

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
AUGUST 24, 2022
5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on August 24, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council chambers. Present were Stevie Grice, Gerome McLeod, Detrice Dawkins, Jamal Campbell, Harold Moody and Buzzy Finklea Also present were Claude Graham, Druscilla Blakely, Cassie Goins-Kinney, Jon Robinson (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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Finklea led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Gerome McLeod gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the agenda. Gerome McLeod seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the amended minutes for April 19, 2022, the minutes for July 24, 2022 and August 16, 2022. All were in favor.

RECREATION

Detrice Dawkins stated that she had been working with Glen Wagner from the City Of Dillon discussing the previous proposal that he had given to the county. She said that they were able to make some changes. One of the changes was that the City Of Dillon would lease the property from the county for 20 years at \$1.00 per year instead of 25 years at 1.00 per year. She went over a list of things that would be in the contract and also gave a list to the citizens. Gerome McLeod stated that he had been discussing the new contract with Detrice Dawkins which she had been diligently working very hard on and he felt like the new contract was very fair and that it should be in an official contract moving forward. Jamal Campbell said that he didn't vote for the proposal the last time and his position was still the same this time because he didn't think that the county has done enough to ensure, although he would love to see the kids play football, but didn't think that the county had done their due diligence by giving away the park for twenty years. Detrice Dawkins said that number nine on the contract says that the entire body will take a look over the official contract before the lease agreement is signed. Jon Robinson, County Attorney stated that the next step would be to do a contract to effectuate the contract and that this is just the terms of what everyone else is agreeing to. A contract will be prepared and presented before council to approve. After a brief discussion which included Glen Wagner a motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve the contract with the City Of Dillon. The motion was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea and Detrice Dawkins vote in favor. Jamal Campbell opposed.

COUNCIL REQUEST

The Humane Society of Dillon County requested a donation for their Paws for the Arts fundraiser. **Detrice Dawkins** donated 100.00. **Harold Moody** donated 200.00. **Gerome McLeod** donated 50.00.

Splush Cutz Barbershop was accepting donations for a Back 2 School Drive to give away Free Haircutz/Styles. **Jamal Campbell** donated 300.00. **Detrice Dawkins** donated 50.00. **Gerome McLeod** donated 100.00. Jon Robinson, Attorney stated that this request appears to be to an individual business person and the haircuts would not be

free at all if Council pays for them. Jamal Campbell explained that council was not asked to donate anything but he just wanted to give a donation from his recreation fund. Jon Robinson stated that this would not be in the category or on the list of things that Council could donate to. He said that he would be happy to give legal advice to council in executive session. Jamal Campbell said that it would be ok if they discussed it in executive session. A motion to approve the recreation request was made by Detrice Dawkins and seconded by Harold Moody. All were in favor.

FINANCE REPORT

Claude Graham, County Administrator said that a Finance Report would be given to Council Members monthly. Jamal Campbell asked who was finance director at this time and Mr. Graham stated that the county doesn't have one. He also said at this point the county seems to be in pretty good shape. Detrice Dawkins asked if council members are allowed to see the bank statements. She was told that she would need to speak to the Treasurer because he doesn't have anything to do with the bank statements. Jamal Campbell asked how long has the county been without a finance director. Mr. Claude said the county has never had a finance director, but only had someone helping out.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session was made by Detrice Dawkins. It was seconded by Harold Moody. All were in favor.

Results of Executive Sessions

No action was taken.

Adjourn

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

T. F. Finklea, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved