



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
APRIL 24, 2017**

Present: Billy Smith, Douglas Pauley, Neil Robinson, Jimmy Ray Douglas, Dan W. Ruff, Mikel Trapp, Bertha Goins, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Davis Anderson, Deputy County Administrator; Jack James, County Attorney; Patti Locklair, 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 Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle, and one hundred twenty seven other individuals.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Miss Natalie Green led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017, and the Budget Work Session of April 12, 2017. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Mr. Lamar Richards. Recognition of Mr. Richards for being selected President of the South Carolina Senior Beta Club. Chairman Smith presented Mr. Richards with a letter of Congratulations. Council congratulated Mr. Richards for his accomplishments thus far and wished him much success in the future.

B. Miss Natalie Green. Recognition of Miss Green for her recent success and being "infectiously cute". Chairman Smith presented Miss Green with a letter of Congratulations. Council thanked Miss Green for presenting our invocation tonight and wished her much success in the future.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Randy Bright - Budget

7. PUBLIC HEARING

A. To Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year

Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and Other Matters Relating to County Government, and Other Matters Related Thereto. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:13 p.m.

- B.** Authorizing Fairfield County to Convey County Owned Real Property (Fire and EMS Station Building, Including Fixtures) Located at 12922 State Highway 213, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065; Tax Map No. 158-03-02-023-200, to Jenkinsville Water Company. Chairman Smith opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. No one signed to speak; therefore, the public hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 677** – To Establish Operating and Capital Budgets for the Operation of the County Government of Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Levy of Taxes for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017; to Provide for the Expenditure of Tax Revenues and Other County Funds; to Provide for Other County Purposes; to Provide for Certain Fiscal and Other Matters Relating to County Government, and Other Matters Related Thereto. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Council Member Ruff to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 677. Mr. Taylor reported that the budget has been modified to include such items that had been discussed at the Budget Work Session including \$500,000 for Behavioral Health, \$300,000 for municipal grants, 2% bonus for all County employees, \$175,000 for Rockbridge Fire Station and Disabilities and Special Needs van. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- B. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 678** – An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Convey County Owned Real Property (Fire and EMS Station Building, Including Fixtures) Located at 12922 State Highway 213, Jenkinsville, South Carolina 29065; Tax Map No. 158-03-02-023-200, to Jenkinsville Water Company. It was moved by Council Member Trapp and seconded by Vice Chair Goins to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 678. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***
- C. First Reading: Ordinance No. 679** - An Ordinance to Amend the Fairfield County Land Management Ordinance (Ordinance No. 599) to Provide for the Zoning Reclassification from RD-1 (Rural Residential District) to RC (Rural Community District) of Four and Forty Four Hundredth (4.44) Acre Owned by R & V Storage, LLC, Part of Tax Map No. 077-00-00-017-000 Portion of, Property is Located at 221 Wateree Road, Winnsboro, SC. It was moved by Council Member Douglas and seconded by Council Member Robinson to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 679. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

None.

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Joint Contract with Town of Winnsboro on Utility Services: Mr. Taylor referred to a discussion concerning hiring Pope Flynn Law Firm to represent the Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County to enter into a potential joint water and sewer district. Negotiations have begun and the Town has agreed to the terms the County has put forth of a 75/25 split for the cost of the associated legal fees. Based on this, Mr. Taylor is requesting Council to allow him to sign the contract to enter into the joint representation. Council Member Pauley made a motion to allow the Administrator to sign a joint contract with the Town of Winnsboro for joint representation by Pope Flynn Law Firm under the negotiated terms. Motion was properly seconded by Council Member Robinson. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

A. Boards and Commission Openings by District: The Clerk had distributed to Council the report titled "Board and Commission Vacancies as of April 2017". This report includes the vacancies broken out into each District and why they exist. Also included are the current Board and Commission members from each District with term expirations for future reference. Chairman Smith directed Council to address these vacancies as soon as possible so as to enable a quorum for each Board and Commission.

B. COG and I-77 Alliance Vacancies: Two citizen representative vacancies exist on the COG Board and need to be filled. Also, determination of whether to keep the existing citizen representative for the I-77 Alliance or whether to nominate a new representative needs to be made as soon as possible. Chairman Smith has received some responses from Council on this but requested more names in order to have a healthy group from which to make a choice. These are organizations that represent the County very well and these appointments need to be in place in the near future.

C. Upcoming Events: The Clerk reported on the following events:

- Friday, May 5, 7 p.m. - Volunteer Firemen and Rescue Squad Recognition Banquet at the Fairfield County Recreation Center.
- Tuesday, May 9, 1 to 3 p.m. - V.C. Summer construction site tour.
- Intergovernmental Meeting - The County will be hosting the next meeting and a date needs to be determined in the near future for planning purposes.

- July 29 through August 2 - Association of Counties Annual Conference and Institute of Government.

15. 2ND PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT WILL BE FOR ITEMS NOT CURRENTLY ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA OR UNDER COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION. THE SUBJECT MATTER SHALL BE RELATED TO AND LIMITED TO ITEMS, ISSUES AND TOPICS REGARDING FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Jeff Shaffer - Problems
- Randy Bright - Being Mortal

16. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Goins: Feels it is difficult for people to understand that good progress takes time. One particular item of progress is the Town and the County working together to achieve common goals. Fairfield County needs a number of things, but it must first begin with the infrastructure. The County is on the right track to move forward for a better quality of life, more jobs, industry, etc. Keep praying, be patient and together we will get where we need to be.

Douglas: Agrees with Vice Chair Goins.

Ruff: Also agrees with Vice Chair Goins and feels the relationship between the County, Town and other governmental agencies is positive and we can now move forward and work together. We are headed in the right direction, but it will take some time.

Smith: Commenting on the 2% bonus, it was discussed in the past that staff would be bringing a proposal to Council to move toward a more merit/evaluation-based system. Chairman Smith looks forward for a plan to be put in place for next year concerning this. We did have a salary compensation study performed which resulted in the safety sensitive staff salary increase.

Robinson: He is also for a merit-based system. It is up to the supervisor to determine this, but he is for these types of increases.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SUBSEQUENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION).

None.

18. ADJOURN

At 6:35 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Ruff, properly seconded by Vice Chair Goins to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

PATTI LOCKLAIR
CLERK TO COUNCIL

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.
CHAIRMAN