

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY MEETING ROOM
May 3, 2017.....9:00 A.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Interim Administrator/Public Works Director, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resources Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Interim Assistant Administrator, Robert Monnie – The Link, Forrest White, III – VFW/VA/Chesterfield County Hospice, Arthur Bays – Teal’s Mill Fire Department, Pam Mills – Veterans Affairs Office, John Douglas – Hospice of Chesterfield County, Ralph Laney – DSS, Red Mangum – DSS, Kappie Griggs – CCEDB, Cindy Beard – Hospice of Chesterfield County, and Sylvester Merriman – Chesterfield Branch NAACP. 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). 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 Wm. Rhett Butler opened the meeting with prayer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Teal made a motion to adopt the May 3, 2017 meeting agenda. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 5, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the April 5, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

a. Forrest White, III

Appeared before Council regarding a Veterans Park proposal. He advised that Hospice of Chesterfield County proposes to work in conjunction with the Chesterfield County Veterans Affairs Office and the various Veteran organizations within the County to create an appropriate Veterans Park at the corner of West Main Street and North Page Street on the Chesterfield County Judicial Center grounds. He stated that they did not foresee a need for County funds to be expended as they planned to seek donations and funds from other sources; however, help with the site preparation will likely be requested.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to allow the upgrades to the Chesterfield County Veterans Park and to proceed with the Building Committee to formulate a plan to bring back to Council. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Arthur Bays

Advised that he was representing Representative Yow at the meeting to let Council know that Society Hill Road has been paved all the way to Highway #1 down to Highway #52 and also Highway #1 is going to be paved all the way from there to Patrick starting in August. They are also looking at paving some of the other part of Teal's Mill Road from the bridge to Highway #52.

Mr. Bays advised Council that the fire departments would still like to have someone full time at each fire station.

Sylvester Merriman

Advised that he was representing the Chesterfield Branch of the NAACP and it was time for their annual banquet. He advised that he was attending the meeting to ask Council to purchase an ad in their program booklet.

Kappie Griggs

Advised Council that she was there as a member of the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board and to urge Council to move forward with the new Economic Development Office. Ms. Griggs presented Council with a list of information/concerns regarding the new Economic Development Office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Procurement Policy Amendment Ordinance – Public Hearing

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

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Procurement Policy Amendment Ordinance – 3rd Reading

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

b. Wal-Mart FILOT Ordinance – 2nd Reading

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

c. 2017 Tax Anticipation Note Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Council Member Burns 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.

d. GO Bond Ordinance – 1st Reading, *by title only*

Council Member Burns 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.

e. No Thru Truck Sign – Watt Jenkins Road – Resolution

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Road Committee – Committee Chair Miller- County Line Road Condemnation

Committee Chair Miller advised that the Chesterfield County Transportation Committee (CCTC) has requested that Council authorize condemnation of the remaining parcels necessary for the County Line Road paving project. This matter was reviewed by the Road Department at its meeting on April 25, 2017, and the Committee voted unanimously to recommend that Council authorize proceeding with the condemnation.

Council Member Teal made a motion to authorize proceeding with the condemnation of the remaining parcels necessary for the County Line Road paving project. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Ambulance Service Committee – Committee Chair Anderson – Ambulance Service Update

Committee Chair Anderson advised that the Ambulance Service Committee had not received a response from Medshore as to how the recruitment issues are going and that staff had formally reached out to Medshore for a more definitive plan in writing.

c. Finance Committee – Committee Chair Curtis – Ambulance Service Franchise Renewals

Committee Chair Curtis advised that staff had received two Ambulance Service Franchise Renewal applications: 1) Heartline Transport Services LLC and 2) Sandhills Ambulance Service, Inc. The Finance Committee and staff have reviewed the applications and found that everything is in order. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that Council approve the renewal of these two franchise renewals.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of the Ambulance Service Franchise for Heartline Transport Services LLC. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the renewal of the Ambulance Service Franchise for Sandhills Ambulance Service, Inc. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL

a. Animals in County Buildings – Council Member Rivers

Advised that it had been brought to his attention that there is a problem with pets in various county offices and that this was first brought to his attention by a family visiting the VA Office. He stated he thought it was in Council's best interest to adopt a policy that no pets be allowed in these various offices, only service animals. Staff was instructed to present a policy to Council at the regular June 7, 2017 meeting for consideration.

b. Road Name – Council Members Miller and Rivers

Council Member Rivers advised that he had been contacted by Representative Yow and Senator Sheheen concerning the paving of a road adjacent to the Winzo Fire Department on the East side of Pageland. He explained that the Senator requested that Council name the road adjacent to the fire department so they can get the appropriate funds to pave it. Councilman Rivers indicated that he had discussed the matter with Councilman Miller and the Fire Chief Wendell Johnson, that they are in agreement as to how to proceed, and would like for the road to be named Winzo Fire Department Lane.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to name the road adjacent to the Winzo Fire Department "Winzo Fire Department Lane." Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Two Crew Cab Trucks (Purchase through State Contract)

The County Attorney explained the State Contract process and that the amendment to the Procurement Policy just passed by Council permits the purchase of the two trucks in this manner.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to purchase two crew cab trucks on State Contract. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

a. Chesterfield County Economic Development Board - Watson

Administration was advised that a board position needs to be appointed/reappointed by Council Member Watson, District 7. Council Member Watson advised that he would like to appoint Byron Jacobs to the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board.

Council Member Watson made a motion to appoint Byron Jacobs to the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

b. Land Use and Planning Commission – Butler, Rivers and Teal

Administration was advised that board positions need to be appointed/reappointed by Council Member Butler, District 9, Council Member Rivers, District 1 and Council Member Teal, District 5.

Council Member Butler made a motion to appoint Vincent Prevatte to the Land Use and Planning Commission. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to reappoint Richard Pigg to the Land Use and Planning Commission. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Teal made a motion to reappoint Charles Aycock to the Land Use and Planning Commission. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Zoning Board of Appeals – Rivers

Administration was advised that a board position needs to be appointed/reappointed by Council Member Rivers, District 1. Council Member Rivers advised that he would like to appoint Alvin M. Usher to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to appoint Alvin M. Usher to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

d. Accommodations Tax Committee – Stanley

Council Member Burns made a motion to appoint Troy Crider, Cheraw State Park, to replace Bella Patel, Guest Lodge, on the Accommodations Tax Committee. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Administrator advised that he had met with the contractor regarding the Judicial Center Project (Phase 1) and they want to start May 15, 2017. He explained that he had to make a quick decision to move Probation and Parole by putting up a temporary wall in the Multi-Purpose Room for that office to move into while renovations are being made.

Also advised that there would be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 for third reading on the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Butler: Advised that he had been asked to speak at a forum on Thursday night in Cheraw regarding opioid addiction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1) Council will enter into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, 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 or a claim regarding the following:

- i. Public Works Department
- ii. Ambulance Service

b. Chairman Johnson advised that pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2) Council will enter into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of employees.

Council Member Rivers made a motion to enter executive session for the above stated purposes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Butler made a motion to exit 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. No action was taken and no motions were made in executive session except to exit executive session.

ADJOURN

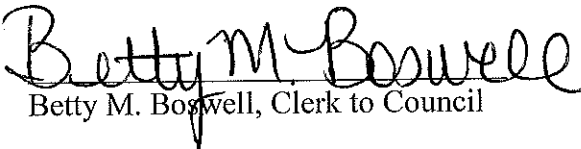
Council Member Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman
Date: June 7, 2017

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council