



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

**Present:** David L. Ferguson, Sr., R. David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Kamau Marcharia, Dwayne Perry, Carolyn B. Robinson, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; J. Milton Pope, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Shryll Brown, Clerk to Council

**In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date, and location of this meeting: The Herald-Independent, The State, and Winnsboro Cablevision, and ninety-six other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Kinley to approve the agenda. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. INVOCATION**

Council Member Kinley led in the Invocation.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Work Session of January 21, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Council Member Trapp; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 4, 2014. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED**

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Moses Bell – Fire Service
- Mr. Jeff Schaffer – Fire Service
- Mr. Randy Bright – Drawdy Park & Economic Development

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

None.

**8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS:**

None.

**9. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MINUTES**

Provided as information.

**10. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**11. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:****a. County Spotlight – Economic Development Department: Mrs. Tiffany Harrison****b. Recommendation Of Administration And Finance Committee Regarding Fire Service Requests Of Actions****1. Fire Service Request For Tire Purchase**

- NFPA 1911 safety standards recommend that tires be replaced after 7 years.
- In working with SCAC and Risk Management, the last replacement was done in 2007.
- Half of the funds (\$40,000) are budgeted in 2013-2014 budget; requesting other half (\$40,000) in 2014-2015 budget.

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request for Tire Purchase. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**2. Fire Service Request For Training Room Expansion**

- Current classroom 14 x 28 with table and chairs, barely accommodating 20 students.
- Expansion would help students from being in close environment and give room to do more hands-on training.
- Requesting to add additional 20 x 28 space.
- Approximate cost: \$18,000

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request for Training Room Expansion. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**3. Fire Service Request To Purchase A Replacement Fire Truck**

- Request is to purchase a new pumper for Mitford Fire Department.
- New pumper will be additional pumper in this station.
- The existing pumper will also become a pumper/service truck.
- Current service truck that has over 126,000 miles will be taken out of service.
- \$300,000 approved in 2013/2014 budget. Will be encumbered in next fiscal year.

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request to Purchase a Replacement Fire Truck. **The motion carried unanimously.***

#### 4. Fire Service Request For Service/Utility Truck

- To replace 1983 pick-up truck that has a blown engine.
- Currently used as a brush truck.
- This utility truck is needed to put the brush truck back in service.
- Approved in 2013-2014 budget.
- \$36,343 state contract price.

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request for Service/Utility Truck. **The motion carried unanimously.***

#### 5. Fire Service Request For Purchase Of Fire Suppression Foam

- Purchase firefighting or fire suppression foam.
- Foam needed on certain fires when water is ineffective.
- Each pumper should have a minimum of 10 gallons on the truck.
- Some trucks do not have this amount.
- Shelf life of this type of foam is 25+ years.
- Foam has not been purchased in over 7 years.
- \$20,000 financial impact. Procurement Dept. will recheck pricing.

*It was moved by Vice Chairman Perry; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request For Purchase Of Fire Suppression Foam. **The motion carried unanimously.***

#### 6. Fire Service Request To Purchase Property

- Request to purchase approximately 1.6 acres of land for future site (relocation) of the Ridgeway Fire Department.
- The existing fire department sits 4 feet off US Highway 21.
- There is a safety factor entering and exiting this building with large apparatus.
- No room for training or meetings. Meetings are held in the bay.
- Fire Department has outgrown this building, and there is no room to expand.
- Administrator recommending approval, with condition to allow the Administrator to negotiate and bring a contract forward.

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request To Purchase Property. **The motion carried unanimously.***

#### 7. Fire Service Request To Construct A Burn Room And Rescue Training Facility

- Request is to construct a burn room and search and rescue training facility.
- This facility will give the volunteers the opportunity to training in the environment they will be responding to.
- Training center will be asset not only to fire service, but also to all emergency services.
- Funds approved for this project in 2012-2013 budget. Other county projects caused a delay in the start of this one.
- \$35,000 rolled over into 2013-2014 budget.
- Some work can be accomplished using in-house labor.

*It was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Fire Service Request To Construct A Burn Room And Rescue Training Facility. Council Member Robinson opined that more training has been required in the last couple of years than has ever been before; therefore, anything that can be done on site without having to expend money sending them to the Academy would be better off. Council Member Marcharia commented that there has been an effort to purchase land in the Jenkinsville area due to the dilapidated condition of the fire station*

there. He inquired how did the negotiation for land for Jenkinsville get dropped off the scale, and what was the status of the discussion with SCE&G. ***The motion carried unanimously.***

Mr. Pope gave an update of the site visits of every fire station in the County that he and Mr. Hill performed. Council Member Brown gave a financial history of the implementation of each fire station several years ago.

**c. Drawdy Park Update**

Mr. Pope reported that staff solicited outside engineering work to be able to assess information that is being received from S<sup>2</sup> Engineering, and will be reviewing that information as to reasons for the failure as well as remedies. Hopefully, he said, in the coming weeks, all of this will be in place to bring back public recommendation for remedy regarding Drawdy Park.

**d. Economic Development Announcement**

Mr. Pope reported that the new company that announced on Friday, BOMAG, is a producer of compaction equipment, milling machines, asphalt pavers and reclaimer stabilizers for road building and other construction markets. The North America headquarters will be established in Fairfield County; will have up to 120 jobs in five years, resulting in a payroll of \$7.3 million dollars and a total investment of \$18.2 million dollars.

**14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

None.

**15. 2<sup>ND</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT CAN BE TO INTRODUCE AN ITEM NOT CURRENTLY UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OR BRING A CONCERN TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION**

The following individuals signed to speak:

- Mr. Jeff Schaffer – Ethics
- Mr. Randy Bright – Large Retirement Communities

**16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Trapp:

Addressed Mr. Schaffer regarding the comments he (Schaffer) made about ethics.

Commented on the perception of S<sup>2</sup> Engineering firm.

Robinson:

Commented on the existence of the new Commerce Center building. Asked to see the minutes of the work session for the following items Council discussed and inquired who authorized the construction of these buildings and all the expenses associated therewith: (1) Commerce Center building, (2) sign at the Commerce Center, (3) building of the Rec football field, (4) Speculative building at Walter Brown II, (5) Voter Registration building, (6) HON building with its improvements, (7) Probation and Parole building.

Commented on the procurement process and opined that it needed to be updated and voiced her concern about accountability.

Brown

Commented on the committee process and the process of how things have been getting accomplished.

Kinley

Commented on the selection of the S<sup>2</sup> Engineering firm.

Ferguson

Addressed the procedure and guidelines followed by Council in voting (i.e., buildings and other projects and the budget).

Perry

Commented on accountability and transparency.

**17. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*At 7:17 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Kinley; seconded by Council Member Marcharia to go in executive session to receive legal advice. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*At 8:15 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Robinson; seconded by Council Member Trapp to come out of executive session and return to open session. **The motion carried unanimously.***

*In open session, it was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Perry to allow the County Administrator to negotiate on a piece of property that the County is presently interested in. **The motion carried unanimously.***

**18. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M., upon unanimous approval of Council.

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SHRYLL M. BROWN  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DAVID L. FERGUSON, SR.  
CHAIRMAN