



**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
JULY 24, 2023**

**Present:** Clarence Gilbert, Cornelius Robinson, Shirley Greene, Tim Roseborough, Doug Pauley, Peggy Swearingen, (Council Members); Laura Johnson (Interim County Administrator); Synithia Williams (Deputy County Administrator); Daniel Plyler (in for County Attorney); Dr. Kimberly Roberts (Clerk to Council)

**Absent:** Dan Ruff

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 forty two other individuals.

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the meeting is being live-streamed through the County's YouTube page in order to keep citizens informed.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Pauley called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Pauley called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Robinson to move Items 9 A, B, and C until after executive session and to move Item 8A (Public Hearings) to Item 6 (Public Presentation). ***The motion carried 6-0.***

Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Robinson to approve the agenda as amended. ***The motion carried 6-0.*** Mr. Pauley announced that Councilman Ruff would not be attending the meeting due to a family issue.

**4. INVOCATION**

Dr. Preston Harrison (Blackjack Baptist Church) led the invocation.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman Gilbert to approve the minutes from Special Call Meeting June 27, 2023, Special Call Meeting June 29, 2023 & Regular Meeting July 10, 2023. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

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**6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

- A.** Proclamation Recognizing the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shady Grove Independent Church. Dr. Kimberly Roberts read the proclamation, Pastor Ray Pierce gave his appreciation and pictures were taken.

- 7. 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items on the agenda for which no Public Hearing is scheduled. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

- Randy Bright

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**9. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS**

- A. Second Reading Ordinance No. 817:** An Ordinance by Fairfield County Council Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Sewer Infrastructure Agreement Between Fairfield County, the Town of Winnsboro, and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilwoman Greene. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

- B. Second Reading Ordinance No. 818:** An Ordinance by Fairfield County Council Authorizing the Execution of a Second Supplement to Agreement to Share Costs Between Fairfield County, the Town of Winnsboro, and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System; and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilwoman Greene. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

- C. Second Reading Ordinance No. 819:** An Ordinance by Fairfield County Council Authorizing the Execution of a Grant and Project Administration Agreement Between Fairfield County and the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System and Other Matters Related Thereto. Motion made by Councilman Roseborough, seconded by Councilman Robinson. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES (For information only)**

None.

**11. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

None.

**12. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**14. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**A.** Staff Introduction – Mrs. Johnson first stated that Attorney Tommy Morgan could not attend the meeting but sitting in for him was Daniel Plyler. She then introduced the new Fire Chief, Jamie Webb. She said he was a lifelong resident of Fairfield County, he lived in the Ridgeway community and served the County for 20 years as both a volunteer and career firefighter – most recently as Deputy Fire Chief. He looked forward to continuing to serve the County in his new role and strived to lead by example.

She introduced Beverly Mozie as the new Finance Director (the former Deputy Finance Director and Interim Finance Director). She said Mrs. Mozie had a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Finance from Winthrop University. She was a certified Government Finance Officer, received an Associate Public Manager Certification and had over 20 years of progressive experience in State and local government accounting, auditing and financial reporting including 14 years of working in the Fairfield County finance department. She played a pivotal role in the recent audit and budget process.

Lastly, she introduced Holly West to the Economic Development department as the new Project Manager and Economic Developer. Ms. West had a background in Project Management and Business Development from her experience in manufacturing. She had global business and project experience and completed the SC Economic Development Association's Economic Development Institute. She lived in Blythewood and was excited to be there.

**B.** Broadband Letter of Support – Mrs. Johnson said the County sent a letter of support to Truvista, who was applying for a broadband grant. If awarded, the fiber optic technology would cover parts of the underserved areas of Ridgeway and Lake Wateree. They would be notified in the latter part of the year if it was approved.

**C.** Land Development Ordinance Update – Mrs. Williams said they were still working with Stewart Group, a consulting firm, as they updated their land development (zoning) ordinance. Last week, invitations went out for specific stakeholder meetings that would be held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. They would split into

different groups – the local government utilities transportation group, the boards and commissions group, economic development group and developer real estate landowner group. They would hold separate public meetings for citizen's input but those dates had not yet been set but would be announced after the stakeholder's meetings.

- D.** Properties Received by the County from the Forfeited Land Commission – Mrs. Williams referred to a briefing document given to Council. It was for information only and no action was needed at that time. In February 2020, Fairfield County Council passed a resolution accepting the conveyance of about 27 properties from the Forfeited Land Commission (FLC), which included several residential properties with the hope of redevelopment but there was no effort made towards the redevelopment. There were also some commercial properties that, after research, it was determined that they may not meet those purposes. They provided them with a list of properties and asked Council to consider turning those residential properties back over to the FLC, with the exception of those associated with the Zion Hill Project, to release them for tax sale. If they had questions before the August meeting, they could send them to her or Mrs. Johnson.

## **15. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT**

- A.** Economic Development Strategic Planning Meeting Update – Dr. Roberts announced the meeting location changed (per the request of the Chair) to Midlands Technical College – Winnsboro. The date and time remained the same – August 17, 2023 @ 9am.
- B.** Annual South Carolina Association of Counties Conference – Dr. Roberts reminded Council of the upcoming conference to be held July 31-August 2, 2023 at the Isle of Palms, SC. They received all pertinent information pertaining to the conference.

- 16. 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:** All public comments made during this session must pertain to items not on the agenda or under Council's consideration. Each speaker is allocated three (3) minutes for comment. The total time allocated for the public comment portion of the meeting is thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to make public comment must sign to do so prior to the Council Chair calling the meeting to order. The Clerk to Council will make a public comment sign-up sheet available at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the meeting.

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## **17. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME**

None.

**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)**

- A.** Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion of Matters Relating to the Proposed Location, Expansion, or the Provision of Services Encouraging Location or Expansion of Industries or Other Businesses in the Area as Economic Development Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(5).
- B.** Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements with the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70(a)(2).

At 6:28pm, Motion made by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Robinson to go into executive session. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

At 7:05pm, motion made by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman Gilbert to come out of executive session. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

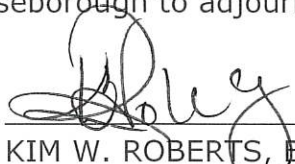
Attorney Plyler stated there was no action taken in executive session.

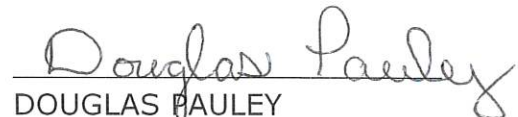
After the votes for Items 9 A, B, and C, Mr. Gilbert sent condolences to Mr. Bill Coleman's family regarding his passing.

Mr. Pauley shared his sentiments and said Mr. Coleman worked with Fairfield County on various projects for many years.

**19. ADJOURN**

At 7:09pm, motion made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Roseborough to adjourn. ***The motion carried 6-0.***

  
KIM W. ROBERTS, Ed. D.  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

  
DOUGLAS PAULEY  
CHAIRMAN