

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
OCTOBER 23, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on October 23, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, Jamal Campbell, Kenny Cook Jr. and Stevie Grice. Detrice Dawkins was not present for the meeting. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, 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

Councilman Jamal Campbell called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Jamal Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilman Dennis Townsend gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the Minutes from September 25, 2024. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

A Plaque was presented to Shipp Daniel from County Council. It read as follows:
Presented to Shipp Daniel for dedication and leadership sixteen years of service and sincere appreciation for committed and dedicated services to our community. Be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make. He thanked council for their support

RECOGNITION OF METHODIST MEN, SHERIFF DEPARTMENT , EMS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

County Council thanked the Methodist Men, Sheriff Department, EMS and Fire Department for giving their time and energy during the devastation of Hurricane Helene. A photo was taken and they thanked council for their support and spoke on the conditions of the towns and some of the things that they saw and did such as removing trees off of houses.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 24-14 – SECOND READING

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Single and Two Family Residential (RS2) to Agriculture (AG1) to open a Lavender and Herb Farm with stimulated forest farming

Tax Map No: 012-00-00-148
Property Owner(s): Gary J Campi
Proposed Location: 4357 Sagebrush Drive, Dillon SC 29536

Councilman Robbie Coward made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 24-14 – Second Reading. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16 - SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN AS RED DIAMOND ACTING FOR ITSELF, ONE OR MORE AFILIATES AND/OR OTHER PROJECT SPONSORS; TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES, CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS AND OTHER INCENTIVES; TO INCLUDE THE PROJECT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MULTI COUNTY PARK; TO MODIFY BUILDING PERMIT AND REVIEW FEES CONSISTENT WITH THE FOREGOING; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Ordinance No. 24-16 – Second Reading. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-22 - FIRST READING

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (MARION AND DILLON COUNTIES) TO INCLUDE FOX HOLLOW SOLAR, LLC

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance No. 24-22 First Reading. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK BETWEEN DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND MARION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERTO.

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Resolution No. 24-21. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

POLICY BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO EXPEND FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL DENOMINATED DILLON COUNTY RECREATION FUNDS FOR USE BY ELIGIBLE ENTITIES THAT SERVE A PUBLIC PURPOSE

A motion to approved the Policy for the Dillon County Recreation Funds was made by Kenny Cook Jr and seconded by Dennis Townsend. The Motion Failed due to a three-to-three tie. Tim Harper, Administrator explained to council that even though the motion failed, they are still using governmental funds and cannot give funds to individuals. Kenny Cook Jr., Dennis Townsend and Stevie Grice were all in favor. Buzzy Finklea, Robbie Coward and Jamal Campbell were all opposed.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Donations were given to Girls With Ambition for their educational trips and programs. Kenny Cook Jr. and Buzzy Finklea donated \$50.00 each and Jamal Campbell donated \$100.00. Robbie Coward gave a personal donation of \$100.00.

Johnnie Daniels requested donations for Farm-City Week. Stevie Grice, Dennis Townsend and Kenny Cook Jr donated \$50.00 each Buzzy Finklea donated \$100.00 and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Dillon High School Athletics requested donations. Stevie Grice and Kenny Cook Jr donated \$500.00 each, Dennis Townsend and Jamal Campbell donated \$50.00 each and Buzzy Finklea donated \$25.00. Robbie Coward gave a Personal \$500.00 donation.

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve the Council Recreation Request. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

Steve Johnson & Glenda Schleich - Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Steve Johnson began by saying that November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month but he was there as a member of the board and was not asking for anything but just wanted to thank County Council for the financial support that they have given to their organization throughout the years and supporting events that they have.

JOAN DAVIS – GRAVEL ON EAGLE DRIVE

Joan Davis spoke and expressed her concerns as well as presented photos to Council concerning the Gravel On Eagle Drive. She said that the gravel was fine for a while but now it's a mess and she gets dust from both sides of the road which is coming in from her window unit air conditioners and her house and vehicles are a mess. She stated that she believes that the gravel is a health hazard and she looked it up and found that the gravel causes cancer. Councilman Stevie Grice suggested that this be turned over to the CTC Committee. Tim Harper, Administrator said that he would speak to Earl Turbeville with the Road and Bridges Department to help with the situation. Councilman Jamal Campbell thanked Ms. Davis for coming and stated that they would make a recommendation to the CTC Committee and will ask that they take a look it.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR USE OF COURTHOUSE GROUNDS

Approval of Dillon County Application for Use Of Courthouse Grounds:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Voters Registration Rally

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

(will be serving free hotdogs)

No one made a motion to approve the Application for the use of Courthouse Grounds for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

APPROVAL OF LAND CLEARING FOR THE NEW EOC

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to approve Dirttauber for the Land Clearing Bid for the New EOC. The bid amount was \$45,500.00. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. Dennis Townsend was opposed.

APPROVAL OF LANDFILL TRUCK BID

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve TLG Peterbilt Of Florence SC for the of Landfill Truck Bid. The bid amount was \$186,725.00. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF BID FOR COUNTY VEHICLES

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to Approve the Bids for four County Vehicles under state contract. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR BOOK MOBILE

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Matthews Specialty Vehicles for the Bid for the Book Mobile. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

FINANCE SOFTWARE BID APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Harris Communications for the Finance Software Bid Approval. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF DILLON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr. to reestablish the Appointment of Dillon County Safety Committee and also add Councilman Dennis Townsend to the committee. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF OPIOD SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the Appointment of Opioid Settlement Committee. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Robbie Coward requested that Larry German be removed from the Grievance Committee and add Cassie Goins-Kinney. A motion to approve the Committee Appointment was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Executive Session

A. Legal Matter

The Executive Session was not needed.

ADJOURN

A motion to Adjourn was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Stevie Grice. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved