

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM, at the County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor in attendance

Others present included: Kevin Griffin, Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Janet Smith, Iris Hill, Jane Darby, James Rutledge, Roy Williams

Mr. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Awards and Recognitions

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting April 5, 2016

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Murdaugh said before we move on I did fail to ask if anyone had any amendments to the agenda. I would like to move that we strike our Executive Session from the agenda this evening. The Real Estate issue is resolved and the Contractual Matter, the person that was going to be speaking to us is not able to attend the meeting tonight, so unless there is something else we don't have anything for Executive Session. I would like to move that we amend the agenda to remove Item 13, "a" & "b" which is Executive Session items.

A motion to remove Executive Session from the Agenda was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Appearances & Public Presentations

There were none.

Administrator's Briefing

Mr. Griffin said the Walterboro Criterium Bike Race is tomorrow night. We have a good many folks county and otherwise participating. This is one of the Chamber's big functions of the year. If you get a chance get out and take part in that. It should be a good event.

A couple of the agenda items tonight Item "a" Old Business - project Deck, that project was actually closed yesterday afternoon, late in the day. That is going to be a 50 job project that is going in the old Press Printing Building. The company J & L Wire is out of Minnesota. They make a welded wire decking product for such as the shelving in Lowes and Home Depot as well as some agriculture ...inaudible... very happy to have them. They actually started work on the building yesterday evening as well, so that will be moving along very rapidly. They have already ordered some equipment. It will be a nice investment. This is one that actually showed up the night we had our Economic Development event last September. We are glad to get that done and are excited about that.

On Item "c", we met with some representatives from USDA about two weeks ago as well as Ms. Alta Mae Marvin and Mr. Marion Barnes. They have an individual there funded a program to take a look nuisance wildlife within the Lowcountry Region of SC, primarily related to feral swine and issues that the farmers and different landowners are having destroyed their properties. They have a number of different programs and research opportunities that are taking a look at to deal with that, but with that they asked through Clemson Extension if it would be possible to have office space here. We did have some office within the Clemson Extension Office so they will be occupying as soon as council approves this agreement tonight and immediately I have a young lady who should be coming in and starting with that program. She also would like to meet with any landowners, anybody who is having issues along these lines both the feral swine, coyotes, and other things to give her a call and get in touch. She would like to come out and look at the property and maybe get those properties within the programs.

One other item budgetary related. As we went through our last budget session, we had not gotten the information back, but we are looking at our ...inaudible... 800 radio system, we currently contract with a organization out of Summerville for our service on all of those radios. We are now about 2-3 years in that system. Rubin Carter who is in the Sheriff's Office as well as Marty Stallings who is in our Fire-Rescue have gotten very good with that system and those radios. They have recommended to us that we go in and actually purchase the program, the equipment that you can service the radios ourselves. That equipment runs roughly somewhere between \$35-\$40,000. Our service every year is a little over \$40,000 right now, so we are looking at we would like to move that into the capital budget purchase equipment and bring that in house. After this year we would not have that expense within the budget for them to program.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 16-O-01, To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention of Title 13, Buildings and Construction, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.

No comments were made.

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 16-O-02, Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement By And Between Colleton County, South Carolina, And Project Deck Providing For A Credit Against Certain Payments In Lieu Of Taxes To Be Made By Project Deck, The Inclusion Of The Project Deck Site In A Multicounty Business Park, And Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 16-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Taylor.

The motion carried unanimously.

3rd Reading Ordinance 16-O-01, To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 13.12 - Flood Damage Prevention of Title 13, Buildings and Construction, of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances.

A motion to approve 3rd reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 16-R-46, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the following by acclamation was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

Colleton County Board of Disabilities & Special Needs: James M. Bunton, Jr.
Keep Colleton Beautiful: E. Ladson Fishburne, A.C Utsey, IV (Ceth)

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-47, To Authorize the Council Clerk to Advertise for Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-48, To Authorize a Government Use Agreement By and Between Colleton County and the U. S. Department of Agriculture Division of Wildlife Services for South Carolina for the Use of County Facilities Located on in Room 213 of the Bernard Warshaw Building.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-49, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) FY2016 Award for the Purchase of 50 Bulletproof Vests.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-R-50, To Reschedule the July County Council Meeting and Cancel the August County Council Meeting.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items for Information and Public Record

None

Public Comments

No comments were made

No further actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Steven D. Murdaugh, Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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