

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**October 2, 2019 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas A. Curtis, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, William R. Butler Mary D. Anderson and Ben Teal.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Kim Wilkes – Benefits Coordinator, Kim Burch – Economic Development Director, Derrick Outen – Codes Enforcement Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Steve Page – Offender Management Services, Robert M. Stewart – Offender Management Services, James Dixon – Sheriff, Chris Page – Chief Deputy, Sheriff’s Department, Jerry Lundy – Sheriff’s Department, Kip Kiser – Coroner, Andrea Horn – Pee Dee Coalition, Janet Toler – Pee Dee Coalition, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Jane Crossman – Chesterfield Library, Bonnie Davis – Public Works, Charity Harvey – Chesterfield Library, Andy Ingram – Mayor, Town of Cheraw, Jim Crawford – Council Member, Town of Cheraw, Kevin Thurman – Voter Registration and Elections, Dr. Kyle Wagner – President, NETC, John James – Coroner’s Office, Don Strickland – PDRTA, Tommy Ballard and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**PRESS:** Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website ([www.chesterfieldcountysc.com](http://www.chesterfieldcountysc.com)). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Ralph Watson opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the October 2, 2019 meeting agenda. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**a. Employee Years of Service**

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County’s Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and

following in five year increments. The following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u># of Years</u>
Jane Crossman	Library	09/09/14	5
Charity Harvey	Library	08/18/14	5
John James	Coroner	09/24/14	5
Jerry Lundy	Sheriff	07/21/14	5
Michelle Stanley	Administration	09/21/09	10
Stephanie Luther	Sheriff	07/12/04	15
Bonnie Davis	Public Works	09/07/99	20

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **a. September 4, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **a. Offender Management Services – Steve Page, CEO and Robert Stewart**

Appeared before Council to present information regarding a possible amendment to an Agreement for Offender Management Services with Chesterfield County which was entered into in May 2012.

#### **b. Stacey Short, Chesterfield County Services Coordinator, Pee Dee Coalition – Proclamation Declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Ms. Short appeared before Council to brief Council on the events the Pee Dee Coalition will be holding throughout the month of October regarding Domestic Violence Awareness and asked that Council proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Janet Toler, Pee Dee Coalition also appeared with Ms. Short to present Council with some statistics regarding domestic violence in Chesterfield County.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to proclaim October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

#### **c. Dr. Kyle Wagner, President, NETC**

Dr. Wagner appeared before Council to discuss transportation between the towns of Chesterfield and Cheraw. Mr. Don Strickland with Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA) also appeared with Dr. Wagner to provide Council with information regarding the services offered by PDRTA.

**d. Kevin Thurman, Voter Registration and Elections**

Mr. Thurman appeared before Council to give Council an update on the new voting machine system and performed a demonstration of the new machines.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Alisha Harper appeared before Council and shared her concerns regarding issues with Goodson Lane, Holly Avenue, Murray Lane and Quail Lane. She advised some of these roads are not paved and when they have an emergency, the emergency services go straight down Highway #1. She said they pass their road because basically, they are not on the map. She advised they have may be 10-15 houses there and none of those have addresses on their side, most of their addresses are on Highway #1. She asked if there was any way they can try to get those roads paved with different addresses.

Chairman Johnson advised Ms. Harper that the matter would be looked into but they don't have a lot to do with paving.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Duke Energy Progress Easement Ordinance - Public Hearing**

Council Member Butler made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Butler made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Duke Energy Progress Easement Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Building Codes Ordinance – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Building Committee – Committee Chair Bruce E. Rivers**

**i. Voter Registration Building Roof Repair**

Committee Chair Rivers advised the Building Committee met on September 25, 2019 and discussed using a portion of the remaining Installment Purchase Revenue Bond proceeds to repair the roof of the Voter Registration Building. Staff confirmed with bond counsel that this

will be permissible and will still leave a significant sum to be applied toward the balance of the outstanding bonds. Staff is to issue an Invitation for Bids for this purpose.

**ii. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Residential Solar Projects**

Committee Chair Rivers advised that at the September 25, 2019 Building Committee, the Committee discussed moving the requirements for residential solar projects of less than one acre from Section 5 of the Zoning Ordinance to another section. Although this would not change the requirements for these projects, it would eliminate the necessity for each of these proposed projects to be reviewed and approved at a meeting of the Planning Commission.

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Zoning Ordinance, any proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance must be submitted to the Planning Commission for review. The Planning Commission then has thirty (30) days in which to meet and submit its recommendation to Council. If no report is issued by the Planning Commission within thirty (30) days, it shall be deemed to have recommended approval of the proposed amendment.

Derrick Outen, Codes Enforcement Director addressed Council regarding this matter.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to formally submit this proposed amendment to the Planning Commission to take such action as it deems necessary. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**iii. Former Veterans Administration Building**

Committee Chair Rivers advised that at the September 25, 2019 Building Committee, the Committee discussed the possible demolition of the former Veterans Administration Building and has brought this matter before full Council for discussion, as it is the recommendation of the Building Committee that the building be demolished.

Council Member Watson made a motion to proceed with the asbestos testing on the Veterans Administration Building in order to demolish the building after the asbestos testing. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Memorandum of Agreement – Pee Dee Workforce Development Board – Ruffner**

Attorney Ruffner advised that Joette R. Dukes, Workforce Development Director, requested the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding the provision of services by Eckerd Youth Alternatives.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to authorize Chairman Johnson to execute the MOA. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Surplus Property – Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff’s Department has requested that the following vehicles be declared surplus property and disposed of in accordance with the County Procurement Policy and that the funds will go back into the Capital Equipment Fund.

2009 Dodge Charger	VIN 2B3KA43T09H638987
2009 Dodge Charger	VIN 2B3KA43T29H638974
2009 Dodge Charger	VIN 2B3KA43T69H638993
2010 Dodge Charger	VIN 2B3AA4CT3AH161570
2009 Dodge Durango	VIN 1D8HB38PX9F712897

Council Member Butler made a motion to declare the property surplus and authorize the sale of the same pursuant to the County Procurement Policy. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Eubanks advised that renovations to the former Hospice Building had begun for the new Economic Development Office. He reminded Council of the employee luncheon and of the Finance Committee meeting immediately following the Council meeting.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

**Council Member Watson:** Advised that he had placed SCDOT proposals for the widening of Highway #9 and a comment form at everyone’s seat and asked that they make copies of the comment form to distribute to others. He advised this also could be done online.

**Council Member Butler:** Advised that he attended the Doughnuts with Deputies at the Sheriff’s Office and that it was nice to be able to sit down and talk with them.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council needed to enter into executive session for the 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 served by the county regarding the following: Project Season

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council needed to enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the County in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the County of a claim regarding the following: Electronic Monitoring Agreement with Offender Management Services.

Council Member Burns made a motion to enter into executive session. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Watson made a motion to exist executive session. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**REGULAR SESSION**

Chairman Johnson reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Council Member Butler made a motion to extend the County's monetary agreement with the Town of Cheraw for Project Season to an additional \$30,000 to be payable over two years. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVED:**



Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: November 6, 2019

**ATTEST:**

  
Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council