On motion by Councilman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted Unanimous approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2025-12 An Ordinance Amending the Clarendon County Unified Development Code Regarding the Regulation of Mobile Food Vendors and Other Matters Related Thereto.

12. Finance Report

Mrs. Tammy Rodvansky, CFO, began her report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** expenses were 10% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$3,112,397, and Revenue was not available as of July 31, 2025.
- **Weldon Auditorium** did not have any Revenue for the month ending July 31, 2025, and total Expenses were \$22,860. The Weldon Auditorium ended the month of July 2025 (after transfers) with a Deficit of \$8,393.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had a total Revenue of \$145,525 for the month ending July 31, 2025, and total Expenses were \$114,729. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, and Interest Income, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of July 2025 with a Net Utility Loss of \$7,479.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending July 31, 2025, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$7,924,880, of which \$5,199,514 has been committed to remaining local paving projects and State Proviso Funds. She stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$2,725,365 as of the end of July 2025.
- **Fire Rescue** – expenses were 7% of the Budget. We had Expenditures of \$685,171, and Revenue was not available as of July 31, 2025.

13. Administrator’s Report

Interim Administrator Anderson began her report by giving the Council an update on the following:

✓ **Facilities:**

EOC/Communication Center: We are finalizing negotiations on our Intent to Award shortly. We hope to be “moving dirt” by the Fall or early Winter of this year.

Turbeville Fire Station: We are inviting the public to the Ribbon Cutting on August 21, 2025, at 9 am.

Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control: Construction is underway.

Davis Station Well and Tank: Drilling of a test well is completed, with final designs approved by SC DES, and we continue to move this project along briskly with pump installation, above-ground storage tank started, and pipe going in the ground for the 13-mile system expansion.

Weldon Auditorium Renovations: Exterior Building Services has begun work on the exterior of the building. Weldon Auditorium will be closed beginning August 25, 2025, with a tentative reopening date of March 15, 2026. We will have one event hosted 9/11 because of a prior contractual agreement.

Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10: We are excited that construction on Fire Station #10 has begun with Hawkins and Kolb.

✓ **Other:**

Turbeville Library: Dr. Bruce and Lee Foundation have approved the design, and our next step now is to formally bid the project out.

North Shore Summerton Wastewater Development Project: Construction continues and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Law Enforcement Joint Training Facility: The facility is being reevaluated, and we hope to re-bid shortly. We have hauled and placed dirt for the slab to reduce anticipated project costs.

Newman Branch Restoration Projects: We are continuing to remove beaver dams. The dams are being manually broken up with the stream width opened to a minimum of ten feet.

✓ **Fire Rescue:**

- Fire response times from dispatch to arrival on-scene (174 calls) - July 6:34
- EMS response times from dispatch to arrival on-scene (595 calls) – July 10:03

Miscellaneous:

- As many of you are aware, we have partnered with F.E. Dubose Career Center and Central Carolina to implement a firefighter and EMS Program for the students in Clarendon County beginning in January.
- We are excited to announce great news on our first federal appropriation application with Congressman Clyburn’s Office. Our JC Britton Wellness Expansion project remains in the federal budget for appropriation! Pickleball courts, tennis courts, inclusive playgrounds, and other enhancements are on the horizon!
- We are also grateful to share that we have secured a Strategic Planning Grant with the SC Dept of Commerce! In the coming weeks, we will meet with key stakeholders about our next steps.
- Registration for Fall Sports are now open until August 15th! This includes Volleyball, Flag Football, and Tackle Football in the Turbeville area.
- A community blood drive will be held tomorrow, August 12, 2025, from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. Please donate.
- Our County Council recently attended the SC Association of Counties Annual conference and was presented with a wealth of information, resources, and best practices. The conference agenda was “packed” with classes, presentations, roundtable discussions, and open sessions.

14. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Johnson stated he did not have anything to add.

15. Executive Session

Chairman Johnson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Item in the Finance Department.

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously in approval to go into Executive Session for a personnel item in Finance.

The Executive Session began at 6:59 PM

16. Open Session

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

On Motion by Councilman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Rodine, the Council voted unanimously in approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:07 pm

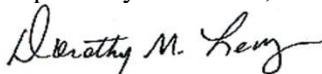
Chairman Johnson stated that in Executive Session, we discussed that we have a Staff Accountant’s position in Finance, and we are changing that position to a CFO in waiting position, and it will be posted on the website at the end of the week.

17. Adjourn

On motion by Vice Chairman Coker and seconded by Councilman Richardson, the Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC