

**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2022 5:00 PM**

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The Dillon County Council held a Regular Meeting on December 14, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, Detrice Dawkins, Jamal Campbell, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend and Gerome McLeod. Also present were Matthew Elvington, Interim County Administrator, Druscilla Blakely, Ken Dubose, Attorney and Betsey Finklea (Dillon Herald).

**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 and presided over the meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Buzzy Finklea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INVOCATION**

Gerome McLeod gave the invocation.

### **PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES**

A plaque was presented to the family of the late Councilman Christopher Miller by Councilman Stevie Grice in recognition of the dedicated service of Councilman Christopher Miller from January 2021 till April 2022, Dillon County District 2 and for the lasting impact that he had on Dillon County. Stevie Grice stated that Councilman Christopher Miller was not only a good Councilman but that he also was his best friend.

Chairman Buzzy Finklea presented a plaque to Councilman Gerome "Gee" McLeod for his years of service from February 2018 until December 2022, in sincere appreciation for his four years of committed and dedicated service to Dillon County and Dillon County Council District 6.

Buzzy Finklea presented a plaque to Harold Moody in honor with deep appreciation of his 28 years from January 1995 till December 2022 for his outstanding leadership, commitment, vision and distinguished service to Dillon County and Dillon County Council District 5.

Buzzy Finklea also stated that he had a plaque for Claude Graham who was not in attendance but he would present it to him at a later date.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – RECREATION AGREEMENT**

A PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARDS TO AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING A LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DILLON LEASING RECREATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DILLON COUNTY TO THE CITY OF DILLON FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

**There were no public comments from the citizens concerning the Recreation Agreement.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING – LAND SALE**

A Public Hearing in regards to An Ordinance by Dillon County Council authorizing the sell and conveyance of approximately two acres of land owned by Dillon County as depicted on Exhibit A and ratifying and authorizing a Contract of Sale and related documents authorizing the execution of the Contract of Sale and related documents and performance of acts as set forth in the Contract of Sale and related documents, and other matters provided herein

**There were no public comments from the citizens the concerning Land Sale.**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 9, 2022, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 & DECEMBER 5, 2022**

A motion to approve the November 9, 2022, November 16, 2022 and December 5, 2022 minutes was made by Harold Moody and seconded by Gerome McLeod. All were in favor.

**RECREATION REQUEST**

Harold Moody donated 350.00 to the Dillon Rescue Squad.

Harold Moody donated 350.00 to Fire Station #4.

Jamal Campbell donated 200.00 to Marion-Dillon County Board of disabilities and Special Needs for Christmas gifts for the residents of homes.

Dennis Townsend donated 500.00 to the Lake View Recreation Department for Lake View 9-10 All-Star Football Team who is playing in the State Tournament and traveling to Orangeburg SC. Dillon County Boys and Girls Youth Center requested donations for their Annual Youth Empowerment Conference. Gerome McLeod donated 200.00, Jamal Campbell donated 200.00 and Detrice Dawkins donated 100.00.

**Detrice Dawkins made a motion to approve the Council Request and was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.**

**DONATION OF EMS VEHICLE TO DILLON RESCUE**

Daniel Moody, EMS Emergency Services Director, stated that this vehicle would be used as a rescue truck to transport tools and it would not be used as an ambulance to transport patients.

**A motion was made by Detrice Dawkins to donate an EMS Vehicle to Dillon Rescue. She was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.**

**MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BY AND AMONG EACH COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, STATE AGENCY AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ENTITY THAT EXECUTES AND ADOPTS TERMS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN, BASED UPON THE FACTS:

Daniel Moody, EMS Emergency Services Director, stated that in order to get certain grants thru the State Fire Fighters Association, every county must have a Mutual Aid Agreement on file which means that the county agrees to provide assistance if needed.

**A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement for Emergency Services and was seconded by Gerome McLeod. All were in favor.**

**Third Reading No. 22-10 - AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING A LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DILLON LEASING RECREATIONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY DILLON COUNTY TO THE CITY OF DILLON FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

**A motion to approve Ordinance Reading – No 22-10 Lease Agreement between Dillon County and The City Of Dillon was made by Stevie Grice and seconded by Harold Moody. All were in favor except Jamal Campbell who was opposed.**

**Third Reading -No. 22-07** An Ordinance by Dillon County Council authorizing the sell and conveyance of approximately two acres of land owned by Dillon County as depicted on Exhibit A and ratifying and authorizing a Contract of Sale and related documents authorizing the execution of the Contract of Sale and related documents and performance of acts as set forth in the Contract of Sale and related documents, and other matters provided herein

**A motion to approve Ordinance Reading – No 22-07 to sell two acres of land was made by Stevie Grice and seconded by Harold Moody. All were in favor**

### **SPECTRUM CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS – JOE PRAT**

Joe Prat of Spectrum Charter Communications gave update to County Council on the broadband process. He said that they are now in the activation phase and when program is completed this project will be 95% to 98% county connected with high-speed broadband and they are on track to be finished by the third quarter of 2023 next year. He accepted questions from council member and said that he would leave his contact information for them if they had any further questions.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 22-11 - First Reading – By Title Only**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT CONVERTIBLE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

**A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve Ordinance No. 22-11 - First Reading-By Title Only and was seconded by Harold Moody. Stevie Grice, Gerome McLeod, Dennis Townsend and Buzzy Finklea were all in favor. Detrice Dawkins opposed. Jamal Campbell did not vote.**

### **Inducement Resolution and Agreement**

A motion to approve the Inducement Resolution and Agreement was made by Stevie Grice and seconded by Harold Moody. Stevie Grice, Harold Moody, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea and Dennis Townsend all approved. Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell opposed.

### **Administrative Report** **Wastewater Study**

Matthew Elvinton, Interim County Administrator stated that the Wastewater Study is something that was done a while back which is an Economic Development project also and at this time the county is relying on the city's waste water capacity in order to draw industry. The city has been trying to get grants to help out because they recognize what is going on. He said that the county help pay for a water study thru the COG. The Wastewater Study lays out a nine-step plan on how to grow that and in addition to growing our industry. He said if we want to grow our industry the county has to grow that also. The county is looking for funding to help grow the capacity. There

have been several projects that the county did not qualify for because the county didn't meet the minimum for the waste water capacity.

**Traffic Study**

The Traffic Study was done by the COG also is the study of the port and traffic around it in addition tells impact of the area and how to grow it as well, which is important as far as future development in that area.

**Matthew Elvington recommended to Chairman Buzzy Finklea that council goes into Executive session to discuss legal and contractual matters pertaining to items 16 A & B and 17 A & B.**

**Executive Session**

Stevie Grice made a motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

**Administrative Briefing**

Transfer Station

Judicial Center Dispute

Fire Fighter Compensation

Contracts for Convenience Sites

**Adjourn**

A motion to go adjourn was made by Dennis Townsend and seconded by Gerome McLeod. All were in favor.

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**T. F. Finklea, Chairman**

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**Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council**

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**Date Approved**