The Dillon County Council held a meeting on May 25, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were: Stevie Grice, Gerome McLeod, Buzzy Finklea, Detrice Dawkins, Harold Moody and Jamal Campbell. Also present were Claude Graham, Matthew Elvington, Druscilla Blakely, 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, Maggie Dunham, Josephine Gilcrist, Robbie Coward 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.

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

Prior to Gerome McLeod giving the Invocation, Council held a moment of silence in memory of fellow Councilman Christopher Miller.

Approval of Agenda – Stevie Grice made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Trice Dawkins second and all were in favor. (6-0)

Stevie Grice made a motion to approve the amended agenda and Gee McLeod seconded. All were in favor. (6-0)

Next, Gee McLeod made a motion to approve the minutes from April 27, 2022. Trice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor.
Mr. Graham stated that the money for the Gordon Park project was in the bank. We have received an email stating that the deadline for using these funds is June 30, 2023. The project has been bid out and Mr. Graham will let council know more as things develop.

Trice Dawkins made a motion to go into executive session and Harold Moody seconded. All were in favor.

Trice Dawkins made a motion to come out of executive session and Stevie Grice seconded. All were in favor. No action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Graham discussed the resignation of Attorney Alan Berry and stated that the county had retained the services of Attorney Ken Dubose’s office (Smith-Robinson) to handle some pressing legal matters of the county.

Next, he discussed the status of the Judicial Center building. There is a company in the process of gathering the cost for the repairs and will report back to the Administrator and the Bond Company.

Bids for a new compactor for the landfill were compared and after some discussion Stevie Grice made a motion to lease a compactor until ours could be fixed and to purchase the CAT 816-11A at a cost of $627,102 which includes a one year unlimited warranty and also a maintenance agreement.

Stevie made a motion to approve the recreation request from Dillon High School Golf Tournament. Trice Dawkins seconded and all were in favor. $250 from Stevie Grice, $100 from Harold Moody and $50 from Buzzy Finklea.

Trice Dawkins made a motion to adjourn and Stevie Grice seconded. All were in favor.

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T.F. Finklea, Chairman

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Lisa S. Miller, Clerk to Council

Date approved ____________________