

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
JUNE 22, 2022 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on June 22, 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, Casie Goins-Kinney, Druscilla Blakely, Ken Dubose (County Attorney) and Betsy Finklea (Dillon Herald). Gerome McLeod was not present at the meeting.

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.

INVOCATIONJ

Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stevie Grice made a motion to amend the agenda and remove item number 7 from the agenda. Detrice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor. A motion was then made by Stevie Grice to approve the amended agenda. Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jamal Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes from May 25, 2022. Stevie Grice seconded and all were in favor.

BUDGET – 2ND READING

A motion was made by Harold Moody to approve the Budget – 2nd Reading and seconded by Stevie Grice. A motion was then made to table the 2nd Budget reading by Jamal Campbell and Detrice Dawkins seconded. Those in favor were Jamal Campbell and Detrice Dawkins. Those opposed were Harold Moody, Buzzy Finklea and Stevie Grice. A suggestion was made by Stevie Grice to have a workshop on Friday, June 24, 2022. Claude Graham said that a workshop would be fine and all of the council members present were in favor. Chairman Buzzy Finklea asked the county attorney to read what needed to be done before the third reading and Attorney Ken Dubose stated just for clarification that anyone could make a notion to amend the budget and at the third reading everything is on the table so this will allow the county to run and publish the notice of public hearing which has to be done 15 days before the 3rd reading. The notice of public hearing has to have the proposed date of the third reading in it. Jamal Campbell had concerns about some of the budget cuts and new hires and wanted it to be put on record that he was opposed to the new budget. Attorney Ken Dubose also stated that the county would need a Continuing Resolution because the county apparently will not pass the budget by July 1, 2022. (A Continuing Resolution to fund Dillon County government in accordance with current fiscal year 2022 – 2023 budget and authorize funding in accordance with current fiscal year budget). The Continuing Resolution motion should say, “It is resolved by Dillon County Council that the current fiscal year budget be continued to fund county government beyond July 1, 2022 until the final budget is approved on the 3rd reading. A motion was made by Councilman Stevie Grice and seconded by Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST

Councilman Gerome McLeod donated 700.00 to B.I.S.H.O.P. which is a nonprofit organization.

Councilman Buzzy Finklea donated 250.00 each of the following: Oak Grove Neighborhood Watch, Oak Grove Fire Station nine and Latta Rescue Squad. He also donated 260.00 to Latta Station two Fire Department.

Councilman Jamal Campbell donated 475.00 to the Dillon High School Band.

Councilman Stevie Grice donates 1100.00 to the City Of Dillon All Star Teams.

Councilman Harold Moody donated 175.00 to the Dillon Rescue Squad.

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins donated her remaining balance of 995.00 to Recreation for the parks in Oakland and Riverdale which are in her district.

A motion was made by Councilman Jamal Campbell to approve the Council Request and seconded by Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Claude Graham, County Administrator said that he had received some complaints about the mosquitoes and asked if any of council had complaints from their districts and if so, they can be put on the schedule for spraying. They will contact Clemson Extension first to find out where the bee keepers are located.

NORTH EASTERN TECH

Dr. Kyle Wagner updated the council on the various courses now being offered and upcoming events at North Eastern Tech. They currently have eight full time employees and most of them are instructors. They did a six-year study and noticed that Dual Enrollment is very crucial to the expansion of traditional education which means that the more successful they are with dual enrollment and connecting kids in high school with college courses the more successful they are with traditional students who are outside of high school because they have connections in the community with parents, grandparents and even cousins and then they are encouraged to continue their education also. They have had up to three generations enrolled at the same time. They currently have 391 dual and 446 traditional which is a total of 837 students. They have partnered with Dillon, Latta and Lake View Schools. They use the ATEC Center at night to train adults and during the day they train the high school students. The Cheraw Campus is no longer the head campus because all services are now available at every campus along with a full and complete graduation at each campus. North Eastern NETC currently owns twenty-six acres in Dillon and would love to expand the campus. They are seeking funding to put a new workforce training center there. NETC will make history by holding their first graduation this year in August.

JUDGE JAMES LOCKEMY – AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Judge Lockemy spoke to council about an initiative in the state that Dillon County can be a part of and it will not cost any money at all. It's called the 250th Anniversary Commission. The 250th anniversary is in 2033. Many counties have already started because legislature passed a statue creating this commission statewide and it authorized every county to create a commission to create markers of where revolutionary battles and activities occurred of historical importance at that period of time. Markers would be place around the county where revolutionary war battles and activities occurred and would include some of all races and genders with may be the bad and the ugly parts of our history. He asked council pass an ordinance just to create the commission with a chairperson and to let the chairperson come back with some names that council will approve. The chairperson would work along with the state commission and the governor's commission. He asked that maybe in the future the county would put something in so that the state will match those funds. The commission will need some funds from the county in order to be recognized by the commission. There is a \$3000.00 grant without any matching money and donations can also be accepted. He also stated that he would love to be the chairperson. A motion to make Judge Lockemy the chairperson was made by Jamal Campbell and seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor. Judges Lockemy stated that he would like to have a ten to twelve member committee he'll bring back a list of names that he would recommend and members of council could bring back some names also.

SECTION 504/ADA COMPLIANCE PLAN

Joseph from the Pee Dee Council Of Government in Florence spoke concerning the Americans with

Disabilities Act update. He stated that federal law from 1990 requires all municipalities, counties government to comply with the ADA/Section 504 The Dept of Commerce in Columbia is requiring that all entities in the state have an updated plan. The COG has updated the plan. Dillon County currently has a block grant that cannot be closed out until the plan is updated. The grant will be reviewed on July 12, 2022 and the county cannot apply for anymore grants thru the COG without this update. He has composed a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan and has been working with Matthew and Cassie on Dillon County's input. He asked that council sign today and everything will be completed. A motion was made by Stevie and seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Timber

The administrator stated that the county has a parcel of land that has timber on it and he recommended that council consider selling the timber off of that land due to the fact that timber is selling at a high price at this time. He will get the bids for the timber and council can review and make a decision The motion was made to sale the timber by Stevie Grice and seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

Committee Appointments

Claude Graham said that there are some committee appointments that council needs to look at and they should be thinking about some names for the various committees that need to be added or replaced. Mr. Claude also stated that he contacted Mr. Tom Bethea because Gerome McLeod wanted to appoint him to be on the Board of Zoning Appeals to replace Dr. Linda Hayes. Mr. Bethea agreed that he would do it.

EXECUTIVE SESSSION – CONTRACTUAL MATTER

A motion to go in to executive session was made by Detrice Dawkins and seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Stevie Grice made a motion to adjourn. Detrice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor

T.F. Finklea, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk

Date Approved
