

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 7, 20239:00 A.M.**

PRESENT: Chairman Rhett Butler, Vice-Chair Mary Anderson, Council Members: Bruce E. Rivers, Douglas Curtis, Gerald L. Miller, Todd Smallwood, Hattie Burns, Ben Conklin and Ethan Foard.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Libby Lear – Economic Development Director, Cambo Streater – Sheriff, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Ken Riley, Loni Riley, John Bittle – Mayor, Town of Chesterfield, Courtney Hicks – Economic Development, Wardell Merriman, Sue Townsend, Ruthie Tarlton, Yvonne Burch, Chad Arant, Emergency Management, Wayne Jordan – Sheriff’s Department 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 Rhett Butler welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Butler advised before the adoption of the Agenda, he would like to offer his congratulations to the Chesterfield High School Lady Rams Softball team for winning the State AA Championship. What a great accomplishment for these young ladies, and we have a Council Member who was part of the coaching staff and an Administrator who has a granddaughter that played on the team. Congratulations again.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Burns made a motion to adopt the June 7, 2023 meeting agenda. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 3, 2023 - Regular Meeting

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the May 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Wardell Merriman

Appeared before Council regarding the water situation on Hillian Edwards Road.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eyvonne Burch

Appeared before Council regarding water situation on Hillian Edwards Road.

Sue Townsend

Appeared before Council regarding water situation on Hillian Edwards Road.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Bonds, payroll and authorizations were distributed to Council for approval by signatures.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

b. \$620,000 GO Bond Ordinance – Public Hearing

Council Member Conklin made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice-Chair 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 Conklin made a motion to close the public hearing. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Road Maintenance Fee Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. \$620,000 Bond Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

c. Ordinance Authorizing Conveyance of Real Property to High Point Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – 2nd Reading

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

d. Cash Fire Department GO Bond Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property (Public Works) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that Public Works Department has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property so that it may be removed from inventory:

2006 Ford F-350 Truck
149,740 Miles
Vin # 1FTWW32S91ED87158

2000 Mack Road Tractor
194,144 Miles
Vin # 1M1AA13Y5YW126131

2004 Mack Dump Truck
270,593 Miles
Vin # 1M2AG11C24M011915

2012 Mack Dump Truck
188,379 Miles
Vin # 1M2AX04C8CM012877

Council Member Conklin made a motion to declare the above listed property as surplus property. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Surplus Property (Sheriff's Department) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that the Sheriff's Department has requested that Council declare the following as surplus property so that it may be removed from inventory:

2009 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3AA4CT0AH159064

2009 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA43T29H638991

2009 Dodge Charger VIN 23BKA43T89H638980

2009 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3KA43T49H638992

Council Member Curtis made a motion to declare the above listed property as surplus property. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Bid Award (6 Motor Graders) Public Works – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for six (6) motor graders for Public Works. Staff received the following two (2) bids:

Blanchard – 2023 CAT 120	\$796,206.00
Dobbs Equipment – 2023 JD 620G	\$ 1,105,379.00

It was staff's recommendation that the bid be awarded to Blanchard.

Council Member Miller made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Blanchard in the amount of \$796,206.00. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Bid Award (1 Tractor) Public Works – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) was issued for one (1) tractor for Public Works. Staff received the following four (4) bids:

Carolina Agri-Power LLC (Farmall 100C)	\$93,023.40
Quality Equipment (JD5105M Tractor)	\$93,302.15
James River Equipment (JD5105M)	\$96,302.49
Pageland Farm Equipment (Kubota V3800)	\$107,542.78

It was staff's recommendation that the bid be awarded to Quality Equipment.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept and approve the bid of Quality Equipment in the amount of \$93,302.15. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

e. Bid Award (West Elizabeth Street) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for C-Fund Roadway improvements to West Elizabeth Street was issued. Staff received a bid from Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$540,792.00, which was the only bid received.

It was staff's recommendation that Council accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$540,792.00.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$540,792.00. Vice-Chair Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

f. Bid Award (Rick Henry Road) – Stanley

Ms. Stanley advised that an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for C-Fund Roadway improvements to Rick Henry Road was issued. Staff received a bid from Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$697,485.50, which was the only bid received.

It was staff's recommendation that Council accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$697,485.50.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to accept and approve the base bid of Furr Grading and Paving in the amount of \$697,485.50. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

g. Former Veteran's Office Building – Eubanks

Administrator Eubanks advised it was the recommendation of staff that a new roof be placed on the former Veteran's Office Building and that it be used for storage. The necessary work can be performed by the County's Building and Maintenance Department.

Council Member Conklin made a motion to authorize staff to put a new roof on the former Veteran's Office Building and that it be used as storage. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

h. LocateSC Grant Award (Alligator Industrial Park – Libby Lear, Economic Development Director

Ms. Libby Lear advised the County had received a grant award from LocateSC Fund (L-23-033) in the amount of \$97,750.00. The grant award will be used to complete the due diligence studies for Alligator Industrial Park. It was requested that Council vote to accept this grant.

Vice-Chair Anderson made a motion to accept the grant from LocateSC to be used to complete the due diligence studies for Alligator Industrial Park. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

i. The Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Ruffner

Mr. Ruffner advised the Pee Dee Local Workforce Area SC Works System Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designates certain partner programs and entities responsible for workforce development, education, and other human resources programs designed to enhance access to the program's services.

It was requested that Council vote to authorize the Chairman to execute the MOU.

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Zoning Board of Appeals – Chairman Butler

Chairman Butler advised that he would like to appoint Patrick Davis to the Zoning Board of Appeals. It was requested that Council approve this appointment.

Council Member Curtis made a motion to appoint Mr. Patrick Davis to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member Mr. Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Anderson:

- Pee Dee COG has appointed Ms. Joette Duke as Interim Executive Director until someone is hired to replace Mr. Johnny Brown.
- NESA will be having a networking event Wednesday night, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in Florence if anyone would like to attend.

Council Member Curtis:

- Advised he had a municipality ask for funds from ARPA to use as a match for a grant for a new fire truck.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Pursuant to S.C. Code § 30-4-70(a)(2), Council entered 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, regarding the following: One Call Agreement for Emergency Air Medical Services.

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

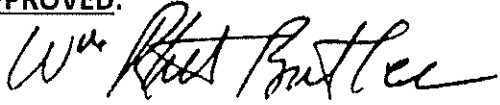
Chairman Butler reported Council is back in regular session and that no action was taken and no motions were made in executive session other than to exit executive session.

Council Member Foard made a motion to allow staff to develop a Request for Proposal to issue for Emergency Air Medical Services. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

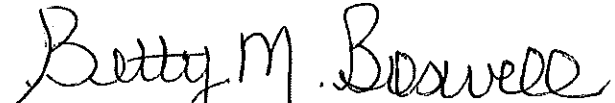
Council Member Burns made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Smallwood seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Rhett Butler, Chairman
Date: July 5, 2023

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council