

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

October 4, 2016

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The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, October 4, 2016, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC. Notice of this meeting was provided to Edgefielddaily.com, The Edgefield Advertiser and others as requested.

Members present

- Dean Campbell, Chairman
- Genia Blackwell, Vice Chairwoman
- Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
- Betty Butler, Councilwoman
- Albert Talbert, Councilman

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Others present

- Tommy Paradise, County Administrator
- Bruce Cooley, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director
- Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council
- Andrew Marine, County Attorney
- and others as per list attached

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Pastor Bruce Cooley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then recited.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the October 4, 2016 agenda was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 6, 2016 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

None

Comments from the public

None

Consent Agenda

- 1. Consideration of re-appointments to the Fire Board.

Joe Holmes **Re-Appointment**
Tim Glover **Re-Appointment**

- 2. Consideration of re-appointments to Planning Commission.

James F. Burt **Re-Appointment, District 1**
Al Bono **Re-Appointment, District 2**

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Andy Livingston Re-Appointment, District 3
Mark Anderson Re-Appointment, District 5

- 3. Consideration of re-appointment to the Mobile/Manufactured Home Appeals Committee.
Al Bono Re-Appointment, District 2

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda Ends Here

Public Hearing

- 1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 15-16-711, "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24 Section 288 of the Edgefield County Land Ordinance."
There were no comments regarding this public hearing.
- 2. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 15-16-712, "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24-166, Chapter 24 Section 167 and Chapter 24 Section 169 of the Edgefield County Land Ordinance and also to remove Chapter 29, Road Ordinance."
There were no comments regarding this public hearing.

Old Business

- 1. Consideration of approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 16-17-711, "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24 Section 288 of the Edgefield County Land Ordinance."
Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if there were any changes to this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said there were no changes. Council had no discussion.
Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 16-17-711 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2. Consideration of approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 16-17-712, "An Ordinance to amend Chapter 24-166, Chapter 24 Section 167 and Chapter 24 Section 169 of the Edgefield County Land Ordinance and also to remove Chapter 29, Road Ordinance."
Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if there were any changes to this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said there were no changes. Council had no discussion.
Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 16-17-712 was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. Consideration of approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 16-17-709, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Conveyance by sale of approximately 15.8 acres of certain real property owned by Edgefield County to Tri-County Solid Waste Authority along Weaver Road and other documents related to the Conveyance."
Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if there were any changes to this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said there were no changes. Chairman Campbell then asked Council if they would consider putting the money from this land sale approximately \$40,000 back into the Solid Waste User Fee fund. He

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explained this funds reserves are being depleted every year and this would help restore some of those reserves.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 16-17-709 as well as putting the money from the sale into the Solid Waste User Fee fund was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Consideration of approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 16-17-710, "An Ordinance Establishing a Cable Television Franchise Fee for Comcast Cablevision of Georgia/South Carolina, Inc."

Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Paradise if there were any changes to this ordinance. Mr. Paradise said there were no changes. Council had no discussion.

Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 16-17-710 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Consideration of approval of the Tax Millage Rate for FY 2016-2017.

Chairman Campbell announced that the County Auditor, Bill Gilchrist would be reviewing the Tax Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Gilchrist started by saying there would be no tax increases on residential homes this year. He went on to say that due to the Local Option Sales Tax there would be a drop of approximately \$13.00 savings per \$100,000 in taxable value on the residential tax bills. Mr. Gilchrist went on to say that based on the assessed values of homes, business, vehicles, etc. the County saw a slight increase of about 1.5% in the value of a mill from \$74,246 to \$75,465.

Edgefield County Tax Levies for the 2016 Tax Year:

County Operations	74.90
County Debt Service	4.36
Industrial Development	0.83
Recreation	1.50
EMS Service	10.40
Hospital Operations	6.50
Fire District	<u>10.00</u>
Total	108.49

Motion to approve the Tax Millage Rate for FY 2016-2017 as presented was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from public

None

County Administrator's report

Mr. Paradise opened his report by asking Suzy Spurgeon to give everyone an update on Hurricane Matthew.

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Mr. Paradise then told Council that staff has been working on the priorities listed by Council in the Planning Session that was held the week before. He stated that they have been networking with other administrators for suggestions with some of the high priority items and are developing a course of action to address them.

He then stated Windy Ridge Road has about a half dozen property owners that have not yet responded to the letter concerning property owners granting easements to complete the paving. The staff in Building and Planning is working hard to contact these property owners for a response.

Mr. Paradise told Council the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) conducted a 2-hour training session on how to respond to an active shooter. He explained this training was free and many of the County employees attended the training that was held at the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Next Mr. Paradise told Council that a pre-bid meeting for the Kneece Building was conducted. He stated nine contractors attended and all bids will be submitted no later than Friday, October 7th.

Mr. Paradise stated staff has received revised cost estimates for the Animal Shelter and will be working with the design firm to reduce the costs.

Mr. Paradise told Council that he approved for the Emergency Management Agency and the Veterans Affairs to swap their office space. He explained this would provide the Veterans Affairs office with the privacy needed for the Veterans.

Mr. Paradise told Council that he would be attending the County Council Coalition meeting sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Counties on October 20th in Columbia.

Mr. Paradise closed his comments by tell Council Bill Gilchrist has agreed to serve as Edgefield County government's chairman to the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) Heart Walk this year.

Comments by County Council Chair

Chairman Campbell started by thanking everyone for their hard work at the Planning Session. He stated he believes this is a list of very important items the County needs to be focused on handling.

Executive Session

Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session.

§ 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(5) 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 public body.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Campbell called the meeting back to order in open session. He stated that no action or votes were taken in Executive Session.

Adjourn

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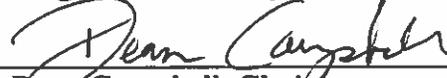
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Councilman Talbert made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dean Campbell, Chairman

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Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council