

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014
6:00 P.M.
COLLETON MUSEUM, 506 E. WASHINGTON ST.**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM, at the Colleton Museum, 506 E. Washington St. Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Steven Murdaugh, Evon Robinson (arrived 6:04) in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Michael Dopson, LaVern Polk, David Blocker, Janis Blocker, Donna Lamb, Amye Stivender, Andy Strickland, Jimmy Syfrett, Thomas Mann, Dale Mann, Iris Hill, Patti Smyer, Jane Darby, Jeremy Ware

Mr. Murdaugh gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appearances & Public Presentations

Introduction of Animal & Environmental Control Director

Mr. Griffin introduced John Glass as new Animal Control Director

Presentation to County Council by the Friends of the Edisto River- JJ Jowers

Mr. Jowers gave his opinion report regarding the potential adverse affects of siphoning large amounts of water from the Edisto River.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting December 3, 2013

Mr. Taylor pointed out an error in a word in the minutes and asked the clerk to correct the error.

Mr. Murdaugh made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards & Recognitions

None

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said he had spoken with Governor Haley while she was here visiting Forest Hills Elementary school to talk about bullying and thanked her for the over 2.5 million

dollars they have given us over the last two years for infrastructure and told her the money was going to good use and she appreciated that.

The Old Jail remodeling- the council chambers remodeling is going well. We are still hoping to have ya'll in there for our next meeting.

New Palmetto 800 Radios- are almost completely in. We still have a few pieces on the fire side, but hoping that within the next 2-3 weeks it will all be taken care of and completely flip the switch over to the 800 system.

Our Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Walterboro is on for executive session tonight and will discuss.

Commerce Center Upgrades- The new building, they have already started breaking ground out there. The equipment is already out there and is moving along.

Venture Park Infrastructure Extension- Is in your packet tonight to vote on a resolution to award the bid.

Colleton Farm Kitchen- We will have all the information to bid out by January 23rd.

Breland Building Demo- The building is almost completely down. They should have that one finished by the end of this week and then work on the old jail building across the street.

I do have a contract proposal from The Edisto Art Guild, which is also on for an executive session item. They made a proposal to us to operate the Edisto Beach Civic Center, which requires no more personnel from our standpoint, but will talk to you about it tonight.

We also have 1st reading by title only. Santee Cooper Economic Development Loan packages is the 1.2 million dollar from Santee Cooper which we will use as part of the construction for the new spec building.

On February 1st, the Colleton County Arts Council is having a Bacon Wrap and Boston Butt cook off here at the museum.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-14, To Amend Chapter 14.08 – Zoning, Section 14.08-2 Zoning District Regulations, of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-15, To Amend Chapter 14.08 – Zoning, Section 14.08-6 Signs, of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-16, To Amend Chapter 14.08 – Zoning, Section 14.08-11 Definitions, of the Colleton County Zoning Ordinance.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading of Ordinance 13-O-17, To Create Chapter 3.36 – Property Taxes, of Title 3 – Revenue and Finance, of the Code of Ordinances of Colleton County and Section 3.36.20 – Installment Payment of Taxes as Part of Chapter 3.36.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 14-R-01, To Appoint a Member to the Fire-Rescue Control Board.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-02, To Authorize Payment from the Council Contingency Fund in the Amount of \$2,550.00 on Behalf of the Colleton Business Alliance to Cover Expenses Related to Billboard Advertisements for the Crime Stoppers of Colleton County.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-03, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application Related to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program for a Street Gang Unit.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-04, To Award Bid CC-11 for New Road Construction at Venture Park.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 14-R-05, To Authorize a Provision of Office Space to South Carolina Department of Corrections Young Offender Parole & Reentry Services.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading **BY TITLE ONLY** Ordinance 14-O-01, Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of Certain Instruments Relating To The Acquisition, Use, And Installation Of Improvements To 604 Wichman Street, Walterboro, South Carolina (The "Farm Market Commercial Kitchen Project"); Approving The Issuance Of A CCEDC Two, Inc. Installment Purchase Revenue Note; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Public Facilities Purchase And Occupancy Agreement Among Colleton County, CCEDC Two, Inc., And Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

A motion to approve 1st reading by Title Only Ordinance 14-O-01 was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading **BY TITLE ONLY** Ordinance 14-O-02, Authorizing A Loan From The South Carolina Public Service Authority To Colleton County, South Carolina To Finance The Construction Of An Industrial Building In The Colleton County Commerce Center For The Economic Development Of Colleton County; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of An Intergovernmental Loan Agreement Between The South Carolina Public Service Authority And Colleton County And A Promissory Note From Colleton County To The South Carolina Public Service Authority Related Thereto; And Other Matters Relating Thereto

A motion to approve 1st reading by Title Only Ordinance 14-O-02 was made by mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Mike Dopson- :Land owner on the Little Salkawhatchie- Since the irrigation has been promoted in these rivers. I have noticed that during the summer months when we have a shortage of rainfall, that most of the time the irrigation program...inaudible...the last several years there has been very little water. I don't know how it was allowed for irrigation, but if we don't preserve these rivers for our children and grand children, we will not have any more rivers. If we keep allowing people in big industry to come in here and not look out for the smaller people, when you open up one big gap it leads to another and this is what has happened. If we don't do something about it we will not have rivers for our future.

Council Time

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Executive Session

- a) Contractual – Edisto Civic Center
- b) Legal Advice– Procurement, Contractual
- c) Mutual Aid Agreement- City of Walterboro

Regular Session

Mr. Taylor said all of the items were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Whetsell made a motion to approve Resolution 14-R-06, To Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Mutual Aid for Fire Protection between Colleton County, the Colleton County Fire-Rescue District and the City of Walterboro and was seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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