**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536**

February 23, 2022

5:00 PM

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**The Dillon County Council held a meeting on February 23, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were: Stevie Grice, Christopher Miller, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea, Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell.** Also present were Clay Young, Lisa Miller, Claude Graham and Betsy Finklea (Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Lisa Miller and Clay Young (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie McCall, Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel, Tonya Brown and RJ Fodera (WPDE News), S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, Matthew Elvington, B. Herring (WBTW News), Kelly Jordan (MDT), Karen D. Francis (McLeod), Robbie Coward, LV Clerk, RJ Fodera; Jennifer Davis; Brandon Norris (McNair-Burr Law), Claire Hall, Ray Jones and Madison Felder (Parker Poe), Kyle Wagner (Northeastern Tech), Representative Jackie Hayes, Vernon Grimsley (Dillon County Recreation), Jack McInnis, Moses Heyward and Michelle Bethea (Dillon County Disaster Preparedness), Chuck McLain, Sabrina Davis and Tim Harper (Marion County), Whit McGreevy (K&L Gates), Jarrett Taylor, Benny Genwright, Maggie Dunham, Josephine Gilcrist, Robbie Coward and Glen Wagner (City of Dillon), Tony Caulder (Dillon County Maintenance), Lindsay Privette (Pee Dee COG); By fax – Dillon Herald, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

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**Chairman Buzzy Finklea presided over the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Gerome McLeod gave the Invocation.**

**Approval of Agenda - Trice Dawkins made a motion to amend the agenda by deleting item 11A. Jamal Campbell second and all were in favor. (5-0)**

**Gee McLeod made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor. (5-0)**

**Next Council voted to approve the minutes from Jan. 26, Feb. 1 and Feb 9. Jamal Campbell made a motion and Trice Dawkins seconded. All were in favor. (5-0)**

**Jamal Campbell presented the Dillon County Predators AAU Football team with a trophy recognizing their win at the national championship.**

**William Brown, a representative from UV Angel talked to council about lighting that is available to eliminate the spread of Covid-19 and any other viruses. He stated that there is money available thru The Federal Government to cover the cost. UV Angel does not apply for the funding.**

**Next, Alan Berry read a resolution proclaiming the month of February as Black History Month in Dillon County.**

**James Knox with Charter Communications gave an update on broadband for Dillon County. They have started canvasing the county and expect to begin work soon.**

**Second reading of** 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. **Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the second reading and Gee McLeod seconded. All present were in favor. (6-0)**

**FIRST 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 **Christopher Miller made a motion to approve the first reading and Stevie Grice seconded. All were in favor. (6-0)**

**Finance Report – not given**

**Administrator’s Report – Trice Dawkins discussed a Family Fun Day for county employees. The third Saturday in July was discussed as a potential date.**

**After brief discussion on the Broadband Infrastructure Grant Agreement, Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. Trice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor. (6-0)**

**The Mitigation Infrastructure Project in Riverdale was selected by the South Carolina Office of Resilience to receive a grant award of $1,420,000. Trice Dawkins made a motion to accept the grant and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

**We had two recreation requests (Great Expectations R3, Community Excellence). Gee McLeod made a motion to approve the request and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

**Trice Dawkins made a motion to go into executive session and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

**Stevie Grice made a motion to come out of executive session and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

**No action taken in Executive Session.**

**Stevie Grice made a motion to use ARP funds for the Hwy 34 project and Jamal Campbell Seconded. All were in favor.**

**Stevie Grice made a motion to approve Claude Graham’s contract as Interim County Administrator and Christopher Miller seconded. All present voted in favor.**

**Stevie Grice made a motion to adjourn and Trice Dawkins seconded. All were in favor.**

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**T.F. Finklea, Chairman**

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**Lisa S. Miller, Clerk to Council**

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