

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
MARCH 27, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on March 27, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, Kenny Cook Jr, Stevie Grice and Jamal Campbell. Also present were Tim Harper, Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Betsey Finklea and a Dillon Herald representative.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Detrice Dawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Kenny Cook Jr made a motion to approve the agenda. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2024 & March 21, 2024

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the February 28, 2024 and March 21, 2024 minutes. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance Reading No. 23-15 – First Reading – By Title Only

An ordinance by Dillon County Council as to Nuisances, Junkyards, Noise and Litter

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance Reading No. 23-15 First Reading – By Title Only. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. Detrice Dawkins and Stevie Grice were also in favor. Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea and Jamal Campbell were all opposed

Discussion - Councilman Robbie Coward stated that he voted against ordinance No. 23-15 but would like to have a full council workshop along with the attorney and administrator before the second reading.

Ordinance Reading No. 23-21 - Third Reading

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 OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT IMPACT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve Ordinance Reading No. 23-21 - Third Reading. He was seconded by Buzzy Finklea. All were in favor.

Ordinance No. 24-01 Third 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 Third Reading. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Ordinance Reading No. 24-03 Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Ordinance Reading No. 24-03. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Dillon County First Steps requested donation for their Day of Giving on April 30, 2024. Stevie Grice, Kenny Cook Jr, Dennis Townsend and Robbie Coward gave \$50.00 each. Detrice Dawkins donated 25.00. Jamal Campbell gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

The Latta Springfest being held on April 2024 requested donations. Robbie Coward donated \$200.00. Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00, Buzzy Finklea donated \$100.00. Kenny Cook gave a \$200.00 personal donation.

Detrice Dawkins donated \$1000.00 to pay the invoice for the purchase of Oakland Country League Team jerseys.

Lake View High School requested donations for the Julia Pittman Memorial Color Run which is a part of the community's Relay for Life events. Dennis Townsend and Robbie Coward donated \$100.00 each, Kenny Cook Jr donated \$75.00.

A motion to approve the Council Recreation Request was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

DONATION OF JEEP TO DILLON COUNTY TECHNOLOGY CENTER

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the Donation of a 2003 Jeep Liberty to the Dillon County Technology Center. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

BARBARA CAUSEY – AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING REPAIRS

Barbara Causey presented and read a statement to council and the administrator on behalf of the voters, poll workers and the American Legion in the Mount Calvary Precinct for the American Legion Building Repairs. She thanked Kenny Cook Jr, Detrice Dawkins and Tim Harper as well as all of the other council members for the porch repairs.

RANDY GOINGS - COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES AT MACIO WILLIAMSON COMMUNITY FACILITY

Former Councilman Randy Goings spoke to council by asking why Gordon Park can't have Commercial Appliances at the Macio Williamson Community Facility. He also wanted council to explain why having gas would be a liability and not an asset and requested a letter from council containing that information. After much discussion, Stevie Grice said that the building was voted on and was not fought against and that council voted not to have a commercial kitchen. He also said that there was \$2000.00 left and he would recommend buying a regular stove and refrigerator with it and also that no more money is spent there unless approved by council.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel Matter

B. Legal Matter

A motion to come out of Executive Session was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved