

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on September 25, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea, Dennis Townsend, Jamal Campbell and Kenny Cook Jr. Stevie Grice was present by phone. Also present were John 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

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 Jamal Campbell gave the invocation beginning with a moment of silence in memory of the daughter of former Councilman Sonny McRae and the McRae Family.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilman Robbie Coward to approve the agenda. He was seconded by Councilman Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2024 & SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve the August 28, 2024 and September 10, 2024 Minutes. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 24-14 - FIRST 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

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve Ordinance No. 24-14 – First Reading. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-15 – FIRST READING

An Ordinance by Dillon County Council changing the Zoning Map classification from Single and Two Family Residential (RS2) to General Commercial (GC) to open a storage yard for damaged vehicles

Tax Map No: 089-13-00-004

Property Owner(s): Linda Hayes

Proposed Location: 111 Bay Catfish Road, Latta SC 29565

A motion to deny Ordinance No. 24-15 – First Reading was made by Kenny Cook Jr. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor to deny the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16 - FIRST 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 to approve Ordinance No. 24-16 First Reading was made by Robbie Coward. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Councilman Dennis Townsend made a request to see more details before the next meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 24-17

A RESOLUTION BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER PURSUANT TO AND AS PROVIDED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CODE SECTION 4-9-145

Tim Harper, Administrator explained that the county has a litter control Officer that falls under that resolution and he discussed it with the attorney and he said the Litter Control Officer does not have to be certified but that resolution is to designate Randy Grimsley and he asked that Council would amend that resolution to Randy Grimsley or the County Administrator's designee.

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to amend and approve Resolution No. 24-17 by changing it to Randy Grimsley or the County Administrator's designee. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-18

A RESOLUTION BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING DILLON COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUEL

Councilman Buzzy Finklea stated that he would like to have a workshop before voting on the personnel policy and compare the old policy to the new one.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-19

Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Dillon County and the Town of Latta for Building Code Official and Resolution

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Resolution No. 24-19. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-20

Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Dillon County and the Town of Lake View for Building Code Official and Resolution

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to approve Resolution No. 24-20. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

Agreement between Dillon County and City of Dillon for Magistrate Judges

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the agreement between Dillon County and the City of Dillon for the Magistrate Judges. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

Agreement between Dillon County and Town of Lake View for Magistrate Judges

A motion was made by Robbie Coward to approve the agreement between Dillon County and Town of Lake View. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT LIST

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve the Surplus Equipment List. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

Lake View Athletics requested donations for their Pre-game feeding of players. Dennis Townsend donated 200.00, Stevie Grice, Jamal Campbell and Detrice Dawkins donated \$50.00 each, Kenny Cook Jr donated \$75.00 and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Lumber River United Way requested donations for the Dolly Pardon Imaginary Library Program. Detrice Dawkins, Buzzy Finklea, Kenny Cook Jr and Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00 each. Robbie Coward gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

Marty Campbell requested donations for the Newtown Reunion. Stevie Grice, Detrice Dawkins and Buzzy Finklea donated \$50.00 each, Jamal Campbell donated \$300.00 and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

The Village Afterschool Program requested donations. Jamal Campbell donated \$200.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$25.00, Kenny Cook Jr gave a personal donation and Robbie Coward gave a \$100.00 personal donation.

Ronnie Rowell requested donations for his Annual Halloween Drive. Stevie Grice, Detrice Dawkins, Buzzy Finklea and Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00 each. Kenny Cook Jr. gave a \$75.00 personal donation and Robbie Coward gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

Girls with Knowledge Mentoring Group requested donations for their Winter Coat Drive. Jamal Campbell donated \$100.00, Detrice Dawkins and Bubby Finklea donated \$50.00 each and Robbie Coward gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

Help for Veterans Inc. requested donations for their health fair. Stevie Grice, Jamal Campbell, Detrice Dawkins, Kenny Cook Jr, and Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00 each and Buzzy Finklea donated \$100.00. Robbie Coward gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – RED DIAMOND

B. PERSONNEL MATTER

C. LEGAL MATTER

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to go into Executive Session. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Jamal Campbell to come out of Executive Session. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Townsend and seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved