

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on September 28, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Stevie Grice, Gerome McLeod, Detrice Dawkins, Jamal Campbell, Buzzy Finklea and Dennis Townsend Also present were Claude Graham, Druscilla Blakely, Cassie Goins-Kinney and Ken Dubose. Harold Moody was not present at the meeting.

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

Buzzy Finklea <tffinklea@dilloncountysc.org>, Jamal Campbell <jcampbell@dilloncountysc.org>, Detrice Dawkins <tricedawkins@yahoo.com>, Stevie Grice <gricecube@hotmail.com>, g mcleod <ironman3744@gmail.com>, "dillonlawyer@aol.com", <charliecbailey@aol.com>, <bludwig@southerncurrentllc.com>, <mastercurry@bellsouth.net>, Elvington@aol.com" <elvington@aol.com>, <richard.d.gaddy@gmail.com>, <news@wmbfnews.com>, <sccones@aol.com>, <dillonherald@yahoo.com>, <dtholder@gmail.com>, <ljackson@dillonsheriff.org>, <john.jackson1995@yahoo.com>, <jacoriem@ymail.com>, <jward929@gmail.com>, <karend.francis@mcleodhealth.org>, <kjordan@marlboro.coop>, <tlane1018@aim.com>, <martinfireman9@aol.com>, <snapceo@aol.com>, <smcrae911@yahoo.com>, <dillonriskmgr@aol.com>, <mlee@mhisc.com>, <morrislt13@yahoo.com>, <news@wbtw.com>, <susan.norton@perdue.com>, <patel1223@gmail.com>, <cpelfrey@netc.edu>, <proctorhaywood@gmail.com>, <rjfodera@wpde.com>, <roscoxen@aol.com>, <randyrouse@bellsouth.net> <news@scnow.com>, <tigger_2g@msn.com>, <scemtgerry@gmail.com>, <kls1@rocketmail.com>, <ssuber@mhisc.com>, <ttaylor383@aol.com>, "tbrown@wpde.com" <tbrown@wpde.com>, "vanns4@bellsouth.net" <vanns4@bellsouth.net>, code17@gmail.com" <code17@gmail.com>, "agendas@voterheads.com" <agendas@voterheads.com>, <tim@ammonshayes.com>, <wmiller@dilloncountysc.org>, <harmick@aol.com>, <dillon1447@aol.com>, <jcampbellmco@yahoo.com>, "jamal_campbell24@yahoo.com" <jamal_campbell24@yahoo.com>, <jtthomas@netc.edu>, <toniegraves01@gmail.com>, <anthony.moore29536@gmail.com>, <margaretmarstin@parkerpoe.com>, <dpernell@61aol.com>, <kevin.drawhorn@yahoo.com>, <aowens297957@gmail.com> <tonigraves01@gmail.com>, <mkoch@mhisc.com>, <crawfordronald00@gmail.com>, <maggiedunham53@gmail.com>, <gtauction@gmail.com>, <dctaxassessor@dilloncountysc.org>, <dcadministrator@dilloncountysc.org>, <jameslighty85@gmail.com>, <amazinggrace11520@yahoo.com>, <nancyhargrove@att.net>, <betsyfinklea@bdfinklea@thedillonherald.com>, Joy Snipes <joysnipes@yahoo.com>, Robbie Coward <robbiecoward@aol.com>, Josephine Gilchrist <josephinegilchrist@aol.com>, "Herbert A. Jacobs" <herbert.jacobs@mail.com>, Daniel Moody <dmoody9588@gmail.com>, <damono@gmail.com>, Dillon County RiskManager <dcriskmanager@dilloncountysc.org>, Matthew Elvington <melvington@dilloncountysc.org>, osoupomo1@aol.com, Ken DuBose <ken@smithrobinsonlaw.com>, Jon Robinson <jon@smithrobinsonlaw.com>, dennistownsend@bellsouth.net

Chairman Buzzy Finklea presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Buzzy Finklea led the pledge of allegiance.

INVOCATION

Gerome McLeod gave the invocation.

Afterward Chairman Buzzy Finklea welcomed the new councilman, Dennis Townsend District 2, Lake View, who filled deceased Councilman Christopher Miller's seat He informed him that he would put him on the same committees that Christopher Miller was on, which is the Building Committee, Recreation Committee and Planning Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Detrice Dawkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Stevie Grice seconded. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gerome McLeod made a motion to approve the revised amended minutes for April 19, 2022, the minutes for August 24, 2022 and September 15, 2022 and was seconded by Stevie Grice and Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE READINGS

Second 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

Claude Graham, Administrator asked Chairman Buzzy Finklea to delay 5-A on the agenda at this time, Ordinance No. 22-07 because there was some more legal work to do before the approving the second reading. He asked that they move on to 5-B, ordinance Reading No. 22-08. Chairman Finklea agreed and moved on to 5-B.

First Reading No. 22-08 - AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING MAP CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL 2 (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN RV PARK. TAX MAP NO. 118-00-00-004 CONSISTING OF 5.38 ACRES, PROPERTY OWNER(S): WEST CANAL PROPERTIES, LOCATION: WEST CANAL ROAD, SELLERS SC 29592

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve Ordinance Reading No.22-08 and was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

First Reading No. 22-09 – AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING MAP CLASSIFICATION FROM RESIDENTIAL 2 (RS2) TO RURAL (RU) FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN RV PARK. TAX MAP NO. 118-00-00-433 CONSISTING OF 40.72 ACRES, PROPERTY OWNER(S): CATFISH CANAL, LLC: WEST CANAL ROAD, SELLERS SC 29592

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve Ordinance Reading No.22-09 and was seconded by Gerome McLeod. All were in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST

Dillon Middle School Band requested a donation to help with field trips, competitions and other fundraisers to help keep them motivated and interested in band.

Detrice Dawkins donated 200.00, **Jamal Campbell** donated 200.00, **Buzzy Finklea** Donated 100.00, **Stevie Grice** donated 100.00 and **Buzzy Finklea** donate100.00.

Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament: Buzzy Finklea donated 100.00 and Stevie Grice donated 100.00 to the Chamber Of Commerce Golf Tournament.

Gerome McLeod made a motion to approve the council Request and was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

PROFESSOR FELTON EADDY–SHOOTING OCCURING IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD

Professor Eaddy thanked County Council for allowing him to speak. He introduced his neighbors, Rev. Bobby Boykin who is 83 years old and Donna Cribb Smith who came to the meeting also. He allowed Ms. Donna Cribb Smith to speak first. She stated her address where she and her daughter live at on Buck Swamp Road is a historical neighborhood and that the neighbor's range between sixty and ninety-nine years old and have known one another as well as their parents all of their lives and it was a very peaceful neighborhood. Everyone in the neighborhood goes to one of the two churches in the community and that it is primarily an African American neighborhood. She said that the county just lowered the speed limit in their neighborhood to reduce speeding and racing in the area. They get along very well and it has been peaceful until one night in August around 10:30 at night when she heard gun shots that continued throughout the night until 10:30 the next morning. She suggested that if the location where the shooting has been occurring is truly a gun range, that signs be put up saying no shooting after 10:30 at night or on Saturdays or Sundays in honor of the two churches in the community. She concluded by saying that they just want to have a peaceful neighborhood. Professor Eaddy began by saying that they have all known each other for a long time and they've been very happy living there because its historical and one of the oldest communities in Fork. He stated that they are terrified of the shootings because sometimes it happens all day for hours and it doesn't matter what day of the week it is. He asked the council members how would they like to have a gun range next to their homes. He said that the state has specific laws for gun ranges. He said that Dillon County has three gun ranges already and he would love for them to access one of those ranges to do their target practice. He asked the council members to give them some assistance and they're asking for help. He concluded by asking Councilman Dennis Townsend, who is his councilman to give them some assistance.

Dillon County Clerk Of Court- Gwen Hyatt

Gwen Hyatt began by asking when the budget was finalized. She stated that she had two employees to quit and would like to hire at least one person to replace one of the

ones that quit. One of the employees worked in child support and the other worked General Sessions Court and because of being short staffed her employees haven't been able to take their vacation and have lost time that can't be rolled over to the next year. She invited council to come to her office just to see how their office functions from day to day. Jamal Campbell asked if he could make a motion for Gwen Hyatt to hire one person for her department. Claude Graham stated that there is not enough money in the budget to hire anyone else for that office and if council wants to hire someone, they will have to tell him where to get the money. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Gerome McLeod to table this issue and have a workshop to discuss Gwen Hyatt hiring another employee. Detrice Dawkins seconded the motion and all were in favor.

DILLON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION – MICHAEL GRICE

Michael Grice thanked everyone for allowing him to be put on the agenda and said that he came on behalf of the office of elections because they are a hard-working group of ladies. He stated that back in June there was a Primary election and also a run off, in July there was a special election in Lake View and in September there was a General Election and the ladies in the Voter's Registration office have put in several hours of overtime but have not been paid overtime pay for the extra and he stressed that they are hardworking ladies. He also stated that on October 11 there is going to be a Latta Town Council Special Election and on November 8 General Election which is more overtime. He explained in detail to council that on November 8 most county employees will be off but the Voter's Registration Office will be working overtime, also on November 11, Certification Day falls on a holiday which is Veterans Day, but they will be working. During the month of November, the office is required to stay open for an additional one hour per day for two weeks and also open on Saturdays for two weeks. In December there will be another special Election for the Latta Mayor and as the new year comes in there will be more overtime because there will be another Special Election for the Town Of Lake View mayor. He asked council and the administrator to find some money to pay the fine group of ladies in the Voters Administration Office. He added that no one including himself wants to work for free.

All county council members agreed that Voters Registration office should be paid. Claude Graham, County Administrator agreed that the Voters Registration Office should be paid but the county council members will need to tell him where to get the money from. Claude Graham said the Finance Department could be present for the next meeting with documentation. Ken Dubose, Attorney said that the county can amend the budget and by vote, do line-item transfers which means If money is appropriated in the budge county council by vote can take that money and appropriate it from one account and put into another account but will not be available for the first purpose. Buzzy Finklea said that council should table and discuss this at the meeting next week also. They all agreed that the Finance Office needs to be present for the next meeting with documentation. Michael Grice asked that county council gives him a response as soon as possible.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Broadband

Spectrum who is doing the broadband, will have a written report for council at the next Regular County Council Meeting with data as to where they are with the project and let council know how soon it will be before they can get it operational.

Glenn Meadow Subdivision

This project was sent over to Pee Dee COG and has approved that subdivision for acceptance to the county under the Dillon County Ordinance. Claude Graham recommended that the county accept Glenn Meadow Subdivision who agreed to spray and take care of the grass. The county will maintain the roads.

ADJOURN

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

T. F. Finklea, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved