

Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
6:00 PM
Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

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

Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Administrator David W. Epperson
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder

Absent: Vice Chairman W. J. Frierson, Sr.

Councilman A.C. English

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Larry Johnson	Bill Wallace	Robert McFadden
Eddie Stelling	Fawn Pedalino	Emily S. Brown	Moye Graham
Rebecca Bryant	Steven Barrineau	Robert Pegram	Steve W. Smith
Bea Simon	Sharon Ridgeway	Maggie Robinson	Michael A. Johnson, Jr.
Mary Cooper	Jacqueline Blackwell	Linda Lemon	Ruth Solomon
Bea Rivers	Tom Brown	Carrie Myers	Patricia Pringle
Beverly Lemon	George E. Frierson, III	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 the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for August 8, 2022.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting which was held on July 11, 2022.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Linda Lemon, HR Director, Chairman Stewart, and Administrator Epperson presented employees with service awards.

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| • Genesis Aranda | 5 Years | Billy Ray Ward | 15 Years |
| • Shiquita Black | 5 Years | | |

4. Board Appointments

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint the following members to serve another term on the Clarendon County Disabilities and Special Needs Board:

- Alan L. Gibbons, Gina G. Wilson, Connie Gamble, Nelson C. Walker, Kathleen Gibson, Walter L. Sanders, Johnnie L. Evans, Ralston Wright Turbeville, Debbie M. Lee, and Deloris Isrel.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint the following members to serve another term on the Clarendon County Assessment Appeals Board:

- Donald Bethune, W. Stanley Moore, Bon Gardner, and Julie Rickenbaker

5. Presentation – Summerton Action Council – Mr. Robert McFadden

Mr. McFadden began his presentation by stating that three (3) historical markers were placed by the Summerton Action Council. He stated that this a major event. He continued by thanking Council for their support in the pass. Mr. McFadden continued by asking for a monetary donation of \$10,000 to help cover the cost for the Briggs v Elliot Historical Park Unveiling Ceremony which will be held on September 3, 2022 at 11:00 am.

Ms. Bea River stated that this unveiling will be held at the Old Scott’s Branch High School and any amount that the County gives will be appreciated.

Chairman Stewart stated that something this large has to be budgeted and we just completed the budget for this Fiscal Year.

Administrator Epperson stated that the Hospitality Tax Fund promotes the County, and the Accommodation board will have to decide and vote on the funds for that function.

Chairman Stewart asked Administrator Epperson to look into it and see what can be done.

6. Request

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request from the Legislative Delegation. He stated that Senator Kevin Johnson sent a letter requesting that Administrator Epperson or his designee provide management and oversight of the Voters Registration staff and that the Voters Registration employees are abiding by the policies as it relates to County employees. He stated that the Legislative Delegation wants to make sure that the Voters Registration employees are following work protocols as other county employees.

Administrator Epperson continued by stating that the County Administration can assist the office with items and hiring authority to ensure that the Voters Registration staff is following the employee guidelines.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, County Council Unanimous approved to the request from the Legislative Delegate to oversee the Voters Registration Staff and to ensure that the Voters Registration staff are following the same employee guidelines as other County employees.

7. Ordinance 2022-05

Consideration was given to the second reading of Ordinance 2022-05- An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County, South Carolina to repeal the 2011-05 Unified Development Code Ordinance, Subsequent Amendment thereto and the 2011 Zoning Classification Map and to Adopt the 2022 Unified Development Code and 2022 Zoning District Classification Map in Conformance with the Requirements of Sections 6-29 et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

Administrator Epperson stated that additional language was updated regarding RVs.

Ms. Tabitha Hanna, Planning Director, stated that the staff conducted a study of neighboring counties. The Planning Commission changed the language in the Ordinance to reflect that RVs can be plugged up for maintenance purpose only and no one can stay in the RV overnight.

On motion by Councilman Blakely, and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-05 - An Ordinance of the County Council of Clarendon County,

South Carolina to repeal the 2011-05 Unified Development Code Ordinance, Subsequent Amendment thereto and the 2011 Zoning Classification Map and to Adopt the 2022 Unified Development Code and 2022 Zoning District Classification Map in Conformance with the Requirements of Sections 6-29 et. seq., Code of Laws of South Carolina; Providing for Severability and an Effective Date.

8. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$2,412,838 and Revenue figures were not available as of July 31, 2022.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$2,819 for the month ending July 2022 and total Expenses were \$7,956. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of July, 2022 after transfers with a zero balance.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had total Revenue of \$125,088 for the month ending July, 2022 and total Expenses were \$61,454. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Interest income and USDA Phase II, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending July 31, 2022 with a Net Utility Income of \$10,946.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending July 31, 2022, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$3,379,416 of which \$2,656,191 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 \$723,226 as of the end of July 2022.

9. Administrator's Report

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

- **Opioid Case is settled** - The Attorney General will receive the first settlement soon and Counties must submit an application to get funds.
- **Summerton Park** – Work on the park is moving along as planned.
- **Planning Department** – Working on going fully online for payments.
 - ✓ Councilman Richardson asked would citizens be able to apply for services online.
 - ✓ Administrator Epperson replied by stating that we will get to that point where anyone will be able to submit plans online for approval.
 - ✓ Councilman Blakely asked would anyone be able to drive up and drop off everything in a drop box.
 - ✓ Administrator Epperson stated that we have purchased a secure box with a security camera, and we will inform the public when it is complete.

Councilman Blakely said that he would like to thank Senator Johnson and Representative Johnson for working hard to get Walker Gamble a new Elementary School. He said that he knows the Walkers and Gambles are looking down on us.

10. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that he would be attending the open House of Provalis on August 18th. He stated that he received a flyer about the SC Aviation Week, the week of August 14th – 20th.

11. Executive Session

Chairman Stewart declared that Council would go into Executive Session for a Contractual Matter with Administration and Water and Sewer Departments.

The Executive Session began at 6:40 pm.

12. Open Session

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session and back into Opens Session.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to come out of Executive Session and back into Open Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:25 pm.

Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council met with the Barrineau Water System Representatives, and we will meet with them again.

Administrator Epperson stated that we will look into the request of the Barrineau Water System Representatives, and we will inform Council.

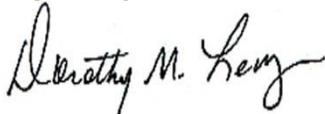
13. Adjourn

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

