

**Clarendon County Special Called Council Meeting
Monday, November 21, 2022
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
Deputy Administrator Ted Felder

Vice Chairman W.J. Frierson
Councilman A.C. English
Administrator David W. Epperson
Clerk to Council, Dorothy M. Levy

Press in attendance: Ashley Miller, The Item

Others in attendance included:

Meesha Witherspoon
Michael A. Johnson, Jr.
And Other Clarendon County Residents

Terry Streath
George Frierson

Mike Streath
Kathleen L. Gibson

Pat Coker

Chairman Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

1. Ordinance 2022-11

Consideration was given to the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-11 – An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance enacted November 8, 2010, regarding Capital Projects to Update the Definition of “Projects”; to Provide for the use of Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes; and Other Related Matters.

Chairman Stewart asked Administrator Epperson to explain the Ordinance because there are a lot of questions, signs, and confusion about the Ordinance. Some of the projects were already on the board prior to The Penny sales tax and the Referendum.

Administrator Epperson began by stating that Ordinance 2022-11 by explaining other options on Funding the 5 Projects: The Capital Project Sales Tax was a method of funding the projects, it did not indicate that the County could not do the projects. It was voted not in favor of, so we have to look at other avenues to fund the projects.

- Larger Facility for E-911 only has 4 dispatchers on duty at one time
- The fire station in Turbeville is in terrible shape and needs a lot of modification, there is no storage space
 - Need a Substation for the Sheriff’s Office, Community Room for the Community, and an Office.
- Public Works Facility - Behind the Detention Center, which is over 25 years old.
 - 15 pieces of large equipment and no space to store road material or shelter the equipment
- Fleet Maintenance Facility - Need space for equipment
 - 168 cars and 15 equipment that they have to maintain.
- Law Enforcement Annex – Animal Control
 - Larger kennels, hard to access pens and kennels

This Ordinance would allow us to issue bonds to help pay for these projects and use other available resources other than taxes to make annual payments.

We have six Economic Development Projects with a Fee-In-Lieu assess value of 4% increase to help with the cost of these projects and any future projects.

We want to work with our Legislative Delegation to look at other resources from the state.

Representative Elect Fawn Pedalino – stated they she reached out to Columbia to higher ups and found out that there are grants for Fire and EMS that we can look into so no one would have to pay out of pocket.

Chairman Stewart stated that we are on the hunt for any money that we can get. He stated that the value of a mil in Greenville County is about 3.9 million dollars and Clarendon County is about \$100,000 thousand dollars.

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Vice Chairman Frierson, Council voted three to One in Favor the Third and Final Reading of Ordinance 2022-11 – An Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Enacted November 8, 2010, Regarding Capital Projects to update the Definition of “Projects”; to Provide for the use of Certain Fees in Lieu of Taxes; and other Related Matters. Councilman English voted Nay, he said he is in favor of the projects, but he thinks the timing is off.

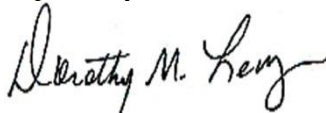
2. Adjourn

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

On motion by Councilman Richardson and Seconded by Councilman Blakely, Council voted Unanimous Approval to adjourn the Special Called Council Meeting.

The Special Called Council Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dorothy M. Levy
Clerk to Clarendon County Council, CCC