

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536
APRIL 23, 2025 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a Meeting Workshop on April 23, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Dennis Townsend, James Washington, Kenny Cook Jr., Stevie Grice and Brad Coward. Also present was Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council, Ken Dubose, County Attorney, Betsy Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vickie Rogers, The 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

Robbie Coward made a motion to remove and table Ordinance No. 25-02- Business License Ordinance from the Agenda. He was seconded by Detrice Dawkins. Opposed was Kenny Cook Jr, Stevie Grice, Brad Coward, James Washington and Dennis Townsend. After a brief discussion A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the Agenda. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 24, 2025 & APRIL 14, 2025 WORKSHOP MEETING

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the Minutes for March 24, 2025 and April 14, 2025 Workshop Meeting. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 – SECOND READING

**AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO WASTE TIRES**

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Ordinance No. 25-01 – Second Reading. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 – FIRST READING – BY TITLE ONLY
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL
BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE WHICH SHALL REQUIRE THAT PERSONS
ENGAGED IN OR INTENDING TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS IN DILLON COUNTY BE
REQUIRED TO PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE TAX AND OBTAIN A BUSINESS LICENSE,
AND WHICH SHALL PROVIDE PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO.**

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance No. 25-02. He was seconded by James Washington. Kenny Cook Jr., James Washington, Stevie Grice and Brad Coward were all in favor. Robbie Coward and Detrice Dawkins were opposed.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-03 – FIRST READING – BY TITLE ONLY
**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 OF THE DILLON COUNTY CODE OF
ORDINANCES SO AS TO ESTABLISH A NUISANCE ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR
THE DECLARATION OF A NUISANCE BY THE COUNTY; TO SET FORTH
PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES; TO PROVIDE
FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE PROVISIONS TO BE ADOPTED AND SET
FORTH IN CHAPTER 38 OF THE DILLON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATING TO NUISANCES**

A motion was made by Detrice Dawkins to approve Ordinance No. 25-03 - First Reading By Title Only. She was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor

ORDINANCE NO. 25-04 – FIRST READING – BY TITLE ONLY

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE FOR THE BUDGET

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Ordinance No. 25-04 First Reading By Title Only. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor except Detrice Dawkins, who was opposed.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

East Regional Softball League requested donations. Stevie Grice, Detrice Dawkins and Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$50.00 each. Brad Coward and Robbie Coward gave personal donations of \$100.00 each.

Harnethea B. Manning 13th Annual Scholarship Fund Stevie Grice, Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr. donated \$50.00 each, James Washington gave a \$50.00 Personal Donation, Brad Coward and Robbie Coward each gave \$100.00 Personal Donations.

EMERGENCY WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM- SHAMEEKA MCKOY

Shameeka McKoy, Emergency Watershed Protection Program introduced herself by saying that she was from North Carolina and retired from the air force is she is now a farmer and a partner with MLC Jasco Agricultural Division. The Emergency watershed Protection Program is a federal funded program and is used for post disaster events such as natural disasters that are out of our control such as hurricanes. She presented a slideshow to council explaining the application process and sponsor requirements.

ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL POLICY

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the Adoption of Personnel Policy. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ADOPTION OF DILLON COUNTY VEHICLE POLICY

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the Adoption of Dillon County Vehicle Policy. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF PEST CONTROL BID

Dennis Townsend made a motion to accept the lowest bidder for the Approval of the Pest Control Bid which was Dodson Pest Control at \$1680.00 per month. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF IT CONTRACT BID

After some discussion motion was made by Dennis Townsend that council would discuss the Approval of the IT Contract Bid in Executive Session. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT BID

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the Removal and Installation of Playground Equipment Bid with Web Irrigation for \$80,000.00. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

James Washington appointed Larry German to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Councilman Dennis Townsend appointed Randy Grimsley to the Grievance Committee. A motion to approve the Committee Appointments was made by Robbie Coward and seconded by Detrice Dawkins. All were in favor.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel Matter
- B. Legal Matter

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Robbie Coward made a motion authorizing the County Administrator to offer Lockstep Technology a fourteen-month IT contract for \$9808.30. They will also put a person on staff in the county five days per week to do all of the IT work. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

Dennis Townsend made a motion to Adjourn. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved