**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536**

August 25th, 2021

5:00 PM

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**The Dillon County Council held a meeting on August 25, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were: Harold Moody, Stevie Grice, Christopher Miller, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea, Detrice Dawkins and Jamal Campbell.** Also present were Clay Young, Lisa Miller and Betsy Finklea (Dillon Herald).

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda: By e-mail – Charles Curry, Randy Grimsley (Dillon County EMS), The Dillon Herald, Susan Norton (Perdue), Tim Ammons (Attorney), Lisa Miller and Clay Young (Dillon County Economic Development), Yolanda McCormick (Dillon County Librarian), Gabriel Salmon (PDCAA), Larry Abraham (Chief Deputy), Les Jackson (County Deputy), Terry Morris, Alvin Nobles, Dillon County Planning/Code Enforcement Office, WMBF News, Sheriff Major Hulon, Jerry Rivers, Dan Gruszka, Bobby Holland (SCANA), Jamie Estes (Dillon County Treasurer), Dillon County Finance, Sonny McRae (Dillon County E911), Alan Lane, Steve Johnson and Randy Rouse (Hometown TV), Haywood Proctor, Bo McInnis, Helen & Carley Wiggins, Danny Holder (Dillon County IT), Florence Morning News Room, Kenneth Smith, Calvin Matthews, Charlie Bailey, Gerry Flemming, Tonie Martin, Rosco Oxendine, Delores Smith, Terry Brown, Winna Miller, Jacorie McCall, Melissa Thompson, Deborah Vann, Jennifer Ward, Corey Jackson, Bill Patel, Tonya Brown and RJ Fodera (WPDE News), S. Suber, Claire Hall, Charles Taylor, Matthew Elvington, B. Herring (WBTW News), Kelly Jordan (MDT), Karen D. Francis (McLeod), Robbie Coward, LV Clerk, RJ Fodera; Jennifer Davis; Brandon Norris (McNair-Burr Law), Claire Hall, Ray Jones and Madison Felder (Parker Poe), Kyle Wagner (Northeastern Tech), Representative Jackie Hayes, Vernon Grimsley (Dillon County Recreation), Jack McInnis, Moses Heyward and Michelle Bethea (Dillon County Disaster Preparedness), Chuck McLain, Sabrina Davis and Tim Harper (Marion County), Whit McGreevy (K&L Gates), Jarrett Taylor, Benny Genwright and Glen Wagner (City of Dillon), Tony Caulder (Dillon County Maintenance), Lindsay Privette (Pee Dee COG); By fax – Dillon Herald, Farm Bureau and Pee Dee Electric.

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**Chairman Buzzy Finklea presided over the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Jamal Campbell gave the Invocation.**

**Approval of Agenda - Harold Moody made a motion and Detrice Dawkins seconded. All present were in favor. (Gee was not present yet)**

**Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2021 Christopher Miller made a motion and Harold Moody seconded. All present were in favor. (Gee was not present yet)**

**Accommodation Tax Committee – A list of recommendations was presented to council for funding. Harold Moody made a motion to approve the recommendations and Jamal Campbell seconded. All present were in favor. (Gee not present yet)**

**Downtown Revitalization – Todd Davis spoke to council about the importance of downtown main street to our community. He stated that this was the perfect opportunity to support the efforts to revitalize downtown and ask that council consider helping in any way possible.**

**JAG Grant – Sheriff’s Dept. - Sheriff Pernell told the council that the Sheriff’s department would be receiving the JAG grant again this year in the amount of $12,516. He plans to purchase two radio and eight flashlights. Detrice Dawkins made a motion to approve the JAG grant and Jamal Campbell seconded. All voted in favor.**

**PUBLIC HEARING –**

1. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MDTH HARBOR FREIGHT, LLC 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**. No comments**
2. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK DATED MAY 27, 2009 BY AND BETWEEN MARION AND DILLON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (PROJECT PIZZA) **No comments**
3. AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDGING JUNE 30, 2022 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES AND TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE BOR THE BUDGET

