



MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2018
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ATTENDANCE: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT - County Council Chairman Joe Wood and Vice Chairman Tollison; County Council Members: Diane Anderson, Stewart Jones, Garrett McDaniel, Ted Nash and David Pitts.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

COUNTY STAFF: Laurens County Administrator, Jon Caime; Laurens County Clerk to Council, Betty Walsh and Laurens County Attorney, Sandy Cruickshanks.

STAFF ABSENT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEADS PRESENT: Lisa Inabinett, Magistrate Judge; Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager; Joey Avery, Director, E-911 / Communications; Matt Pennington, Director, County Emergency Medical Services; Cindy Burke, Laurens County Treasurer; Billy Wilson, Vehicle Maintenance/Procurement Officer and Chuck Bobo, Codes Official.

PRESS: Vic MacDonald, *The Clinton Chronicle*; Iva Cadmus, WLBG Radio and John Clayton, *The Laurens County Advertiser*.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – AUGUST 14, 2018 – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Vice Chairman Tollison; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – August 14, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2018; 6.) Reports to Council – Cindy Burke, County Treasurer; 7.) Old Business: a.) Second Reading, Ordinance #850, Amending Ordinance #425, Private Landfill - Fee Increase; b.) Second Reading, Ordinance #851, Amending Ordinance #741 (Flood Prevention); 8.) New Business: a.) First Reading, Ordinance #852, Extending 1998 BMW FILOT Agreement; b.) Refinancing, ISO Poly, Incorporated, Leaseback; c.) Resolution #2018-35 – ADA Compliance; 9.) Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public, department heads and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the Agenda were posted in County facilities on their bulletin boards and also posted on the County Web Site.

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UPS – None.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – AUGUST 14, 2018 – Chairman Wood asked for approval of the agenda and any additions or deletions from the agenda.

Councilman Pitts requested and Executive Session on the Public Works open position and Chairman Wood requested the addition of a nomination for the Henry Laurens Award.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the August 14, 2018 agenda with the added agenda items. COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDDING; VOTE 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 24 2018 - COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve the July 24, 2018 minutes with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING; VOTE 7-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

a.) **CINDY BURKE, LAURENS COUNTY TREASURER – RECOGNIZING EMS** – Mrs. Burke approached Council recognizing the Laurens County Emergency Medical Services and especially two (2) employees that displayed quick and prompt decisions towards the condition of her husband on July 15th.

Mrs. Burke said, “On July 15th my husband, Ed Burke, began having chest pains that warranted calling E-911. The two (2) employees dispatched were Justin Davis and Ashley Wilner. I want to express publicly how appreciative we are for their quick and very prompt decisions and actions performed in a very professional manner. They took Ed to Self Regional in Greenwood and stayed with us making sure we were okay before they left”.

b.) **ADDED AGENDA ITEM – NOMINATION - HENRY LAURENS AWARD** – As a MOTION, CHAIRMAN WOOD asked for Council approval towards the nomination of Mr. Robert Shortt, as a nominee for the Henry Laurens Award. COUNCILMAN PITTS SECONDING; VOTE 7

OLD BUSINESS:

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #850, AMENDING ORDINANCE #425, PRIVATE LANDFILL - FEE INCREASE – Attorney Cruickshanks noted that the effective date would be July 1, 2019. VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #850 on Second reading as presented with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

SECOND READING, ORDINANCE #851, AMENDING ORDINANCE #741 (FLOOD PREVENTION) - Chairman Wood stated that this is to only include an amendment towards raising the flood zone from one (1) foot to three (3) foot for structures within a flood zone and that this will reduce homeowners insurance by fifty percent (50%). Also, it includes utilities at the one (1) foot height and excludes beach zones because it is not applicable for Laurens County.

COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to approve the requested Ordinance #851 that amends Ordinance #741. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-1 (Councilman Jones in opposition).

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRST READING, ORDINANCE #852, EXTENDING 1998 BMW FILOT AGREEMENT – Attorney Cruickshanks explained that the normal term is now set at forty (40) years versus the twenty (20) years that this is now set at. BMW wishes to amend by extending the Fee In Lieu Of Agreement to forty (40) years.

COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve on first reading the extension of the agreement with BMW. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

REFINANCING, ISO POLY, INCORPORATED, LEASEBACK – Attorney Cruickshanks informed Council that this was refinancing by ISO Poly, Incorporated involving the leaseback Fee-In-Lieu-Of-Taxes. There is no liability to the County and that the County only needs to consent to the refinancing.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

RESOLUTION #2018-35 – ADA COMPLIANCE – Attorney Cruickshanks noted that this Resolution was omitted from the last meeting of Council and needs to be approved. All other documents were approved at the last meeting. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON SECONDING; VOTE 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Chairman Wood opened the floor at 6:45 P.M. for those that had signed up to address Council to come forward one at a time to speak.

With no one else wishing to address Council, Chairman Wood closed the session at 6:55 P.M.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

1.) Councilwoman Anderson noted the awards presented to the County at the recent South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Conference.

ADDED - EXECUTIVE SESSION – COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION for Council to move into Executive Session at 5:55 P.M. to discuss the open position within the Public Works. VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING; VOTE7-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 6:07 P.M.

Chairman Wood reported that no action was taken.

Chairman Wood recognized the presence of Mr. Kemp Younts as a future member of Council.

ADJOURNMENT – By CONSENSUS the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council