

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
April 6, 20229:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Rhett Butler, Mary Anderson, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph Watson, Ben Conklin and Hattie Burns.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Tim Eubanks - Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Cherry McCoy – Economic Development Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Sheriff James Dixon, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Janet Toler – Pee Dee Coalition, Ellen Hamilton – Pee Dee Coalition, Stacey Short – Pee Dee Coalition, Amanda Gainey – Pee Dee Coalition, Charlotte Gaddy – Pee Dee Coalition, Tim Griffin, David Sides, Dustin Catoe, Junior Kerns, Loni Riley, Ken Riley, Bryan Harper, John James, Ashlon Baker, Alice Baker Keith Thomas, Cambo Streater and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others 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). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*).

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Al Johnson welcomed everyone and Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the April 6, 2022 meeting agenda. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

a. Employees Years-Of-Service Recognition

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>Date of Hire</u>	<u># of Years</u>
Kaye Penegar	Library	02/01/2017	5
Brooke Mills	Codes Enforcement	02/06/2017	5
William Stancil	Convenience Center	02/21/2017	5

Donald Hagler	Public Works	01/16/2017	5
Eugene Everage	Building Maintenance	01/09/2017	5
Dorothy Benton	Family Court	03/05/2012	10
Graig Burns	Sheriff's Department	01/10/2017	15

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 2, 2022 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the March 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Ms. Janet Toler, Ms. Ellen Hamilton, Ms. Stacey Short, Ms. Amanda Gainey, and Ms. Charlotte Gaddy, Pee Dee Coalition – Declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month – Proclamation

Council Member Watson made a motion to adopt the Proclamation. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tim Griffin appeared before Council and gave an update on events going on in Pageland.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Lease-Purchase Ordinance (2 dump trucks and 1 roll off truck) – Public Hearing

Council Member Rivers made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Anderson 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 Rivers made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Lease Purchase Ordinance (2 dump trucks and 1 roll off truck) – 3rd Reading

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance Amendment – 2nd Reading

Council Member Rivers made a motion to pass 2nd Reading. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. \$620,000 GO Bond Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. 2022-2023 Cash RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. 2022-2023 Harris Creek RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. 2022-2023 Alligator RFD Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Conklin made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Ordinance – 1st Reading, by title only

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 1st Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. Fair Housing – Resolution

Council Member Anderson made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Anderson

Acknowledged Robert Monnie and the services he provides to the County. She advised she would like for Council to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as part of each Council meeting.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as part of each Council meeting. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Introduction of Economic Development Director – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks introduced Libby Lear as the new Economic Development Director.

Ms. Libby Lear said a few words and thanked everyone for this opportunity.

b. Bid Award (Repairs to Communication Towers) – Stanley

Council Member Butler recused himself. See attached Recusal Statement.

Ms. Stanley advised that Invitation for bids were issued for repairs to communication towers. The following two bids were received: Pittsburg Tank & Tower in the amount of \$84,330.00 and Delta Oaks Group in the amount of \$83,725.00. She advised it is the recommendation of staff that the bid be awarded to Delta Oaks Group in the amount of \$83,725.00, which is the lowest bid.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to award the bid to Delta Oaks Group in the amount of \$83,725.00. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Conklin, Burns, Anderson, Rivers, Miller, Curtis and Watson. Motion passed.

c. Bid Award (Repeaters - Communication Towers) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that Invitation for bids were issued for repeaters for communication towers. The following bid was received: Communication Technology in the amount of \$153,945.00. She advised it is the recommendation of staff that the bid be awarded to Communication Technology in the amount of \$153,945.00.

Council Member Butler made a motion to award the bid to Communication Technology in the amount of \$153,945.00. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Bid Award (Repeaters - Communication Towers) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department has requested the Council declare a HP 250 G4 Laptop, N2S7OUT#ABA, Black S/N CND536931N as surplus so that it may be removed inventory.

Council Member Butler made a motion to declare the laptop computer as surplus. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Association meeting will be April 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(5), Council may 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:

- i. Project Model (Designer Construction Corporation)
- ii. Chesterfield County Economic Development Board

b. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council may enter into executive Session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and 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, regarding the following:

- i. Condemnation of property for fire service
- ii. Road Maintenance Fee
- iii. Mobile Home Park Ordinance
- iv. American Rescue Plan Act – Final Rule for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

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

Council Member Conklin made a motion to exit executive session. Council Member Burns 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.

Agenda Item: 19a.i

Council Member Rivers made a motion to give a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from dedicated economic development funds for over run costs for sewer project. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Agenda Item: 19b.ii

Council Member Watson made a motion to appoint C. Heath Ruffner, Attorney, to Road Home, Inc. Board. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Chairman Johnson: Advised that Council would break for lunch and reconvene at 1:15 p.m. for the Budget Retreat.

BUDGET RETREAT

James Dixon, Sheriff

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Michael Kaltwang, Library Director

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Kip Kiser, Coroner

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Chad Arant, Director, Emergency Services Director/E-911/Tele-communicators

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Kevin Thurman, Director, Voter Registration

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Lynn Shepherd, Public Works

Ms. Shepherd appeared on behalf of Rose Gainey, Recycling Coordinator regarding Ms. Gainey's budget requests.

Jeff McCarn, Director, Public Works

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

Travis Tucker, Director, Fleet Management

Appeared before Council regarding his budget requests.

ADJOURN

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

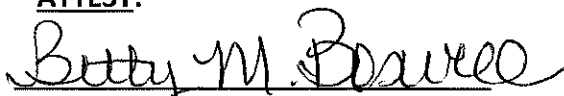
APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: May 4, 2022

ATTEST:


Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council