

DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
109 SOUTH THIRD AVENUE
DILLON SC 29536
APRIL 14, 2025 9:00 AM

The Dillon County Council held a Meeting Workshop on April 14, 2025 at 9:00 am in the County Council Chambers. Present were Robbie Coward, Dennis Townsend, James Washington, Kenny Cook Jr., Stevie Grice and Brad Coward. Also present was Tim Harper, County Administrator and Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council. Absent were Detrice Dawkins and Ken Dubose.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Stevie Grice called the Meeting to Order and presided over the meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Stevie Grice led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Dennis Townsend gave the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dennis Townsend made a motion to approve the agenda. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

WORKSHOPS

ORDINANCE NO. 25-01 - WORKSHOP

AN ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE BY DILLON COUNTY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO WASTE TIRES

Council agreed to leave the tire situation alone and see how much the county is losing and revisit next year. The Ordinance is to keep outside businesses from out of town from bringing in tires.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02 - WORKSHOP

AN ORDINANCE - Dillon County Business License Ordinance

Council discussed whether a business License can be capped at \$500.00

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06 – WORKSHOP

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.

Council discussed that the Nuisance Ordinance is for complaints received on properties that have issues with litter and trash being dumped on private properties so that the county can clean them up. The property owner will be given a chance to clean it up first or pay a fine.

DILLON COUNTY BUDGET FY 2025–2026 - WORKSHOP

The administrator suggested that there will be no raises but a few merits increases and instead of raises there will be three bonuses given which will be \$500.00 for Tax Free Weekend, \$500 for Spring Break and \$700.00 for Black Friday. He also stated that a Finance Director will be hired.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Dennis Townsend to go into executive Session. He was seconded by Kenny Cook Jr. All were in favor.

ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL POLICY - WORKSHOP

Council had a brief discussion concerning the personnel policy and there were no major problems addressed.

**ADOPTION OF DILLON COUNTY VEHICLE POLICY - CALVIN POMPEY -
WORKSHOP**

Council had a brief discussion concerning the Vehicle Policy with no major problems addressed.

Questions for Ken Dubose, Attorney

1. Can a business License be capped at \$500.00?
2. Can a business license be legally issued to someone in a residential zone?
Council would like to have an answer in writing.
3. Can council raise the number of rental properties for a Business License?

ADJOURN

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

Stevie Grice, Chairman

Druscilla Blakely, Clerk to Council

Date Approved