

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
MAY 27, 2008

**Present:** David L. Ferguson, Kamau Marcharia, James E. Branham, Russell David Brown, Mary Lynn Kinley, Dwayne Perry, Mikel R. Trapp, Council Members; Philip L. Hinely, County Administrator; Shryll M. 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 fifty-four other individuals.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:23 P.M.

**2.** After which Council Member Kinley gave the invocation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Trapp to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING**

An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) Of One And Fifteen Hundredths (1.15) Acres Owned By William B. Hendrix And Applicant John D. Porter (Porter Gas), Portion Of Map No. 096-00-00-060, Located 241 Rd. 99, Blair, SC, 29015. *Chairman Ferguson opened the public hearing at 6:24 P.M. The following individuals spoke, voicing their opposition to the reclassification request: Ms. Felicia Trower, Ms. Emily Haley and Ms. Nancy Thompson. Members of Council raised questions about the zoning request and Mr. Stowers was called to the podium to answer those questions as appropriate. Mr. Porter was also asked to respond to certain questions. Hearing no further comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:43 P.M.*

An Ordinance To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2008; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2008; 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 Ferguson opened public hearing at 6:43 P.M. No one from the public signed to speak. Vice Chairman Marcharia asked questions concerning the budget; specifically pertaining to Midlands Technical College and areas that appeared to be duplication of services. Hearing no further comments, the Chairman closed public hearing at 6:48 P.M.*

#### **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bill Hart, CEO, Fairfield Electric Cooperative, indulged Council with a power point presentation on the energy market.

Mr. Norman Whitaker, Executive Director, Central Midlands Council of Governments, introduced Mr. George Bistany, the new Community and Economic Development Director for the COG.

#### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **5. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

#### **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Third And Final Reading: Ordinance No. 542** - An Ordinance To Establish Operating And Capital Budgets For The Operation Of The County Government Of Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2008; To Provide For The Levy Of Taxes For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2008; 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; seconded by Council Member Brown to approve Third and Final Reading of Ordinance No. 542. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. First Reading (By Title Only): Ordinance No. 543** - An Ordinance To Amend The Fairfield County Zoning Ordinance (No. 498) To Provide For The Zoning Reclassification From RD (Rural Development) To B-2 (General Business) Of One And Fifteen Hundredths (1.15) Acres Owned By William B. Hendrix And Applicant John D. Porter (Porter Gas), Portion Of Map No. 096-00-00-060, Located 241 Rd. 99, Blair, SC, 29015. *It was moved by Council Member Trapp to not approve (deny) First Reading of Ordinance No. 543. Chairman Ferguson inquired of Mr. Trapp if he would consider asking Council to postpone the reading in an effort to give Mr. Porter and the residents to work through the situations existing with*

this rezoning request. Council Member Trapp voiced that, in view of the conversation he had with Mr. Porter and some of the residents who voiced their opposition to the reclassification request, he would rather keep his motion to not approve the reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia and unanimously approved by Council.

**B. Millage Resolution:** Establishing The Millage For Fairfield County For The Fiscal Year 2008-2009. It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Members Trapp and Perry to adopt the Millage Resolution as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The County Administrator reported on the following items:

- a. Ms. Barbara Mickens was asked to give an update on the Fish Hook Road project.
- b. Thanked Council for the work accomplished on the budget.

**9. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Received as information.

**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Invitation to Dennis Corporation Winnsboro Office open house.

**12. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

Marcharia: Briefed Council on the work he has been doing with young people on voter registration.

Brown: Thanked everyone who worked on the budget.

Ferguson: Thanked Council for good participation on the budget.

Branham: Inquired about the status of the t-hangar project.

Perry: Thanked the staff for putting a good budget together.

**12A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:41 P.M. it was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to go in executive session to discuss a contractual/legal matter. The motion carried unanimously. {For the record, Council Member Trapp did not attend executive session}.

At 8:35 P.M., it was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Vice Chairman Marcharia to come out of executive session and return to executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ferguson reported that no motions were made in executive session and that the Council received legal information.

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Perry for the County to move forward with the completion of a t-hangar at the airport. The motion carried unanimously.*

*It was moved by Council Member Brown; seconded by Council Member Branham to allow the Administrator to move forward with the acquisition and disposition of a piece of property on Highway 200 and 77. The motion carried unanimously.*

**13. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 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