

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
February 1, 2011**

The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, February 1, 2011, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield.

Members present

Dean Campbell, Chair
Genia Blackwell, Vice Chair
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilmember
Willie C. Bright, Councilmember
Norman Dorn, Councilmember

Others present:

Alton Brown, County Administrator
Lynn Strom, Finance/Budget Manager
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney
Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council
and others as per list attached

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order and Attorney Medlock gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then recited.

Approval of the agenda.

The chairman noted some changes made in the agenda that he asked to be standing changes. One change “public comments section” not being just at the end but at the beginning and the end of the meeting – not to be done by an individual in both places – only once. He also brought to council’s attention the “Comment Section” by County Council and also “Comment Section” by the chairman. The final new addition to have on the agenda is a summary statement of each of the ordinances to help increase the understanding by the public.

Motion to approve the agenda as is was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes.

The chairman explained that at the last meeting council delayed the approval of the December 7, 2010 minutes. He asked for a motion to accept them. Motion was made by Councilman Ashcraft to accept the December 7th minutes, seconded by Councilman Bright. Discussion: Councilman Ashcraft stated he did submit to council, there are a few typos in the new addition, and I would like to submit that those typos with corrections as an amendment. Seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. No discussion on the amendments. Motion to pass the amendments carried unanimously.

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The main motion, there was no discussion on the December 7th minutes as amended. Motion to accept the amended minutes was made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn to approve the January 4, 2011 minutes of the regular meeting of council. There being no discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no comments by the public.

Reports of Boards & Standing Committees

Councilwoman Blackwell asked if the Voter Registration was receiving the coroner's report. It is the understanding that the Voter Registration Director receives the report directly from the coroner but that will be confirmed.

Old Business

Ordinance 10-11-634

Motion was made by Councilman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 10-11-634, "An Ordinance Amending Section 33.75 of the Edgefield County Code Ordinances Regarding the Edgefield County Hospital Board of Trustees by Changing the Number of Hospital Board Members from Eleven to Nine, the Date on Which the County Council Appoints Members to the Hospital Board and Other Changes." Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 10-11-635

The approval of second reading of Ordinance No. 10-11-635, "*An Ordinance to Add Chapter 151, Flood Damage Prevention to the Edgefield County Code*, "An Ordinance Establishing Regulations Designed to Promote the Public Health, Safety and General Welfare of Edgefield County's Citizenry in the Event of an Inundation Which Poses Loss of Life, Property, Disruption of Commerce and Governmental Services, Extraordinary Public Expenditures of Flood Protection and Relief, and Impairment of The Tax Base, all of Which Adversely Affect the Public Health, Safety, and General Welfare" was the next agenda item.

Guy Mueller addressed council on the changes made to this ordinance since the first reading that was held January 4th. The basic change made pertained to removing all references made to the coastal area. This ordinance does apply to the entire county. However, it will only actually affect maybe a couple of people per year mostly in the Merriwether area. The deadline to get this to the state is February 28th. We need a third reading and public hearing between now and then.

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Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 10-11-635. Motion carried unanimously.

Birch Pointe Subdivision

The Planning Commission voted to present to council for consideration, the acceptance of Maple Drive, Elm Court and Loblolly Court (currently named Silver Maple Drive, Magnolia Court and Live Oak Court) into the county maintenance system. The subdivision was developed in two phases, the first phase being accepted by the county. The second phase, which consists of the above roads, were not completed to county standards by the developer so, therefore, the roads were not accepted into the county maintenance system.

The administrator, the road supervisor, and Guy Mueller checked these roads prior to the county meeting and the decision is that the roads do not meet county standards at this time. Consensus of council was to send back to the Planning Commission for review.

Legislative secretary funding.

Council received a request in January from the Legislative Delegation asking them to assist Aiken County in funding a delegation secretary. The secretary has been assisting Edgefield County's delegation in issues over the years. The delegation asked that this request for \$5,000 annually (to begin immediately) was brought before council at its January 4th regular meeting. At the January meeting the consensus of council was to receive as information and defer for thirty days in order to obtain more information and have as an agenda item for the February meeting.

The request was placed on the February agenda but prior to the meeting Senator Massey withdrew the request for the current year and asked council to please consider this \$5,000 be placed in the county's budget for 2011-12.

Liaison assignments/council member appointments.

The following council member appointments were approved by a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Building & Grounds	County Council
Senior Citizens	Ashcraft
Alcohol & Drug Abuse (Cornerstone)	Dorn
Fire Board	Ashcraft
Hospital Board of Trustees	Ashcraft
Planning Commission	Blackwell
Administrative	Campbell & Blackwell
Finance	Campbell & Blackwell
Roads & Bridges	Dorn & Ashcraft
County Transportation Committee	Bright

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Piedmont Technical College	Dorn
Countywide Recreation Committee	Bright
Economic Development Committee	Campbell & Blackwell
Tri-County Sanitary Landfill Com.	Campbell & Bright
GLEAMNS	Bright
Three Rivers Solid Waste	Campbell
Upper Savannah COG	Bright

Resolutions

Resolution No. 10-11-327, “A Resolution Amending Resolution 95-96-170 Naming the Director and Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of the Nine County Joint Agency Known as Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority.” Motion made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve Resolution No. 10-11-327. Motion carried unanimously. This resolution appoints the chairman, Dean Campbell, to serve on the Three Rivers Board. Monroe Kneece served through December 31, 2010.

Resolution No. 10-11-328, “A Resolution Honoring Mamie Lewis Rearden as the Oldest African-American in the Country” was approved with a motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Local Government Resolution 2010-2011 FTA Section 5310 from Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs was approved with a motion made Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell. Motion carried unanimously. This resolution supports The Burton Center in applying for an FTA grant in purchasing a 15-passenger bus to be used in transporting individuals with disabilities and special needs to various functions.

Health Related Home Care support letter.

Ms. Michelle Garner, RN, addressed council asking for a letter of support to allow *Health Related Home Care* for its CON Application to expand their services into Edgefield County. There is no charge to Edgefield County for this service. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft to approve this request. Motion carried unanimously.

Speed Tables / Whispering Woods Subdivision

Mr. Kevin Ratcliff, a resident of Whispering Woods Subdivision, addressed council requesting speed tables for that subdivision because of individuals speeding. Mr. Ratcliff stated that the Home Owners Association is very much in favor of placing these speed tables. The county does not have a policy that would cover this request (speed tables). The chairman asked the county attorney and the county administrator to find out if there is a viable policy/ordinance model that council could look into to consider. Mr. Ratcliff will come to the March council meeting for more information on this request.

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American Legion funding request

American Legion Commander John Culbertson explained to council the need by the American Legion for its request to council for funding of \$1,000 for property insurance. The membership is getting smaller and the Legion does not have the funds, but they do provide the county with a “voting place”. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, for the county to provide the \$1,000 for property insurance, to be taken from contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

Storage Facility / Edgefield County Recreation Park (Bettis)

The storage building located at Bettis Park is in need of being replaced. Approximately \$21,000 of PARD funds are available (funds have to be used by May 31, 2011) for the park. A price of approximately \$19,000 for a new storage building has been received, leaving a sum of around \$4,000. The approximate cost of a picnic shelter is \$12,000. There are not sufficient funds for both items. Administrator recommended replacing the storage building. The picnic shelter could be considered at the next round of PARD funds. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to purchase a storage building for the Edgefield County Recreation Park (Bettis).

2011-12 Proposed Budget Calendar

The chairman stated only one workshop is scheduled and that is 6:00 Thursday, March 24th, in the County Council Chambers. More workshops can be scheduled if council determines it is necessary.

Council Planning Session

The chairman explained that a council planning session will be held in three phases. The first phase: written comments from the public; second, a public hearing to hear oral comments from the public on goal settings and planning and third, a goal setting session.

Phase III. The goal setting session (public is invited) will be held March 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A facilitator from Upper Savannah will lead council through the process. It will be held in the County Council Chambers.

Phase II: Public hearing will be held at the March 1 regular county council meeting.

Phase I: Written comments to be sent in to the administrator. Consensus of council to hold a public hearing and third reading of the Flood Plan Ordinance (Ordinance No. 10-11-635) at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 25th in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield.

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Intergovernmental meeting

Consensus of council to hold the annual intergovernmental meeting will be held at 6:00 p. m. Thursday, March 31st, in the County Council Chambers. No food will be served.

Appointments : Board, Commissions and Committees

The administrator included in the agenda boards, commissions and committees along with the functions, etc. of each board. **Board appointments will be an agenda items for the March 1st meeting. Council members were asked to call individuals in their district now serving on county boards to find out if they wish to continue serving on a particular board.**

Recognition of guests

Chairman thanked everyone for being present.

Comments from the public

None

Comments by the County Administrator

None

Comments by the County Council Members

None

Comments by the County Council Chair

Chairman Campbell thanked everyone for the work put into the council meeting tonight, and also his appreciation to Vice Chair Blackwell in the area of transparency she also requested the agendas and ordinances be posted on the county web. Mr. Campbell explained that if citizens would go to the county's web site you can sign up to receive the Edgefield County Update which is a newsletter he referred to in the last meeting. It is at the top of the page. The chairman also encouraged the public to take advantage of the opportunity to give input for council priorities - have to have your input whether in writing or here in person. The goals you think council should be pursuing.

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2011, and a public hearing and called meeting on Ordinance No. 10-11-635 is scheduled for 5:00 Friday, February 25th. The meetings will be held in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield.

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ATTEST

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