#### DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL 109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 5, 2022 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a Special Called Meeting on December 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Stevie Grice, Detrice Dawkins, Jamal Campbell, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend and Gerome McLeod. Also present were Claude Graham, County Administrator, Druscilla Blakely, Cassie Goins-Kinney, Ken Dubose, Attorney and Betsey Finklea (Dillon Hetald).

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

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# CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Buzzy Finklea called the meeting to order presided over the meeting.

# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Buzzy Finklea led the pledge of allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Gerome McLeod gave the invocation.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jamal Campbell made a motion to amend the agenda and add Council Request after the Invocation. Gerome McLeod seconded. All were in favor. Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

#### Council Request

Style U requested a donation for their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Toy Drive in Uplifting families during the holiday season. Jamal Campbell donated 200.00, Gerome McLeod donated 100.00 and Detrice Dawkins donated 50.00. Gerome McLeod made a motion to approve the Council Request. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to go into Executive Session. It was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor. Attorney Ken Dubose asked that the record show that the Executive Session was for a Personnel and Contractual Matter.

#### No action as taken in Executive Session.

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Stevie Grice and seconded by Harold Moody. All was in favor.

Chairman Buzzy Finklea stated that he talked to his friend, Administrator Claude Graham who gave him a letter which read: Please accept this letter of resignation effective at 5:00 PM on 12/5/2022. He said that Claude Graham had did an excellent job and he was proud of him for standing up and doing what he had to do and that he has more knowledge probably as an administrator than anyone in the Pee Dee and has served and had so many different positions and has had connections all over the state. Chairman Buzzy Finklea thanked Claude Graham for coming in and working for the short time that he did which was longer than he was expected to work but he did a really good job and he knew that the only reason that he did it was because he wanted to help the people of Dillon County. He then accepted Administrator Claude Graham's resignation.

Stevie Grice Made a motion to employ Matthew Elvington as Interim County Administrator effective upon execution of the agreement as to Interim County Administrator marked Exhibit A and presented to County Council for approval. He will be the Interim Administrator and continue to be and perform the duties of the Economic Development Director. He was seconded by Harold Moody. All was in favor by a 6 to 1 vote. Jamal Campbell opposed.

## ADJOURN

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

T. F. Finklea, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

**Date Approved**