



**Clarendon County Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, January 11, 2021  
6:00 PM**

**Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple Street, Manning, SC**

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**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:** The Item, Kareem Wilson

**Others in attendance included:**

Lynden Anthony            Ted Felder            Robert Pegram            Johnny K. Wilson            Barbara Ferrell  
Sharron Haley            Willie Briggs            George Kosinski            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 January 11, 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, December 14, 2020.

On motion by Vice Chairman Frierson and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the council meeting minutes for the Swearing in Ceremony, which was held on Monday, January 4, 2021.

**3. Board Appointments**

On motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to re-appoint Mrs. Arlene Ham to the Library board to serve another 4-year term.

**4. Public Hearing**

Chairman Stewart stated that the public hearing is now open for 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.

The Public Hearing opened at 6:04 pm.

Mr. Ted Felder, Deputy Administrator, stated that this Ordinance is for an acre parcel of land located in the Eagle Point Subdivision. He stated that it was used as a water well (which is no longer needed) and the residents in the neighborhood wants to purchase that track of land.

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 6:06 pm.

## 5. Ordinance 2020-10

On Motion by Councilman English and Seconded by Councilman Richardson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the Second 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.

## 6. Financial Report

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

- **The General Fund** had Expenditures of \$1,688,277 and Revenue figures were not available as of December 31, 2020.
- **Weldon Auditorium** had income of \$326 for the month ending December 31, 2020 and total Expenses were \$63,566. He stated that the Weldon Auditorium ended the month of December 2020 after transfers with a Net Deficit of \$3,240.
- **Water and Sewer Department** – had income of \$557,084 for the month ending December 31, 2020 and total Expenses were \$313,683. He stated that Water and Sewer ended the month of December 2020 with a net utility income of \$207,183.
- **The C-Fund Program** for the month of December 2020 had a Cash Balance of \$1,762,588 of which \$968,709 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 \$793,879 as of the end of December 2020.

## 7. Administrator's Report

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

- **Water Projects** - All approved projects are progressing as planned.
- **Road Paving** – Approved road projects within the City of Manning previously approved by Clarendon County Transportation Committee were bid on December 1. The low bid contractor selected for the project is Palmetto Corp of Conway. Work is scheduled to start in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

- **COVID-19** - As of January 10, 2021

Active Cases (last 14 days)	218
Total Deaths:	80

- **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.
- **Update on the Recreation Department**
  - After discussing this issue with the local school district's athletic directors and other interested individuals, we have decided to resume Basketball activities. Practices will begin this week and Games will begin next week.
  - As mentioned at our earlier meetings, we will have policies in place regarding attendance at the games. Based on an order of the Governor, we are limited to a total of 250 people in the gym at

one time. This includes staff, players, coaches, and fans. We will be counting at the door and will stop individuals from coming in once we hit that number.

- We will also clear the gym in between games so cleaning can take place.
- Other requirements are that masks will be worn at all times while in the gym (this applies to fans, players on the bench, coaches, and staff) and social distancing of 6 ft or more will be observed while watching the games (family group will be able to sit together).

- **County Operations**

- All employees returned to their normal working schedules on January 4, 2021.
- Strict protocols have been put in place for employees who test positive for COVID and employees who are quarantined.
- The following policies have been put in place at our County buildings, facilities and offices are being strictly enforced:
  1. Masks are required to be worn when entering and moving about within all County buildings, facilities, and offices. This shall apply to all employees and the general public.
  2. Face to Face interaction between departments and outside entities shall be limited. If interaction is needed, masks are required to be worn when the interaction takes place.
  3. The number of citizens who have access to a department or office shall continue to be limited.
  4. All County facilities and buildings will continue to be cleaned on their normal schedules and under their normal protocols.

- Personal Protective Equipment continues to be provided to staff as requested.
- All county facilities remain open to the public during normal operating hours.

- **Miscellaneous**

- Congratulations to Chairman Stewart and Councilman English on their recent elections.
- Clarendon County Offices will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## **8. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Stewart began his report by complimenting the staff of Clarendon County on the way that they are handling this Pandemic and for taking all the precautions necessary to stay safe.

## **9. Executive Session**

Chairman Stewart asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two Economic Development Projects. Project Sunshine II and Project Mobile I.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted Unanimous Approval to go into Executive Session to discuss two Economic Development Projects, Project Sunshine II and Project Mobile I.

The Executive Session began at 6:26 pm. Chairman Stewart invited George Kosinski, Economic Development Director, to come into the Executive Session.

## **10. Open Session**

Chairman Stewart declared that we are back into Opens Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:04 pm

## **11. Ordinance 2021-01**

1. Chairman Stewart stated that in Executive Session, Council discussed an Infrastructure Credit Agreement with Project Sunshine II. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit

Agreements by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [PROJECT SUNSHINE II]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters.

On motion by Councilman Blakely, and Seconded by Councilman English, Council voted Unanimous Approval to the First Reading of Ordinance 2021-01, An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Infrastructure Credit Agreements by and Between Clarendon County, South Carolina, and [PROJECT SUNSHINE II]; Providing for a Special Source Revenue Credit; and Other Related Matters

2. Chairman Stewart stated that for Project Mobile I, no action would be taken.

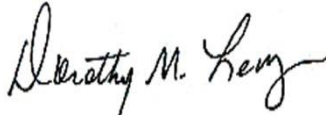
## 12. Adjourn

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

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

The Council Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy  
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC

