

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
JULY 20, 2022 5:00 PM**

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on July 20, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council chambers. Present were Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, Buzzy Finklea, Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell. Also present were Claude Graham, Matthew Elvington, Cassie Goins-Kinney, Druscilla Blakely, Ken Dubose (County Attorney). Gerome McLeod was not present.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda by email:

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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 motioned to approve the agenda. Detrice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

Toni Graves addressed her concerns to council about the budget cuts for the first responders such as the Sheriff Department and the Fire Department. She asked that they get adequate funding due the high crime rate in Dillon County. Also, she mentioned Parks and Recreation Department by stating that because there is not a lot of activities for the kids to engage in that they get the funding that they need and this will help the kids grow and develop and also decrease the crime rate. She asked that council prioritize and put the important things first.

Kevin Drawhorn was concerned about which position Matthew Elvington is holding and, in this budget, where his salary is coming from, whether it be the administrator's salary or Economic Development

Ordinance Reading

Third Reading - An Ordinance To Provide Budget Appropriations for County Purposes In The County Of Dillon For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023 And Adopt And Implement Rates And Fees, And For Other Tax Purposes And County Appropriation Purposes And To Establish The Tax Millage To Provide For The Budget.

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the Third Reading of the budget and it was seconded by Harold Moody. Jamal Campbell took the podium and had some questions for the county attorney and the county administrator concerning county council dealing with employees, financial records, budget cuts, the administrator's hours and him cutting his own pay, and the hiring of the county attorney and the attorney fees. Stevie Grice stated that all of the council members left the meeting saying that they were satisfied with the budget. The sheriff was asked if he was satisfied with his budget and he said that he was not there to argue and fuss about anything and that he was not completely satisfied but they would get by because if the county didn't have the money there is nothing else that can be done but council said that they would revisit it later if there was a problem down the road. The motion was made. Detrice Dawkins, Harold Moody, Stevie Grice and Buzzy Finklea voted in favor. Opposed was Jamal Campbell.

ADJOURN

The motion to adjourn was made by Stevie Grice and seconded by Harold Moody.

T F Finklea

Druscilla Blakely

Date Approved
