

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE**  
**DILLON SC 29536**  
**APRIL 27, 2022**  
**5:00 PM**

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The Dillon County Council held a meeting on April 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council chambers. Present were Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea, Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell. Also present were Claude Graham, Matthew Elvington, Druscilla Blakely, Cassie Goins-Kinney and Betsy Finklea (Dillon Herald).

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**Chairman Buzzy Finklea presided over the meeting.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Finklea led the pledge of allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the agenda. Harold Moody seconded. Jamal Campbell made a motion to amend the agenda by changing item number 5 (Gordon Park) to 7 (Bobby McDuffie – Property Tax Fees) and item 7 to 5 on the agenda due to Council McLeod running late for the meeting. Stevie Grice stated that the motion had already been made. Voting to approve the agenda was Harold Moody, Buzzy Finklea, Stevie Grice and Jamal Campbell. Detrice Dawkins did not vote.

Next was the **approval of the minutes** from April 19, 2022. Detrice Dawkins made a motion to approve the minutes. Stevie Grice seconded. All voted in favor. Gerome McLeod was not present yet.

## **GORDON PARK**

After a discussion a motion was made by Stevie Grice to build a community center approving Plan 3 as the project plan, to have a workshop with the Recreation Committee and get prices with the exception of being able to fund that plan. Harold Moody seconded the motion. Harold Moody, Buzzy Finklea and Stevie Grice voted yes. Jamal Campbell and Detrice Dawkins voted no. Gerome McLeod was not present yet.

**Sheriff Douglas Pernell** asked the council if they would consider passing an ordinance to close night clubs at 2:00 due to the shootings and other crimes being committed in Dillon County. Chairman Buzzy Finklea asked the sheriff to get with the county attorney concerning an ordinance and maybe have the 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the next meeting. Mr. Claude also stated that he and Matthew Elvington have been working on getting a model ordinance thru the South Carolina Association of Counties.

**Bobby McDuffie** request that the council review the current property tax fees (fire fee & solid waste disposal fees) in Dillon County. He would like for council vote to remove the current fees from the tax bill and ask that council review the bill on the state house website in an effort to eliminate the fees from the upcoming year and the budget until a ruling comes down from the state house.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no public comment.

## **ORDINANCE**

**Third Reading** - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE **ZONING MAP CLASSIFICATION** FROM RESIDENTIAL 2(RS2) TO RURAL (RU) TAX MAP NO: 118-00-00-432 (12.64 ACRES), PROPERTY OWNER: Bowsan Land Outdoor LLC, PROPOSED LOCATION: West Canal Road, Latta, SC.

**A motion was made by Harold Moody and Jerome McLeod seconded. All were in favor. Stevie Grice left early.**

**Third Reading** – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500,000 **GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**, SERIES 2022B, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO

DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

**A motion was made by Jerome McLeod and Detrice Dawkins seconded. All were in favor. Stevie Grice left early.**

**Third Reading** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND **ROYAL PANTHERA, LLC** DATED AS OF AUGUST 24, 2016, PURSUANT TO WHICH DILLON COUNTY AGREED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO THE COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN INVESTMENT TO BE MADE BY THE COMPANY IN DILLON COUNTY, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMPANY THEREUNDER; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING.

**A motion was made by Detrice Dawkins and Jerome McLeod seconded. All were in favor. Stevie Grice left early.**

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

A copy of the finance report was included in the council's packets. The administrator said that there is still a freeze on hiring and no purchases are to be made without his approval. He also stated that he makes all of the final decisions on the day-to-day operations for the county and he thinks that the county should be able to get by with the budget thru July 1, 2022.

#### **ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

\_ Representative Jackie Hayes has authorized the money with D&R to be reimbursed for the cleaning of the Little Pee Dee River so that the fisherman can get thru with their boats. The county has to front the money and this is not a cost to the tax payers. The job will be bid out and there are normally only two bidders.

#### **RECREATION REQUEST**

Josephine Gilchrist requested a donation for Fork Chapel Baptist Church for their Annual Building Fundraiser. Detrice Dawkins and Buzzy Moody each donated 50.00 each and Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea and Jamal Campbell each donated 100.00.

Ladedra Manning requested a donation for Think Big Bagboys AAU Basketball team to aid toward their team's tournaments, travel fees, uniforms and other essential requirements. Detrice Dawkins and Gerome McLeod each donated 50.00 each and Jamal Campbell donated 100.00.

Linda Manning-Langley and Paul Manning Jr requested donations for the Harnetha B Manning Scholarship Fund Musical. Gerome McLeod and Jamal Campbell donated 50.00 Each.

Kimberly Driggers requested donations for Relay For Life. Buzzy Finklea donated 100.00

Faith Mew requested donations for Relay For Life. Harold Moody donated 500.00.

Gerome McLeod made a motion to approve the request and Harold Moody seconded. All were in favor.

A motion was made to go into executive session by Harold Moody and seconded by Jamal Campbell.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contractual Matter concerning potential purchase of office space.**

No action taken. A motion was made to come out of executive session by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Gerome McLeod.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn by Detrice Dawkins and seconded by Harold Moody. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

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T. F. Finklea, Chairman

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Lisa S Miller, Clerk to Council

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_