**DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**

**109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536**

September 22, 2021

5:00 PM

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**The Dillon County Council held a meeting on September 22, 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.**

**Gerome McLeod gave the Invocation.**

**Approval of Agenda - Harold Moody made a motion and Detrice Dawkins seconded. All present were in favor.**

**Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2021, August 11, 2021 and August 25, 2021 Christopher Miller made a motion and Harold Moody seconded. All present were in favor.**

**Valerie Miller – E-911 Ms. Miller did not come to meeting.**

**Proclamation – Hometown TV8 Proclamation read by T.F. Finklea and presented to Steve Johnson.**

**Trinity Behavioral Care – National Recovery Month**

**Resolution – CDBG grant – Fire truck Resoultion was read by T.F. Finklea and accepted by the county council.**

**SCDOT Snow and Ice Removal Agreement – council voted in favor (7-0) of the agreement between the County and SC DOT in reference to snow and ice removal.**

**PUBLIC HEARING –**

1. 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. **No comments**

**Ordinance Readings**

1. **THIRD 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**. Harold Moody made a motion and Detrice Dawkins second. All were in favor.**

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

**Administrator’s Report included discussion of the American Rescue Plan and the use of lost revenue. Some of the money will be used for technology upgrades. Clay will provide an update to council each time some of this money is used.**

**G.O. Bond 2021 – ($1,200,000)**

1. Sheriff Car Equipment $197,707.97 **Detrice Dawkins made a motion to approve and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**
2. Sheriff Car Equipment $225,906.49 – **This will be purchased with a State Grant**
3. Fire Truck Match (CDBG) $50,000 – **Gee McLeod made a motion to approve and Harold Moody seconded and all were in favor.**
4. Phones/Tablets $33,000 – **Stevie Grice made a motion to approve and Jamal Campbell seconded. All were in favor.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Steve Johnson – Downtown Development **Steve is part of a committee that is helping with Downtown Revitalization and asked if the County would help support their efforts.**
2. Pee Dee COG – Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance – **Working on getting a grant to pay for this plan. More info will be provided as things develop.**
3. Transfer Station Repair – **Work has begun on repairing the station and should be getting some plans for building a new station soon.**
4. Code Enforcement Software -Year 1 $17,887 (Imp & Training) Each year $13,316
5. New CAD System (Between 80-100% reimbursed by the State)

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Spectrum – NETC Event – September 30 **Just a reminder that broadband will be discussed**
2. Dillon County Airport Update – **We still have some grant money that needs to be spent on the airport. Winna is working with Paul Werts on how we can use this money.**
3. Hwy 34 & I-95 (HFT) – Improvements **We should be receiving paperwork from the grants that were applied for and hope to begin construction in December or the first of next year.**

**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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