

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor in attendance.

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Sean Thornton, Ruth Mayer, Sue Keith, Nate Bristow, Jane Darby, Larry Darby, Becky Hill, Shelby Segura, Trudy Hamilton, Lawrence Bassett, David Gar Linder

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

Awards and Recognitions

None

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting December 5, 2017

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

2017 Audit Report – David Irwin, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC

Mr. Irwin gave an over review of the county's audit. The county received a clean report. He commended the county for a job well done.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said he wanted to thank the elected officials for all of their help as well regarding the good audit report.

Mr. Griffin also reminded council of the MLK Parade, which is Sunday, January 14th at 2:30PM.

Mr. Griffin said a few items on the agenda are primarily grant related. We applied about 2 ½ years ago when we started the Hampton Street Auditorium Project and were notified in December that we had been award two \$50,000 grants for two separate pieces of the

Hampton Street Auditorium Construction from USDA and am very glad to hear that. Those grants are being appropriated in this budget as well as Heyward has been working with Pioneer Boats on an expansion there. We have coordinated with SC Dept. of Commerce and they have been awarded a \$100,000.00 Economic Development Grant for expansion and new jobs there for some of the improvements to their facility. Very happy to hear that they continue to expand and add jobs and doing a great job in our community as well.

Mr. Griffin said Coastal Electric as they have been doing for a number of years now. Their RDA Funds of \$131,000 they have again elected to give that to our county Economic Development efforts primarily related to the park at exit 62.

Public Hearing

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).

No Comments were made.

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.

No Comments were made.

Old Business

3rd 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 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Murdaugh.

The motion carried unanimously.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 18-R-01, to Approve Acceptance of a Grant from Coastal Electric Cooperative in the amount of \$131,333.33 for Industrial Infrastructure Development.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-02, to Approve the Victim Assistance Agreement between the Colleton County Sheriff’s Office and the Town of Cottageville.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-03, to Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Grant for FY 2017-2018.

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

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 18-R-04, to Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

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

Colleton County Commission of Alcohol & Drug Abuse: Patricia Grant & Linda Poole

The motion carried unanimously.

Ballots were given to Council Members for Lowcountry Council of Governments:

Thomas J. “Tommy” Mann was appointed to serve on the board.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

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

No comments were made

Council Time

All of the council members thanked the Sheriff’s Office, City Police, and Fire-Rescue for all of their hard work during the snow/ice storm and also the Finance Office, Treasurer’s Office, & Auditor’s Office for the good audit report.

Executive Session

- a) Economic Development – Project Global
- b) Contractual – Walterboro Soccer Club Update

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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