

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Dr. Flowers called the meeting to order with Council Members Steven Murdaugh, Gene Whetsell, Phillip Taylor, Evon Robinson in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Donna Kubik, Sue Keith, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal R. Hodges, Sr., Bruce Blanchard, Jane Darby, Crawford Moore, Carl Coffin, Nate Bristow, Tom Whitacre, Roy Williams, James Rutledge, Gertrude Hamilton, David Linder

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

Awards and Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting November 7, 2017

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

None

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said we got the bids in on the Town of Smoaks water system last week and they came back very favorable. We had an engineer's estimate of right at 1.149 million and the low bid came in at \$ 813,000.00. I talked to Mayor Linder at length Friday and he was elated at that and they are also going to be able to go back in, we had actually taken out the electric meters to begin with to try to get the price down, so there is going to be plenty of room for them to put that back in as well as doing some renovations to the pump house and well. That is some good news. That also allows some money to come back into the water/sewer fund that is in the CPST Projects as well. It is going to be a good Christmas for Smoaks they will have a new water system and also a new ambulance

on the way as well. He was very happy with that and wanted me to convey that to you all as well.

I wanted to remind council that Wednesday, December 13th at 12:00PM we will be having our Christmas Luncheon with all of the county employees and hope all of ya'll will be able to make it to be there with us. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 17-O-09, To Amend Title 13 – Buildings and Construction of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention, to Amend Floodplain Management Regulations and Adopt Newly Revised FEMA Maps Ordinance

No comments were made.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 17-O-10, To Authorize the Rezoning of a 2.5 Acre Parcel at Bennett's Point, Identified as T.M.S. No. 334-00-00-075, from Community Commercial (CC) to Rural Conservation-2 (RC-2)

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

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 17-O-12, To Amend Title 14 – Land Management, Article 14.08-3 – Conditional Uses, Section 14.08-3.020 of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances related to Gun Clubs, Outdoor Shooting Ranges and Turkey Shoots

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

The motion carried unanimously.

3rd Reading Ordinance 17-O-09, To Amend Title 13 – Buildings and Construction of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention, to Amend Floodplain Management Regulations and Adopt Newly Revised FEMA Maps

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 17-R-74, To Approve the Renewal of Various Service Contracts for Colleton County.

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

The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 17-R-75, To Designate Rudco Products, Inc. as a Sole Source Vendor for Solid Waste Department.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-76, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY 2016-2017.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-77, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application Related to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for an Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-78, To Award the Contract for Colleton County Engineering Services.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-79, To Authorize the Purchase of Two Used Fire Trucks to Replace Two Existing Trucks.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-80, To Award the Contract for Demolition and Disposal of Condemned Houses and Buildings.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-81, To Authorize Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-82, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

Ballots were given ballots and the following are the results.

Colleton County Memorial Library Board of Trustees: Salley B. Stephens & Kimber L. Santorella

Resolution 17-R-83, To Appoint Members to the Fire-Rescue Commission.

Mr. Whetsell request that withdraw resolution 17-R-83 until an ordinance is being worked at this particular time and the appointment of these board members be postponed until the new ordinance is completed and the motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Murdaugh said he would like to put the language in there that the continuance to serve until such time as, I'm not sure if the by-laws state that if there is no election and the term starts over then they automatically serve the full term, but I want to make sure it is clear there.

Talk among the council members inaudible.

Dr. Flowers said lets vote on the amendment 1st.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the amendment and was seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Flowers said lets go back to the original motion to suspend this (17-R-83) until the ordinance is passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 17-R-84, To Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Colleton County, the Lowcountry SC Works Operator and the Lowcountry Workforce Development Board for Workforce Development Services.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments (3 minutes per person/max time 20 min.)

Nate Bristow – Expressed his concerns regarding the resolution awarding the contract for engineering services.

Council Time

All of the council members gave their best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Executive Session

Economic Development – Project Global

Legal Brief – Manufactured Homes (amended at meeting to add)

Regular Session

The items were discussed in executive session.

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Joseph F. Flowers, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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