

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

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

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

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Chairman Buzzy Finklea presided over the meeting. He let the audience know that there would be no talking back or talking on the phone during the meeting because it was important that the county council be able hear. There would be no comments or walking around or they will be asked to leave.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Buzzy Finklea He led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Gerome McLeod gave the invocation.

Dillon County Administrator, Claude Graham submitted his resignation to the council due to medical reasons effective no later than 8:00 PM on July 27, 2022

Chairman Buzzy Finklea announced that Harold Moody and Stevie Grice would be attending the meeting by phone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Attorney Ken Dubose suggested to council that the agenda be amended because the administrator resigned effective after the meeting. He stated that under the Home Rule Act it says the county council shall employ an administrator who shall be the administrative head of council which means that the council has to have an administrator. He stated that because this is considered an unforeseen or emergency circumstance that the agenda needed to be amended to provide as a matter on the agenda in executive session that employment by Dillon County Council be added to the agenda and to provide compensation for services and other matters to be determined by council. A motion was made by Gerome McLeod to amend the agenda and go into executive session and once they come out of executive session name an interim administrator. It was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 22, 2022 & JULY 20, 2022

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

Ordinance Reading

First Reading – An Ordinance to change Zoning Map Classification from Residential 2 (RS2) to Light Industrial (ID1) for the purpose of Mining Equipment Tax Map No: 026-00-00-207 consisting of 1.86 acres. Property Owner(s): Frontier Mining, Proposed Location: 2350 Harlees Bridge Road.

Councilman Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance and Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins seconded it. All were in favor.

J A G GRANT AWARD – SHERIFF DOUGLAS PERNELL

Sheriff Douglas Pernell spoke in reference to a JAG Grant that was received in the amount of 13,992.00. With those funds this year, the sheriff's office will be purchasing a Mobile Radio – 7229.91, a Portable Radio – 6491.78, 2 Flash Lights – 207.36 and 3 Batteries – 62.95 which is a grand total 13,992.00 and he stated that this is at no cost to the citizens of Dillon County.

TAX ACCOMMDATION FUNDS – Approve Funding 2022 - 2023

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve the Tax Accommodation Funding that was recommended by the Advisory Committee for 2022–2023. It was seconded by Councilman Harold Moody. All were in favor. Those receiving funds are as follows:

**DILLON COUNTY
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS
2022-2023**

The Dillon County Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee recommends the following for funding from the tourism related portion of the 2022-2023 Dillon County’s Accommodation Tax Revenues:

PROJECT	RECOMMENDED
Criterion Club	\$ 5,000.
Rural Area Leadership	\$ 6,000.
Taste of Dillon County	\$ 6,000.
Celebrate Main Street	\$ 6,000.
Dillon County Theatre	\$10,000.
Latta Springfest	\$ 6,000.
Christmas on the Blvd.	\$ 7,500.
Latta Revitalization Comm.	\$ 4,000.
Dillon Community Alliance 1 st Friday	\$ 7,000.
Lake View COTB Polar Express	\$ 2,500.
Total	\$60,000.
<u>COMMITTEE/BOARD APPOINTMENTS</u>	

Richard Talbert was appointed to Tax Appeal Board by Councilman Jamal Campbell, District 1. Maggie Dunham was appointed to the Library Board by Councilman Jamal Campbell, District 1. Tom Bethea was appointed to Board of Zoning Appeals by Councilman Gerome McLeod, District 6 and Jonathan McLeod was appointed to Board of Zoning Appeals by Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins, District 3. A motion to approve the committee appointments was made by Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins and Seconded by Gerome McLeod. All were in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST

Councilman Gerome McLeod requested 650.00 for Pernell Community Center, Teresa Pernell to host a back-to-school drive, 500.00 to Cierra Fletcher for a STOP THE VIOLENCE Community Event to purchase food, drinks and other supplies and he also requested a donation of 200.00 to Ronnie Rowell On Your Dial to support his Annual Radio Anniversary.

Detrice Dawkins requested 100.00 to Ronnie Rowell On Your Dial to support his Annual Radio Anniversary.

Councilman Buzzy Finklea requested a donation of 500.00 to Latta 9 &10 Allstars.

A motion was made to approve the council request by Councilman Gerome McLeod and seconded by Councilman Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CLERK COUNCIL

A motion was made by Gerome McLeod to appoint Druscilla Blakely as Interim Clerk to Council. It was seconded by Councilman Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Detrice Dawkins to go into executive session and seconded by Councilman Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

No action was taken in executive session

Chairman Buzzy Finklea explained that they discussed hiring an administrator and council could not come to a conclusion as to who they wanted to hire at this time and was at a deadlock so the Claude Graham, the interim administrator said that he would withdraw his resignation and council can now advertise and start to interview people right away and hire an administrator as soon as possible. He thanked Claude Graham for withdrawing his resignation.

Adjourn

Gerome McLeod made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Detrice Dawkins.

T. F. Finklea, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk To Council

Date Approved _____

