

**MINUTES  
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013  
6:00 P.M.  
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Phillip Taylor called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Steven Murdaugh in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Sr. Elaine Inabinett, Deyja Brown, Clyde Capers, Stuart Crosby, Kim Crouse, Brenda Inabinett, Ethel Inabinett, Marcus Inabinett, Mary Elliott, Kawaii Elliott, Blaine, Audrea & Jacob Colson, LaVern Polk, Rep. Robert Brown, Curtis Inabinett, Andy Strickland, Cordella Ellis, Arkeem Salaam, Louise Slate, James Rutledge

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Regular Meeting March 5, 2013

Special Meeting March 22, 2013

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

The motion carried unanimously.

**Awards and Recognition's**

- a) Eagle Scout Proclamation- Jacob A. Colson & Bobby R. Thomas

Mr. Taylor read the Eagle Scout Proclamation and presented it to Jacob Thomas and gave Bobby Thomas' proclamation (unable to attend meeting) to the Troop Leader.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

- b) Resolution 13-R-32, To Recognize Deyja Brown as Player of the Year for Colleton County High School.

Mr. Taylor read the proclamation and presented it to Deyja Brown.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appearances & Public Presentations**

- a) Stuart Crosby, DHEC Update regarding recent changes

Mr. Crosby updated everyone regarding the recent changes that have been made thus far.

- b) Rep. Robert Brown, SC House of Representatives

Representative Brown read a letter from Niki Haley congratulating Deyja Brown for her accomplishment of receiving the regional 8 female high school basketball player of the year and presented the letter to Deyja.

Representative Brown also presented a resolution from the House of Representatives recognizing and congratulating Deyja Brown being named the 2013 regional 8 female high school basketball player of the year by the SC Coaches Association and had Ms. Ethel Inabinett read the resolution.

### **Administrative Briefing**

Mr. Griffin said Sarlaflex has started with putting in the extrusion tower. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the building is completely full of equipment in containers shipped in from Charleston ports. They have already hired 5-6 people for Sarlaflex and probably have another 20-25 county citizens working on the construction project and are fast moving through their employment rolls.

The Chairman and I had the opportunity to go a meeting at Voorhees College last week. US Department of Agriculture Commission Mr. Tom Vilsack made a presentation on USDA Strike Force Initiative. He gave us some good information; they are trying to encourage Rural Investment. We are hoping our Community Kitchen Project will be a centerpiece.

We were just notified last week the Colleton Museum/Farmer's market has been awarded a Community Gardening Grant for over \$47,000. It will provide for a community garden at the Museum/Farmer's Market, North Lemacks Street & a number of the schools throughout the community. It will provide assistance in both training and commitment in putting the community gardens in.

The Colleton County Master Gardener's Association & Clemson Extension with funding from Keep Colleton Beautiful will be installing a landscape plan at the Tuskegee Airmen Chapter Office & Museum on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> . All help will be appreciated. They will also be working with the Boy Scouts on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM

The Business after Hours event this month will be on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Colleton Museum/Farmer's Market.

**Public Hearing**

Ordinance 13-O-01, Granting Easement No. 890260, Easement No. 890268, Easement No. 890269 and Easement No. 890270 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Colleton County Commerce Park located along McLeod Road near Corporate Way in Colleton County, SC; Such Easements are to be Used for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

No comments were made

**Old Business**

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading Ordinance 13-O-01, Granting Easement No. 890260, Easement No. 890268, Easement No. 890269 and Easement No. 890270 to South Carolina Electric and Gas Across a Portion of the Colleton County Commerce Park located along McLeod Road near Corporate Way in Colleton County, SC; Such Easements are to be Used for the installation, operation and maintenance of natural gas facilities within Colleton County, SC; to Authorize Execution and Recording of the Easement Documents; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> reading was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Resolution 13-R- 30, To Declare April as Fair Housing Month.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-31, To Authorize the Purchase of Equipment and a Vehicle by the Fleet Management Department.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-33, To Appoint Member to Board Vacancy.

A motion to approve Janice C. Wright by Acclimation was made by Mr. Murdaugh and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-34, To Remove Member from the Colleton County Memorial Library Board of Trustees.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-35, To Authorize Use by the Rice Festival of the Parking Lot Located Along the Washington Street Side of the Garage Area of the Floyd Buckner Building.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-36, To Authorize Use by the Christ Temple Church of the DSS Parking Lot Located Across from the Church at 809 Carn Street.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-37, To Approve the Victim Assistance Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Edisto Beach.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-38, To Approve a Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability Status and to Designate an ADA Coordinator.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading By Title Only Ordinance 13-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Title Only was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Ordinance 13-O-04, To Establish Chapter 9.32-Firearms of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances for Regulating the Discharge of Firearms.

A motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance 13-O-04, was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Items of Information & The Public Record**

None

#### **Public Comments**

No comments were made

#### **Council Time**

No comments were made

#### **Executive Session**

- a) Legal
- b) Personnel
- c) Economic Development

#### **Regular Session**

No actions taken after executive session

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Steven D. Murdaugh, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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