



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2022
6:00 PM

Cultural Arts Center, 12 Church Street, Summerton, 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	Emma Thomas	Jinny Jones
Gene Benfield	Nate Dixon	Pat Coker	Kathleen Gipson
Patricia Pringle	Maureen Calvo	Jose' Calvo	Terrey Streath
Mike Streath	Joe Pedalino	Hammett Lemmon	McRagin Merrick
Jennie Lee	Willie Briggs	A. Briggs	Jacqueline Blackwell
Bobby Ridgeway	And Other Clarendon County Residents		

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

1. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting which was held on September 12, 2022.

2. Resolution 2022-07

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution Authorizing a Lease Purchase Agreement. He stated that this agreement will provide the funding to purchase a Motor Grader for the Public Works Department and other related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$316,000.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution Authorizing a Lease Purchase Agreement to purchase a motor grader and other related equipment in an amount not to exceed \$316,000.

4. Resolution 2022-05

Deputy Administrator Felder presented Council with Resolution 2022-05 – A Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. He stated that this Resolution encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made sacrificed their lives by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, County Council gave Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2022-04 – A Resolution of Clarendon County, South Carolina Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans.

5. Resolution 2022-06

Mr. Jesse Surette, Director of Tourism, Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce, presented Council with Resolution 2022-06 – a Resolution Supporting the South Carolina American Revolution Sesquicentennial Commission and Recognizing and Approving of the Clarendon County 250 Committee. He stated that this Resolution will allow the Clarendon County 250 Committee to participate in their own way recognizing the historic assets in Clarendon County.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to Resolution 2022-06 – A Resolution supporting the South Carolina American Revolution Sesquicentennial Commission and Recognizing and Approving the Clarendon County 250 Committee.

6. Ordinance 2022-08

Consideration was given to the Second 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.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second 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.

7. Ordinance 2022-09

Administrator Epperson presented Council with 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.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First 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.

8. Ordinance 2022-10

Chairman Stewart excused himself prior to the presentation of Ordinance 2022-10.

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, presented Council with 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. She stated that this parcel of land is 4.5 acres in the Ram Bay area of Highway 301 and this parcel

is Agriculture II (AGII) and the owner is asking that the parcel of land is changed to General Commercial (GC) to be used for Mini Warehouses.

Vice Chairman Frierson asked what is the will of Council.

On motion by Councilman Blakely, and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First 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 #122-00-03-017-00; from Agriculture II (AGII) to General Commercial (GC) and Providing an Effective Date.

9. Ordinance 2022-11

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2022-11 – An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Enacted November 8, 2010, Regarding Capital Projects, to Update the Definition of “Projects”; to Provide for the Use of Certain Fees In Lieu of Taxes; and Other Related Matters. He stated that the Ordinance will amend the Original Revenue Bond Ordinance to purchase the Administration Building and to Renovate the County Courthouse.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2022-11 - An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Enacted November 8, 2010, Regarding Capital Projects, to Update the Definition of “Projects”; to Provide for the Use of Certain Fees In Lieu of Taxes; and Other Related Matters.

10. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,624,339 and Revenue figures were not available as of September 30, 2022.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$5,694 for the month ending September 30, 2022 and total Expenses were \$27,846. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of September, 2022 after transfers with a zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had total Revenue of \$340,205 for the month ending September 30, 2022 and total Expenses were \$196,087. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Interest income and USDA Phase II, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending September 30, 2022 with a Net Utility Deficit of \$43,306.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending September 30, 2022, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$3,600,273 of which \$2,518,487 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 \$1,081,786 as of the end of September 2022.

11. Administrator's Report

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

- **Water/Sewer**
 - ✓ Bids on our wastewater project that will be diverting sewer from our Wyboo Waste-Water treatment plant to the City of Manning have been received and opened. We are in the process of awarding this contract and should have this completed soon.
 - ✓ We are awaiting a decision on the two (2) RIA/SCIIP Water Project Grants that we recently submitted to the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) last week as a part of the State of SC's ARPA funding. We should hear from these soon.
- **Summerton Park** – Work on the park is continuing as planned and nearing completion.
- **Barrineau Recycling Center** – We recently received the septic tank permit from DHEC and scheduled the septic system to be installed. It is scheduled to be installed this Wednesday. This was delayed a week due to the amount of rain received from Hurricane Ian. Once this is installed, the new attendant building can be delivered and set in place and the remainder of the site development can take place.

- **Miscellaneous**

- ✓ Fall sports practices have started. Games will begin in the upcoming weeks. We are offering Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Flag Football and Tackle Football. Sign ups for Basketball should begin soon and information will be going out with these dates.
- ✓ I would like to recognize two Clarendon County Employees for the statewide awards that they recently received:
 - Colonel Shelton Hughes – Named Jail Administrator of the Year by the SC Jail Administrator’s Association.
 - Major Thomasine McBride – Named Jail Supervisor of the Year by the SC Jail Administrator’s Association.
- ✓ Opioid Settlement – Awaiting the release of materials from the SC Opioid Recovery Fund Board on the amount available to Clarendon County, the process for applying for funding and the projects that the funds can be used for. There are 2 funds available: Guaranteed Fund and Discretionary Fund. Once we receive this information, we will work with departments and community agencies to determine projects that funds can be applied for to fund.

12. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by congratulating the Town of Summerton for a successful Duck Fest this past weekend.

13. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for a Personnel Matter within the Coroner’s Office.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter within the Coroner’s Office. The Executive Session began at 6:40 pm.

14. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:46 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Coroner Jacqueline Blackwell requested to hire a transportation person for the Coroner’s office using funds that is awarded to the Coroner’s Office.

On Motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request from Coroner Jacqueline Blackwell to hire a transportation person using funds that was awarded to the Coroner’s Office.

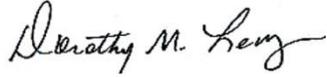
15. Adjourn

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

