



**MINUTES
CALLED MEETING OF COUNCIL
LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY - JUNE 27, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.
HISTORIC COURTHOUSE – PUBLIC SQUARE**

ATTENDING COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS – Chairman David Pitts and Vice Chairman Joe Wood; Council Members Diane Anderson, Jeff Carroll, Garrett McDaniel and Kemp Younts.

ABSENT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS – District #4, Stewart Jones (Elected to South Carolina House).

ATTENDING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF – County Administrator Jon Caime, Betty Walsh, Clerk to Council and County Attorney Sandy Cruickshanks.

ABSENT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF - None

ATTENDING DEPARTMENT HEADS – Laurens County Finance Director, Lisa Kirk; Matt Pennington, Director, Laurens County Emergency Medical Services; Debi Parker, Director, Laurens County Human Resources; Dale Satterfield, Director, Laurens County Department of Public Works; and Geoffrey Brown, Director, Laurens County Litter Humane.

INVITED GUESTS – None.

ATTENDING PRESS – Laurens County WLBG Radio, Iva Cadmus; *The Laurens County Advertiser*, John Clayton and Vic McDanald, *The Clinton Chronicle*.

AGENDA ITEMS – JUNE 27, 2019 – 1.) Call to Order – Chairman Pitts; 2.) Invocation, Councilwoman Anderson; 3.) Pledge of Allegiance; 4.) Approval of Agenda – June 27, 2019; 5.) Old Business: a.) Public Hearing Ordinance# 865 Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget; b.) Third Reading Ordinance# 865 Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget; 6.) Adjournment.

MEETING NOTIFICATION – The requesting general public, department heads and Press were informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Postings of the initial Agenda and the Amended 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 Pitts called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. and invited all to stand for the invocation provided by Councilwoman Anderson and the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – JUNE 27, 2019 – Chairman Pitts asked for approval of the agenda with any additions to or deletions of.

Administrator Caime asked for the addition of an Executive Session for a personnel matter.

COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL made the MOTION to approve with COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE# 865 FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET – Chairman Pitts opened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. for comments. Having none Chairman Pitts closed the public hearing at 5:36 P.M.

THIRD READING ORDINANCE# 865 FISCAL YEAR 2019/2020 BUDGET – Chairman Pitts called for a motion from Council. COUNCILMAN CARROLL made the MOTION to approve the 2019/2020 County Budget as presented with COUNCILMAN MCDANIEL SECONDING for discussion.

Councilwoman Anderson said, “We all have worked long and hard with this budget and have committed to the best we could with what we have”.

COUNCIL VOTED – 5-1 (Vice Chairman Wood voted in opposition).

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER – COUNCILWOMAN ANDERSON made the MOTION to move into Executive Session at 5:37 P.M. to discuss a personnel matter. COUNCILMAN CARROLL SECONDING; VOTE 6-0.

There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to reconvene in open session at 6:22 P.M.

OPEN SESSION – Chairman Pitts stated that no action was taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT – There was a COUNCIL CONSENSUS to adjourn at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Betty C. Walsh
Laurens County Clerk to Council