

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
BUDGET AND ORDINANCE WORKSHOP
MAY 22, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on May 22, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea. Dennis Townsend, Stevie Grice. Kenny Cook Jr was present by phone. Jamal Campbell was not present for the meeting. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Betsey Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vicky Rogers, The Dillon Herald.

The following were notified of the meeting and provided an agenda by email:

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Robbie Coward made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Judge Mackie Hayes to the agenda as item 14 and add Buzzy Finklea to the agenda as item 9A. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Stevie Grice. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the meeting minutes from April 24, 2024. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Council Woman, Detrice Dawkins and county council presented a plaque to Robbie McDaniel which was voted on by the readers of the Dillon Herald and the Dillon County Shopper for Best Of The Best for 2023 as the Best Rescue Squad EMS Member.

Council Woman, Detrice Dawkins and county council presented a plaque to Mr. Sapp which was voted on by the readers of the Dillon Herald and the Dillon County Shopper for Best Of The Best for 2023 as the Best EMS Service.

Council Woman, Detrice Dawkins and county council presented a plaque to Station 1 Fire Department which was voted on by the readers of the Dillon Herald and the Dillon County Shopper for Best Of The Best for 2023 as the Best Fire Department.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 – Second Reading

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 OF THE DILLON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO ESTABLISH A NUISANCE ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DECLARATION OF A NUISANCE BY THE COUNTY; TO SET FORTH PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE PROVISIONS TO BE ADOPTED AND SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 38 OF THE DILLON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NUISANCES.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to table Ordinance No. 23-06 until council could get with the attorney to receive more information. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE READING 24-07 – First Reading – By Title Only

An Ordinance To Provide Budget Appropriations for County Purposes In The County Of Dillon For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025 And Adopt And Implement Rates And Fees, And For Other Tax Purposes And County Appropriation Purposes And To Establish The Tax Millage To Provide For The Budget

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to approve Ordinance No. 24-07. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Elite Dance Company requested donations for ads for their 13th Annual Dance Recital. Kenny Cook Jr donated \$125.00 and Robbie Coward donated gave a \$125.00 personal donation.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Council Recreation Request and he was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

COUNCILMAN BUZZY FINKLEA

Councilman Buzzy Finklea announced that a new housing development located on three tracks of land will be coming on Gary Road which would be approximately 30-35 single family homes. He said that the construction will start before the end of the year.

PEE DEE LOCAL WORKFORCE AREA SC WORKS SYSTEM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve The Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System Memorandum Of Understanding Agreement. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

A motion was made by Robbie Coward for the Approval for Use Of Courthouse Grounds for Terrance McRae for the McRae–Bethea Family Reunion Photo. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

JIM KIRKLAND – MARION -DILLON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Jim Kirkland from Marion-Dillon County Habitat for Humanity introduced himself and stated that they were a 501C3 Special Needs Ministry and their goal was to build one decent affordable house at a time. They have two people approved for home ownership in Dillon County but need land immediately to build those homes and also need commercial property to establish a retail store for an office to work out of. He said that their cost to build was around \$91.00 per square foot and also added that the homes are three bedrooms and two baths and the cost is from \$115,000.00 to \$120,000.00 with a 0% interest mortgage which varies with a twenty, thirty or thirty-five year mortgage.

NATHAN SCALES – PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE

Nathan Scales from the Public Defender’s Office introduced himself and stated that he has worked in Dillon County since 2013 and with four different courts within the county. He asked that council add \$53,000.00 to his budget the same as the Solicitors Office gets. He went over the county crime statistics add concluded by saying that he hope that they would consider his request he would appreciate any help and assistance that he could get.

MAGISTRATE JUDGE MACKIE HAYES

Magistrate Judge Mackie Hayes stated that they need help with their finances because their budget has been cut numerous times and they desperately need another clerk. He went over the Magistrates Office budget from previous years. He asked that in the new budget, council give them what they’re asking for and stop cutting their finds he also added that any consideration would be great.

TRINITY BEHAVIORAL CARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the reappointments of J. D. McLeod

and Jimmy Sweat to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board of Directors Committee. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments

RECOMMENDATION ON THE TRANSFER STATION

The administrator made a Recommendation on the Transfer Station asking for approval to replace the building and keep everything else in place.

A motion was made by Stevie Grice to replace the building and keep everything else in place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Detrice Dawkins thanked the members of the Palmetto Leadership for coming to the meeting. She allow them to stand and introduce themselves.

Tim Harper, County Administrator announced that he just finished up the Port Ambassador Program with the Ports Authority in Charleston and our Chairwoman has been recognized to be on the next Ambassador Program starting in September.

Councilman Stevie Grice said that he coaches softball and his team just made the lower state runner ups.

ADJOURN

Stevie Grice made a motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved