



MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT- Diane Anderson.

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: Matt Pennington, EMS Director; Debi Parker, Human Resources Manager; Greg Lindley, Director of Fire Services; Andy Howard, Director, Parks, Recreation and Tourism; 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 –SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – 1.) Call to Order; 2.) Invocation – Councilman Nash; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – September 11, 2018; 5.) Approval of Minutes – a.) August 28, 2018 - Regular Session of Council; 6.) Reports to Council; a.) County Council Committee on Health, Welfare and Public Safety - Re-appointment to the Laurens County Memorial Hospital; b.) County Council Committee on Parks, Recreation and Tourism – Hickory Tavern Youth Association; 7.) Old Business: a.) Public Hearing, Ordinance #850, Amending Ordinance #425, Private Landfill Fee Increase; b.) Third Reading, Ordinance #850, Amending Ordinance #425, Private Landfill Fee Increase; c.) Public Hearing, Ordinance #851, amending Ordinance #741 (Flood Prevention); d.) Third Reading, Ordinance #851, amending Ordinance #741 (Flood Prevention); e.) Public Hearing, Ordinance #852, BMW Lease Agreement Extension; f.) Third Reading, Ordinance #852, BMW Lease Agreement Extension; 8.) New Business: a.) EMS Medical Control Physician Contract, Matt Pennington, EMS Director; 9.) Public Comment; 10.) County Council Comments; 11.) Executive Session – None; 12.) 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 – Mr. Craig Stucky, regarding Lake Greenwood.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and noted the storms asking all to keep those in danger and those in emergency services in their thoughts and prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 – Chairman Wood asked for approval of the agenda and any additions or deletions from the agenda.

Chairman Wood asked that Mr. Greg Lindley be added to give a report on County activity during Hurricane Florence.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the September 11, 2018 agenda with the addition and COUNCILMAN NASH SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 22, 2018 – REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL AND SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM –

- a.) **AUGUST 22, 2018 – REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL –** COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0
- b.) **SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM** COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approve with the understanding that the dates would be corrected. COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL:

- a.) **COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY - RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE LAURENS COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** – Committee Chairman Pitts informed the full Council that the Committee had met before the Council meeting and is recommending the re-appointment of Mr. John Young for another four years on the Hospital Board. As a MOTION and a SECOND from the Committee, COUNCIL VOTED 6-0 to approve.
- b.) **COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM – HICKORY TAVERN YOUTH ASSOCIATION** – Committee Chairman Jones informed Council that the Committee had met on September 4, 2018. The meeting was very informative and resulted in acknowledging that the County had no responsibilities for the park at this time. And, that there was new leadership now and partnerships will be solicited to grow the financial base.

There was AN UNDERSTOOD CONSENSUS that no action was required at this time.

- c.) **ADDED AGENDA ITEM – REPORT ON HURRICANE FLORENCE SUPPORT FROM LAURENS COUNTY** – Mr. Lindley reported that the Swift Water Team had been activated which is a team of nine(9) along with two (2) boats. They are staged at the Fire Academy in Columbia waiting to be activated to move in to help where needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a.) **PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #850, AMENDING ORDINANCE #425, PRIVATE LANDFILL FEE INCREASE** – Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:40 P.M. for comments. Having none, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:41 P.M.
- d.) **THIRD READING, ORDINANCE #850, AMENDING ORDINANCE #425, PRIVATE LANDFILL FEE INCREASE** – COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #850 upon third reading with VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON SECONDDING; VOTE 6-0.
- c.) **PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #851, AMENDING ORDINANCE #741 (FLOOD PREVENTION)** - Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:43 P.M. for comments. Having none, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:44 P.M.
- d.) **THIRD READING, ORDINANCE #851, AMENDING ORDINANCE #741 (FLOOD PREVENTION)** –VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve Ordinance #851 upon third reading with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDDING; VOTE 5-1(Councilman Jones objected).

- e.) **PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE #852, BMW LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION** - Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 5:46 P.M. for comments. Having none, Chairman Wood closed the public hearing at 5:47 P.M.
- f.) **THIRD READING, ORDINANCE #852, BMW LEASE AGREEMENT EXTENSION** - COUNCILMAN JONES made the MOTION to approved with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS MEDICAL CONTROL PHYSICIAN CONTRACT, MATT PENNINGTON, EMS DIRECTOR – Director Matt Pennington approached Council asking for approval of a contract for a dedicated Medical Control Physician for Laurens County EMS and Laurens County Fire Service through Self Medical Group out of Greenwood. Dr. Greg Givens would be asked as the Physician.

Continuing Mr. Pennington said, “This is mandated by DHEC and monies have been earmarked from the part time salaries in EMS and the Fire Reserve Fund to provide a yearly fee of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) paid monthly at a rate of one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$1,250)”.

Councilman Pitts questioned the end date as being extended further out. Attorney Cruickshanks replied that each part were subject to a ninety (90) day opt out.

VICE CHAIRMAN TOLLISON made the MOTION to approve the request as informed with COUNCILMAN JONES SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Craig Stuckey, of Preserving Lake Greenwood, approached Council inviting them to their annual State of the Lake meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:15 P.M. at the Cedarwood Community Church in Waterloo. The topic of the meeting will be environmental issues, water quality and the preservation of Lake Greenwood.

COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- 1.) Vice Chairman Tollison expressed his appreciation towards the Emergency Services operations within Laurens County for their dedication to the people of Laurens County and to South Carolina in times of need. And, Vice Chairman Tollison noted that many will never forget what happened and where they were during the tragic events of 9/11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE

ADJOURNMENT – By CONSENSUS the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council