

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
BUDGET AND ORDINANCE WORKSHOP
APRIL 24, 2024 5:00 PM

The Dillon County Council held a meeting on April 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the County Council Chambers. Present were Detrice Dawkins, Robbie Coward, Buzzy Finklea. Dennis Townsend, Kenny Cook Jr, Jamal Campbell and Stevie Grice. Also present were Ken Dubose, Attorney, Matthew Elvington, Deputy County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council, Betsey Finklea, Dillon County News LLC and Vicky Rogers, The Dillon Herald. Tim Harper, County Administrator was not present for the meeting.

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

Councilman Buzzy Finklea made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Robbie Coward made a motion to amend the agenda by adding 5A as a Plaque Presentation. The motion was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2024

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr for the Approval of Minutes on March 27, 2024. He was seconded by Dennis Townsend. All were in favor.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Detrice Dawkins on behalf of County Council and the administrator presented a Plaque Of Appreciation to Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council which read: Thank you for your hard work and dedication, and you consistently going above and beyond your duties to assist them.

ORDINANCE READING NO. 24-03 THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS PARK (2016 PARK) OF DILLON AND MARLBORO COUNTIES SO AS TO ENLARGE THE PARK

A motion was made by Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance Reading No. 24-03 Third Reading. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06 – FIRST READING - BY TITLE ONLY

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 Kenny Cook Jr to approve Ordinance No. 24-06- First Reading - By Title Only. He was seconded by Robbie Coward. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION - FAIR HOUSING MONTH – APRIL 2024

Kenny Cook Jr made a motion to approve April 2024 as Fair Housing Month. He was seconded by Jamal Campbell. All were in favor.

COUNCIL RECREATION REQUEST

The Humane Society of Dillon County and the Carolina Art Guild of Dillon requested donations for their third Paws for the Arts fundraiser. Stevie Grice donated \$50.00, Kenny Cook Jr donated \$100.00, Dennis Townsend donated \$50.00 and Robbie Coward donated \$500.00.

MOJO of the Carolina's Softball Team requested donations. Stevie Grice donated \$500.00, Detrice Dawkins donated \$50.00, Dennis Townsend donated \$100.00, Robbie Coward donated \$300.00 and Kenny Cook gave \$150.00 as a personal donation.

Harnethea B. Manning Scholarship Fund Musical requested donations for their 13th Annual Scholarship Fund. Detrice Dawkins donated \$25.00 and Kenny Cook Jr gave a \$50.00 personal donation.

Lea Foster Khalil requested donations for the Miss South Carolina Pageant Scholarship Organization. Kenny Cook Jr and Robbie Coward each gave \$100.00 in personal donations.

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

2023 AUDIT PRESENTATION – WILLIAM HANCOCK

William Hancock introduced himself as a CPA for The Brittingham Group and said that they served as the auditors for the past fiscal year. Council member received a binder and he asked them to follow along with him. He gave a presentation for the 2023 Audit for Dillon County and made references by page number. He stated that they audited the county's books for the fiscal year June 30, 2023 and also said that the system was not be perfect but the funds are being spent the right way.

ANNIE SMITH – DILLON COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH CENTER

Annie Smith, Director of Dillon County Boys and Girls Youth Center spoke to Council concerning Second hand smoke protection. She asked that as they work to establish goals for Dillon County that a goal for second hand smoke protection for all residents be a part of their agenda. She went over the statistics of smoking, data and the health issues associated with smoking and also stated that Dillon County has the highest adult smoking rate in the state. She concluded by asking County Council to consider making Dillon County smokefree in public places such as restaurants and other places like that.

COMMITTEE APOINTMENTS

There were no Committee Appointments.

ADJOURN

Robbie Coward made a motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

A. Detrice Dawkins, Chairwoman

Druscilla Blakely, Interim Clerk to Council

Date Approved