



## Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting

Monday, November 11, 2024

6:00 PM

**Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102**

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### Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr  
Councilman Billy G. Richardson  
Councilman John P. Coker  
Deputy Administrator Sharmane Anderson

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

### Absent: None

### Press in attendance: None

### Others in attendance included:

Moyle Graham	Jay Johnson	John D. Bonaparte	George E. Frierson	Patricia Pringle
Willie Briggs	Tammy Rodvansky	Maureen Calvo	Jose Calvo	Fawn Pedalino
Joe Pedalino	And Other Clarendon County Residents			

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by congratulating all candidates that won the election or was re-elected. Vice Chairman Frierson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

### 1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for the Regular scheduled Council Meeting for November 11, 2024.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Coker, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, October 14, 2024.

### 3. Public Comments

- Mr. George E. Frierson – being a veteran himself, gave honor to all veterans that fought in all of the wars. He also gave honor to the veterans that fought and died defending the Country including Vice Chairman Frierson's brother who died in the war. Mr. Frierson made reference to Harriett Tubman being recognized as a one-star Brigadier General in the National Guard. He concluded by stating that he has a problem with the Constitution because 58,220 soldiers that fought in wars did not come back home.
- Chairman Stewart gave comments on Veterans' Day and thanked Mr. Frierson for his information.

### 4. Financial Report

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

- The General Fund had Expenditures of \$2,235,006 and Revenue was not available as of October 31, 2024.

- **Weldon Auditorium** had Revenue of \$2,700 for the month ending October 31, 2024 and total Expenses were \$44,604. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of October, 2024 (after transfers) with zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** had total Revenue of \$543,410 for the month ending October 31, 2024 and total Expenses were \$298,872. After Depreciation and Bond Interest Expense the Water and Sewer Department ended the month of October, 2024 with a Net Utility Income of \$28,301.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending October 31, 2024, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$10,591,115 of which \$5,005,733 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 \$5,461,278 as of the end of October 2024.

## 5. 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-contractors have developed preliminary site plans and internal layout. Recently completed third party estimator to get a sense of potential cost in current configuration; as a result, minor modifications to site improvements have been made.

**Turbeville Fire Station:** Construction continues at a very brisk pace.

**Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, Animal Control:** The Request For Proposals (RFP) for design/build services have been closed and the review committee is making their recommendation soon.

**SCIIP Grant:** We have contracted the drilling of a test well and bids are out for the elevated tank phase of the project. We are designing the water mains internally.

**Weldon Auditorium Renovations:** No change from last month on Weldon Auditorium renovations: however, the water drainage issues in the garden area have been identified and a mitigation plan developed.

**Fire Station on MW Rickenbaker Road, Station #10:** With the recent appropriation from the State for a replacement fire station on M.W. Rickenbaker Road, Station #10; we are preparing to solicit the project as a “design/build”. Our goal is to have the project awarded by the end of the year.

✓ **Other:**

**Turbeville Library:** The project architect has solicited a new civil engineering firm to perform site plan and project is again moving forward.

**North Shore Summerton Development Project:** Engineering design and site work are moving forward as well.

**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 approved and we can finish the design work for their authorization.

**Newman Branch Restoration Projects:** We have begun to prepare scope of project parameter for the Newman Branch Restoration Projects and will be soliciting for an Environmental Engineering Firm to assist in further project development and management.

✓ **Recreation:**

- Registration for basketball began on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Weldon Auditorium will be hosting a “Free car seat check with Santa” event on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Children will have picture opportunities with Santa. We encourage everyone with small children to participate in this important child safety initiative.
- We continue to work on our design and cost analysis for the proposed expansion to J.C. Britton Park for new racquet sports area, to include both pickleball, tennis courts, a bike pump track and trail, and an Esports Complex.

✓ **Miscellaneous:**

- I would like Council and our citizens to join me in recognizing November as Alzheimer's Awareness Month.
- Our county offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Thanksgiving.
- I would like to thank all of our citizens that participated in last week's elections. I would like to congratulate those civil servants that were elected and re-elected to office; and share a heartfelt thank you to those that will soon be leaving office.

## **6. Chairman's Report**

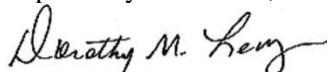
Chairman Stewart stated that we have a great staff that makes our County a great place to live.

## **7. Adjourn**

Chairman Stewart stated that we had exhausted our agenda, and he declared that the Regular County Council meeting for the month of November is adjourn.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC