

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE DILLON SC 29536
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2023 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a Regular Meeting on June 28, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr, Jamal Campbell, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend and Robbie Coward. Present by phone was Stevie Grice. Also present were Tim Harper, County Administrator, Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk To Council, John Dubose, County Attorney, Johnny Daniels and Betsey Finklea (Dillon Herald).

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

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CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Jamal Campbell gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins presented a plaque on behalf of County Council to Kay McKenzie, Dillon County Auditor in grateful appreciation for forty years July 18, 1983 – June 30, 2023 of distinguished service to Dillon County and its citizens, 25 years of service as Dillon County Auditor.

Councilman Dennis Townsend presented a plaque on behalf of County Council to Judge Charles Spivey as a Magistrate of Dillon County in recognition of his honorable service July 1, 1994 - June 30, 2023 and dedication to the Judicial System.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 24, 2023

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING

Third Reading – No. 23-05 - An Ordinance To Provide Budget Appropriations for County Purposes In The County Of Dillon For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Ending June 30, 2024 And Adopt And Implement Rates And Fees, And For Other Tax Purposes And County Appropriation Purposes And To Establish The Tax Millage To Provide For The Budget

No one signed up to speak at the Public Hearing

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to close the Public Hearing and was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

THIRD READING – ORDINANCE READING NO. 23-05

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A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the Budget, Ordinance Reading No. 23-05. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. – 23-07 – FIRST READING – BY TITLE ONLY

An ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the zoning map classification of property located at Tax Map No. 102-00-00-130 consisting of 2.00 acres (Proposed Location: 2061 Highway 917 West, Latta, SC) from Rural (RU) to General Commercial (GC)

A motion was made by Buzzy Finklea to approve Ordinance No. 23-07. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

Resolution No. 23-8 – CALLING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE PEE DEE REGION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Resolution No. 23-08. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE READING NO. 23-09 FIRST READING

Ordinance Reading No. – 23-09 FIRST READING – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$1,500,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2023, OF DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; FIXING THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND; THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE BOND; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend and Stevie Grice to approve motion No. 23-09 and was seconded by Kenny Coon Jr. All were in favor.

TERESA MOODY – ORDINANCE & ZONING REGULATIONS

Teresa Moody who stated that she is a lifelong resident of Dillon County and has lived at her current location for thirty-six years and she is a Marion County employee and works as the Director of Voters Registration Elections. The reason for her speaking to council was concerning Zoning Ordinance for her address and adjoining properties. She went on to say that in early April she called the Dillon County Code Enforcement Office to and spoke to Emily to question if roosters were allowed on the property beside her and was told the property was a RS2 which is residential and not allowed and stated that Emily said that she would have Mr. Price call her back but she said that she never received a return call so she called Mr. Price back on April 11 to find out if the roosters were prohibited but was told that the property was a RS2 and said that she never got a clear explanation from him only that he there was no law saying how many he could or couldn't have but he would go speak to her neighbor. She said that on April 17, 2023 she also spoke to Councilman Kenny Cook Jr about her concerns, who stated that he would speak to Mr. Harper and give her a call back. She said that she also spoke to Mr. Harper on April 28, 2023 concerning the rooster situation who told her that there was no ordinance to prohibit the roosters and advised her to consult with an attorney to interpret the zoning ordinance. She received copies of her zoning ordinances and was told that a lot of information that she got online was not correct and she stated that it needed to be taken down if it was not correct. She said that she has made multiple visits to the code enforcement Office and nothing had been resolved but after a committee meeting was held on June 13, 2023 and after that meeting, she was called to file a formal complaint. She said that she has personally counted at least 100 roosters and they're located outside near her bedroom window. She said that she has filed a noise complaint with the sheriff's office and has received threatening messages. She asked that council enforce the county zoning regulations.

A recommendation was made by Dennis Townsend to refer this issue to the county administrator as well as the legal counsel so that he may move forward by bringing a resolution and that they respond back to Ms. Moody.

ALLSTAR TEAMS

Stevie Grice made a motion to give a donation of \$600.00 each to the four Allstar Teams from Dillon, Lake View and Latta that are going away. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

COUNCIL REQUEST

Councilman Buzzy Finklea donated 225.00 to the Oak **Grove Neighborhood Watch** and Kenny Cook Jr gave t a 50.00 personal donation.

Buzzy Finklea donated 225.00 to **Station 2 Fire Department** and Kenny Cook Jr personally donated 100.00.

Dennis Townsend donated 100.00 to the **Dillon County Chamber Of Commerce Palmetto Leadership** and Kenny Cook Jr gave a personal donation of 50.00.

Dennis Townsend both donated 250.00 to the **Lake View Rescue Squad** and Kenny Cook Jr and Robbie Coward both gave personal donations of 100.00 each. Stevie

Grice donated 250.00 to **Mojo Softball Team** and Kenny Cook Jr gave a 50.00 personal donation. Jamal Campbell donated 100.00 to **Girls With Knowledge Mentoring Group for their Back-To-School Supply Drive**. Kenny Cook Jr gave a personal donation of 50.00 and Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of 100.00. Detrice Dawkins

donated 150.00 to the **Dillon Kiwanis Baseball All-Stars for Nibras Harrison**. Detrice Dawkins donated 450.00 to **Save Our Youth Movement, Marcus McGirt**. Jamal Campbell donated 100.00 and Kenny Cook Jr gave a personal donation of 100.00.

A motion was made Robbie Coward to approve the Council Request and seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Detrice Dawkins appointed Archie Samuels to the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the Committee Appointment. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE RE-APPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to reappoint James McRae (Chair), Carmen Lisa Bethea (Vice Chair), Carrie Townsend and Earl Gleason Jr to the Trinity Behavior Care Board Of Directors. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

REQUEST TO TRANSFER DEFENDER SKID UNIT

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to transfer Defender Skid Unit from Dillon County Fire Station #3 to Floydale Fire and Rescue. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

AUDIT REPORT

William Hancock gave the Audit Report. He stated that in their opinion they found that the county is in compliance with outside entities there were not any problems as far as being in compliance with taxes, retirement funds, health insurance or magistrate court system funds

on a timely manner. Overall, there were no problems within the audit and the staff did a pretty good job.

APPROVAL OF THE DARGAN STREET PARK SHELTER BID

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to approve the Dargan Street Park Shelter Bid from Jonathan McLeod, Troika Group Of The Carolinas, Inc and was seconded by Robbie Coward. Stevie Grice opposed. Kenny Cook Jr did not vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to go into Executive session regarding: Receipt of an attorney-client privileged legal briefing and receipt of legal advice regarding a pending lawsuit. SC Code 30-4-70 (2) and illegal dumping. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

Executive Session – Legal Advice

Receipt of an attorney-client privileged legal briefing and receipt of legal advice regarding a pending lawsuit. SC Code 30-4-70 (2)

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to come out of Executive Session. All were in favor

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend that they approve settlement of the lawsuit, Dillon County vs Bryant Cooper etal bearing case number 22-CP-17-437IN THE AMOUNT OF Fifty Thousand Dollars subject to execution of a full and final release.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Townsend and seconded by Jamal Campbell, All were in favor.

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved