



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
6:00 PM**

Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple Street, 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

Press in attendance: None

Others in attendance included:

Lynden Anthony Ted Felder Meesha Witherspoon Robert Pegram Willie Briggs
Johnny K. Wilson Barbara Ferrell Sharron Haley George Kosinski Preston Stukes
And Other Clarendon County Residents

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

1. Approval of the Agenda

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Agenda for February 8, 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, January 11, 2021.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Special Called Council Meeting Minutes , which was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

3. Proclamation

Chairman Stewart read into the minutes and presented to the family of the Late Rev. O'Donald Dingle a Proclamation from Clarendon County Council.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to Accept the Proclamation for the Late Rev. O'Donald Dingle as read.

4. Board Appointments

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to appoint Mr. John (Jack) Furse to the Clarendon Behavioral Health Services Board to serve a 4-year term.

5. Request

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request for a 1% Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) effective March 1, 2021. He stated that a COLA was not given on July 2020 Budget Year because of Low Revenue due to the Pandemic. He continued by stating that after checking Revenue, they have determined that Revenue is coming in above what was expected. Mr. Epperson concluded by stating that this 1% increase would be around \$25,000 from March 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request made by Administrator Epperson for a 1% COLA effective March 1, 2021.

6. Clarendon County Transportation Committee (CCTC)

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC is now open. The CCTC opened at 6:15 pm.

Administrator Epperson presented Council with a request to spend \$10,000 to purchase road signs and poles. He stated that the signage and related materials that were purchased earlier were very successful and we are requesting additional funds to take up through June 30, 2021.

On motion by Councilman Blakely and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request made by Administrator Epperson to purchase additional road signs and poles in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Ted Felder, Deputy Administrator, presented Council with a request to spend \$2,500 to purchase an additional Purple Heart Sign for the County and to keep up the maintenance on all Purple Heart Signs. He concluded by stating that this was requested by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the request made by Mr. Felder to purchase an additional Purple Heart Sign and for maintenance to maintain the signs.

Chairman Stewart stated that the CCTC will now close. The CCTC closed at 6:20 pm.

7. Ordinance 2020-10

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2020-10 – an Ordinance to Authorize the Transfer of Real Property, Owned by Clarendon County, South Carolina and Identified as Clarendon County Tax Map Parcel No.: 197-12-05-013-00.

8. Public Hearing - Ordinance 2021-01

Chairman Stewart stated that the public hearing is now open for Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Sunshine II]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; And Other Related Matters.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:22 pm.

Mr. George Kosinski, Economic Development Director, stated that this is a new Company coming to Clarendon County and would be housed in one of the existing buildings in Clarendon County. He continued by stating that they want to remain private at this time.

Chairman Stewart asked if there were any comments on this Ordinance, hearing none, he stated that the Public Hearing will close. The Public Hearing closed at 6:24 pm.

9. Ordinance 2021-01

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-01 an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Sunshine II]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters.

10. Ordinance 2021-02

Administrator Epperson presented Council with Ordinance 2021-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Mobile I]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters. He continued by stating that this is the Project that was discussed in the Executive Session on last month. Mr. Epperson continued by stating that this is a new business considering relocating in Clarendon County. He concluded by stating that they will build a facility in the County and will provide a lot of jobs.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilmen Blakely and Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-02 – an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreement By and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [Project Mobile I]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters.

11. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,677,384 and Revenue figures were not available as of January 31, 2021.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$355 for the month ending January 31, 2021 and total Expenses were \$70,695. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of January 2021 after transfers with a Net Deficit of \$10,340.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had income of \$659,329 for the month ending January 31, 2021 and total Expenses were \$371,488. He stated that after Depreciation, Bond Interest Expense, Transfers, Interest Income, and USDA Phase II, Water and Sewer ended the month of January 2021 with a net utility income of \$161,583.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of January 2021 had a Cash Balance of \$2,002,381 of which \$1,076,659 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 \$925,722 as of the end of January 2021.

12. Administrator's Report

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

- **Water Projects** - All approved projects are progressing as planned.
- **COVID-19** - As of February 8, 2021

Active Cases (last 14 days)	224
Total Deaths:	86

➤ **Public Outreach Efforts**

- We continue to push out information regarding the pandemic and ways the public can protect itself and their families. Social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands, and avoiding large gatherings are highly recommended.

- We are also encouraging citizens to get vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine whenever they are eligible to do so. It is our hope that the vaccine will be accessible to our citizens through different providers as we move through this process.
- Vaccinations are occurring in the County. McLeod Health Clarendon, DHEC and Clarendon County Fire-Rescue (CCFR) are Administering vaccines.
- **County Operations**
 - All employees returned to their normal working schedules on January 4, 2021. Since that time, we have had a small amount of employee positive cases and employees having to quarantine.
 - As mentioned at last month's meeting, strict protocols have been put in place for employees who test positive for COVID and employees who are quarantined.
 - Personal Protective Equipment continues to be provided to staff as requested.
 - All county facilities remain open to the public during normal operating hours.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - Baseball and Softball registrations are ongoing and will continue until February 19, 2021.
 - Baseball ran smoothly and only has about 1-2 weeks of gaming remaining.
 - Clarendon County Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 for President's Day.

13. Chairman's Report

Chairman Stewart began his report by stating that with all of the rain, the road crew is doing as good as job as they can. He continued by stating that the C-Fund money, from the State, is down due to COVID and because people are traveling less.

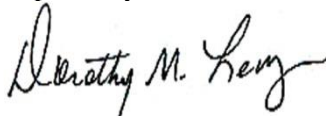
14. Adjourn

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

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting.

The Council Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