**Kevin Drawhorn spoke about the budget and stated that he had spoke with Jamie Estes and that the interest from the airport account should be going back into the airport account and not the general fund. Other than that, he had no problems with the budget.**

**Marcus McGuirt also signed up to speak but his request was for recreation and was moved to item 13 on the agenda.**

**Ordinance Readings**

1. **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 MDTH HARBOR FREIGHT, LLC 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. **Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the third reading and Harold Moody seconded. All voted in favor.**
2. **THIRD READING** – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR COUNTY PURPOSES IN THE COUNTY OF DILLON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDGING JUNE 30, 2022 AND ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT RATES AND FEES, AND FOR OTHER TAX PURPOSES AND COUNTY APPROPRIATION PURPOSES AND TO ESTABLISH THE TAX MILLAGE TO PROVIDE BOR THE BUDGET. **Harold Moody made a motion to approve the third reading and Stevie Grice seconded. Harold Moody, Buzzy Finklea, Stevie Grice and Christopher Miller voted in favor of approving the third reading. Jamal Campbell, Gerome McLeod and Detrice Dawkins voted against the third reading.**
3. **THIRD READING** - ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK DATED MAY 27, 2009 BY AND BETWEEN MARION AND DILLON COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK (PROJECT PIZZA). **Harold Moody made a motion to approve the third reading and Gerome McLeod seconded. All voted in favor.**
4. **SECOND READING** – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING $1,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO**.  Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the second reading and Christopher Miller seconded. All voted in favor.**
5. **SECOND READING -** AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY AND HORRY COUNTY WITH PROPERTY LOCATED IN DILLON COUNTY (PROJECT ASSET AND PROJECT TINY MIRACLE); TO REQUIRE THE PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES BY BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES LOCATED IN THE PARK; TO APPLY ZONING AND OTHER LAWS IN THE PARK; TO PROVIDE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT JURISDICTION IN THE PARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PARK REVENUES WITHIN THE COUNTY. Gerome McLeod made a motion to approve the second reading and Detrice Dawkins seconded. All voted in favor.

**FINANCE REPORT – Clay presented the finance report with no additional comments from council.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Bridgetek Solutions – Danny Holder -This is a service contract on the servers for three years. **Jamal Campbell made a motion to accept the quote from Bridgetek and Harold Moody seconded. All voted in favor.**
2. Census Data Dillon County 2020 – **Clay reported that we had some preliminary data from the 2020 census that showed Dillon County population had dropped about eleven percent. Buzzy would like for Clay to find out if we can challenge these numbers.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Enterprise Lease – Sheriff’s Department – Gerome McLeod made a motion to lease 10 vehicles from Enterprise for the sheriff’s department. Jamal Campbell seconded and all voted in favor.**

**RECREATION**

**Marcus McGirt is the program director for the Save Our Youth Movement mentoring program here in the Pee Dee. He ask for support from council to send 10 boys to the Black Male Summit at Clemson University on November 4th and 5th. Buzzy Finklea, Jamal Campbell, Detrice Dawkins and Christopher Miller each will support two boys. Harold Moody and Gerome McLeod will each support one boy.**

**Harold Moody will contribute $250 to Dillon Christian School for the football program.**

**Request from the High School Sports Report for advertisement was presented. Harold Moody, Stevie Grice and Buzzy Finklea each will give $150.**

**Harold Moody made a motion to approve the recreation request and Gerome McLeod seconded. All voted in favor.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Economic Development Matter – Marlboro Electric Coop – **Harold Moody made a motion to go into executive session and Detrice Dawkins seconded. All voted in favor. William Fleming spoke to council. No action was taken.**

**AJOURN**

**Gerome McLeod made a motion to adjourn and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

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**T.F. Finklea, Chairman**

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**Lisa S. Miller, Clerk to Council**

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