



Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021
6:00 PM

Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC

Those in attendance:

Chairman Dwight L. Stewart, Jr.
Councilman Billy G. Richardson
Councilman Benton Blakely
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator David W. Epperson

Absent:

Press in attendance: The Item, Kareem Wilson

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony	Ted Felder	Patricia Pringle	Jacqueline Blackwell	Robert Pegram
Jannie Lee McFadden	Lillie Mae Rhodes	Glynn Bethune	Mary Evans	Carrie Myers
Michael A. Johnson	Barbara Ferrell	Johnny Wilson	Kevin Mann	Willie Briggs
Charlotte Johnston	Larry Johnson	Julius Dukes, Sr.	Amanda McGovern	Joe Durant
Ben McGovern	Linda P. Lemon	Tammy Rodvansky	And Other Clarendon County Residents	

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Councilman Richardson led the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for December 13, 2021.

2. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Regular Council Meeting, which was held on Monday, November 8, 2021.

3. Service Awards Recognition

Prior to the business session of the Regular Council Meeting, Chairman Stewart, Administrator Epperson, and Linda Lemon, HR Director, presented five employees with a service award. The awards were presented as listed:

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| • Christy Reed | 5 Years | Danny D. Graham | 10 Years |
| • Jason Dennis | 5 Years | David W. Epperson | 15 Years |
| • Dorothy M. Levy | 10 Years | | |

4. Requests

Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2022 Council Meetings Schedule. He read the dates and locations.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2022 Council Meetings Schedule.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with the 2022 Holidays Observance Schedule. He read the dates and named the Holiday. He stated that this year, Council is adding the holiday Juneteenth on June 20, 2022.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the 2022 Holidays Observance Schedule.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. He read the dates.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Budget Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

5. Presentation – Ms. Lynn Dowe and Ms. Windy Tucker-Tannock

Ms. Dowe began her presentation by stating that they will be filming a movie titled Bull Street in Summerton and one of the actresses will be Lorretta Divine. She stated that they are excited to bring the movie to the town of Summerton.

Ms. Tucker-Tannock began her presentation by stating that her family is from Summerton and her grandmother lived on Bull Street. She stated that this movie will be a family love story. She thanked Council for allowing them to be able to film this movie in Summerton and for allowing them to use the County Court house.

Chairman Stewart thanked them for choosing Summerton for their movie.

6. Board Appointments

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint the following members to the Clarendon County Planning Commission to serve another 3-year term: Mr. Willie L. Durant, Mr. Louis Griffith, and Mr. Robert Gibbons.

7. Request – Mr. Lee Reaves, Jr.

Mr. Reaves began his request by requesting to have a plaque placed in the Judicial Annex building in memory of his mother Judge Reeves. He stated the Ms. Reaves worked with the Law Office of John Land from 1969-1978 before she enrolled in classes at the USC Sumter campus to practice law. He concluded his presentation by stating that in 1986 his mother became a practicing attorney.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Councilman Richardson and Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request that was made by Mr. Lee Reaves, Jr., to have a plaque placed in the Judicial Annex Building in memory of his mother Judge Reeves.

8. Resolution of Intent

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a Resolution of Intent in reference to the Harvin Clarendon County Library to move their Property and Liability Trust Insurance to the Association of Counties

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Resolution that was presented by Administrator Epperson in reference to the Harvin Clarendon County Library to move their Property and Liability Trust Insurance to the Association of Counties.

9. Ordinance 2021-09

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2021-09 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Crossroads] for Itself and One or More Affiliated or Related Entities; Providing for A Special Source Revenue Credit; And Other Related Matters.

10. Ordinance 2021-10

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2021-10 – An Ordinance Providing for the Creation and Establishment of Election Districts for the Election of a Governing Body of Clarendon County as Provided for in South Carolina Code Annotated Section 4-9-90 Based on the 2020 Decennial Census. He stated that we are working to finalize the maps.

- Mr. George Frierson asked will there be a public forum in other areas of the County before the maps are finalized.
- Administrator stated that we will have to schedule these meetings in January.
- Mr. Robert McFadden asked would the redistricting change what we have now.
- Administrator Epperson stated that we will have changes
- Mr. Robert McFadden asked why can't we go to single member districts?
- Administrator Epperson replied by stating that we will need a referendum to change to single member districts because County Council cannot make that change.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-10 – An Ordinance Providing for the Creation and Establishment of Election Districts for the Election of a Governing Body of Clarendon County as Provided for in South Carolina Code Annotated Section 4-9-90 Based on the 2020 Decennial Census. He stated that we are working to finalize the maps.

11. Financial Report

Mr. Lynden Anthony, CFO, began his report by stating the following:

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$9,508,106 and Revenue figures were not available as of November 30, 2021.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$6,275 for the month ending November 30, 2021 and total Expenses were \$102,530. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of November 2021 after transfers with a Net Deficit of \$36,255.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had total Revenue of \$512,958 for the month ending November 30, 2021 and total Expenses were \$316,314. After Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Interest income and USDA Phase II, the Water and Sewer Department ended the month ending November 30, 2021 with a Net Utility Income of \$11,442.
- **The C-Fund Program** - for the month ending November 30, 2021, The C-Fund program had a Cash Balance of \$3,554,505 of which \$2,234,996 has been committed to remaining local paving projects, State Construction Projects in Progress and State Proviso Funds. He stated that the C-Fund Program had an Uncommitted Balance of \$1,319,509 as of the end of November 2021.

12. Administrator's Report

Administrator Epperson began his report by giving Council the following updates:

Water / Sewer

- **Phase II Water Expansion** – The water project on Lake Marion Shores has begun.
 - **Recreation** – The turnout for Basketball registration was good.
 - Christmas Holiday – We will be closed on December 24th, December 27th, and December 28th.
- Councilman Blakely – asked how are we on storm shelters.
- Administrator Epperson stated that the Red Cross approved storm shelters and we have a shelter in Scott's Branch High School, Summerton, Manning High School, Manning, and Walker Gamble in Turbeville.
- Councilman Blakely – is there funding to repair mobile homes?
- Administrator Epperson replied that Clarendon County has already distributed funding to nonprofit organization and Council of Government received funds for repairs in low income areas and I don't think that the County should get in the middle of that.

13. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by reminding everyone that County Council will be having a winter retreat in February and the purpose for the retreat is to make some long-term decisions for the County.

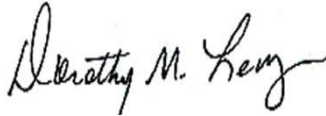
14. Adjourn

Chairman Stewart stated that we have exhausted our agenda and he asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting.

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Scheduled Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

