

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
January 24, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on January 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Stevie Grice, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea. Dennis Townsend, Kenny Cook Jr, Jamal Campbell and Detrice Dawkins. Also present were Tim Harper, Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Ken Dubose, County 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

Councilman Stevie Grice called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Stevie Grice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Stevie Grice begin the meeting by asking council to amend the agenda by adding item number 17 to the agenda which was to recognize February 2024 as Black History Month and the adoption of the Proclamation for Black History Month and to move the other items down.

A motion was made to amend the agenda by Robbie Coward. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Kenny Cook Jr and seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 13, 2023

A motion to approve December 13, 2023 meeting minutes by Dennis Townsend. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. CHAIRMAN

Council voted on the Chairperson for 2024. The vote was by ballot. Detrice Dawkins received four votes and Stevie received three votes. Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins was elected as Council Chairwoman by a four to three vote. The gavel was passed and Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins then presided over the meeting

B. VICE- CHAIRMAN

Next Council voted on the Vice Chairman for 2024. This vote was also by ballot. Jamal Campbell received four votes and Dennis Townsend received three votes. Councilman Jamal Campbell was elected as Council Vice- Chair by a four to three votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-22 SECOND READING

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Rural (RU) to Light Industrial (ID1) FOR Landfill Expansion. Tax Map No: 069-00-00-091, 069-00-00-093, 069-00-00-094, 069-00-00-117, consisting to 50.3 acres

Property Owner(s): Dillon County

Proposed Location: 901 Landfill Road

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance No. 23-22. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-01 FIRST READING

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Single and Two Family Residential (RS2) to General Commercial (GC) to open a Daycare

Tax Map No. 070-08-00-029

Property Owner(s): Natasha Bethea

Proposed Location: Riverdale Community

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve Ordinance No. 24-01 First Reading. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

The NAACP Dillon County Branch requested donations for their Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on February 3, 2024. Jamal Campbell donated \$70.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$70.00, Buzzy

Finklea donated \$100.00, Kenny Cook Jr gave a \$100.00 personal donation and Robbie Coward gave a \$70.00 personal donation.

Logistics of Hustling requested donations for their 2nd Annual Hearts of Dillon Gala. Jamal Campbell donated \$100.00, Buzzy Finklea donated \$100.00, Stevie Grice donated \$50.00, Kenny Cook Jr and Robbie Coward each gave \$100.00 personal donations.

A motion to approve the Council Recreation Request was made by Jamal Campbell. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

OWEN WALLACE – MT. HOLLY CEMETERY DRIVEWAY REPAIR

Owen Wallace stated that Mt. Holly Cemetery has two driveway that need to be repaired because they're caving in. He said that he had been dealing with DOT and they said that it was not their responsibility but they were willing to help as much as they could.

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend that the county replace the pipe at the size recommended by DOT and prepare for paving by DOT on the right of way. He was seconded by Robbie Coward.

PEE DEE COALITION, GLENDA SCHLEICH – Stalking and Human Trafficking Month

This item was removed from the agenda because Glenda Schleich was sick and not able to attend the meeting.

AARON GANDY – INSURANCE REQUEST

Aaron Gandy came before council to ask that they remove the \$200.00 cap for the health insurance and that they be treated like the other employees. The administrator stated that years ago it was approved that those that were on Medicare the county would pay \$200.00 for the supplement policy and that was approved by council several years ago and he also said that there are eight employees that this is being paid for eight employees.

Robbie Coward made a motion that council add \$75.00 for the eight employees for which is an increase from \$200.00 per month to \$275.00 per month. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Approval Of Application For the Use Of Courthouse Grounds: Detrice Dawkins Women Empowerment to be held May 11, 2024 from 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the use of the courthouse grounds for Detrice Dawkins. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

RIVER CLEANUP BIDS

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Newell's Construction for the River Cleanup Bid. Their bid amount was \$107,000.00. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

MARLBORO/PEE DEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE PRESENTATION

Rodney Berry stated that Marlboro Electric had been great partners for many years and he wanted to start the year by stating that because they need each other in their pursuits. Jeff Singletary of Marlboro/Pee Dee Electric Cooperative was presented a plaque by Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins plaque on behalf of Dillon County Council.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr that Dillon County recognize February 2024 as Black History Month. He was seconded by Robbie Coward.

A motion was also made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the Black History Month Proclamation for Dillon County. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Dennis Townsend. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matter

B. Personnel Matter

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to adjourn. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved