

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
December 1, 2009

The Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, December 1, 2009, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter St., Edgefield.

Members present

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman
Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman
Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman
Genia Blackwell, Councilwoman
Norman Dorn, Councilman

Others present

Barbara R. Stark, Interim County Administrator
Michael S. Medlock, County Attorney
Lynn Strom, Finance Director
Donna Lybrand (sitting in for Clerk to Council)
and others as per list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and Mrs. Essie Nicholson gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda

The December 1, 2009 Agenda was approved with a motion made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, which included approving the addition of the November 25th Called Meeting of Council to Item No. II of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

No comments.

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Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve the following minutes of council meetings.

November 3, 2009, Called Meeting of Council
November 3, 2009, Regular Meeting of Council
November 17, 2009, Called Meeting of Council
November 25, 2009, Called Meeting of Council

Motion carried unanimously.

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Public Hearings

The following Public Hearings were held to receive written and/or oral comments from the public:

Ordinance No. 08-09-611, “An Ordinance to Amend Edgefield County Ordinance No. 04-05-557 (Codified as Section 33.90, ET SEQ), Pertaining to the Countywide Recreation Program, to Clarify the Maintenance of Concession Revenues.”

No comments, written or oral.

Ordinance No. 09-10-612, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-09-605 (Budget Ordinance for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year) to Increase the Recreation Department Budget by \$10,000.00 to Provide for a Part-Time Recreation Assistant and to Provide for the Funding Thereof.”

No comments, written or oral.

Ordinance No. 09-10-613, “An Ordinance Establishing Edgefield County Building Permit Fees.”

No comments, written or oral.

Ordinance No. 09-10- 614, “An Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriation of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand (\$315,000.00) Dollars; Authorizing Renovations and Adopting Supplemental Appropriation of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-five and 51/100 (\$310,745.51) Dollars Therefore; Authorizing the County Administrator or Interim Administrator to Execute Contract to Purchase and Related Closing Documents; Authorizing County Administrator or Interim Administrator to Execute Lease Agreement Related Thereto.”

Paul Winters from Johnston spoke concerning handicap (ADA) activities for the Calliham building (part to be leased) – if this part would be handicap accessible.

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Ordinances

The third reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-611, “An Ordinance to Amend Edgefield County Ordinance No. 04-05-557 (Codified as Section 33.90, ET SEQ), Pertaining to the Countywide Recreation Program, to Clarify the Maintenance of Concession Revenues” did not pass. Councilman Bright made the motion to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-611 but the motion died for the lack of a second.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-612, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 08-09-605 (Budget Ordinance for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year) to Increase the Recreation Department Budget by \$10,000.00 to Provide for a Part-Time Recreation Assistant and to Provide for the Funding Thereof” was approved with a motion made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilman Bright. Councilman Dorn opposed. Motion carried 4-1.

The third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-613, “An Ordinance Establishing Edgefield County Building Permit Fees” was approved with a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Chairman Kneece, to approve the third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10- 614, “An Ordinance Adopting Supplemental Appropriation of Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand (\$315,000.00) Dollars; Authorizing Renovations and Adopting Supplemental Appropriation of Three Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-five and 51/100 (\$310,745.51) Dollars Therefore; Authorizing the County Administrator or Interim Administrator to Execute Contract to Purchase and Related Closing Documents; Authorizing County Administrator or Interim Administrator to Execute Lease Agreement Related Thereto.” The motion carried with Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilman Ashcraft opposing.

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve third reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-615, approving the Edgefield County Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

No resolutions.

New Business

Mike Reed, Building Official, addressed council concerning the following issues:

Repairs to the Neighborhood Center
Proposal for floor covering in assessor’s office
Bids on portable body morgue

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Neighborhood Center

There are several repairs that are needed at the Neighborhood Center, one being the air conditioning unit – compressor needs replacing. The exposed wood on the exterior of the building needs painting of vinyl siding; breezeway connector is open on one end and should be taken down or cover the end and use as an entrance porch; clean gutters and the sidewalk is deteriorating. To take care of these items would cost about \$6,000 – rough estimate. At this time there is only \$2,500 in the budget – need an additional \$3,500-\$4,000. Can wait until next year to do the interior of the building, maybe \$8,000.00. Mike will bring bids back to council.

Assessor's Office

Request to go out for proposals for the floor covering in the assessor's office which will cost approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 to replace the floor cover. Suggestion was to replace the carpet with linoleum, sealing the floor prior to installing the linoleum. This will be brought back to council for consideration.

Portable Body Morgue

There is a portable body morgue stored at the shop that was used by the coroner at the hospital before a new one was installed. Council's permission is needed to place the "morgue" on the government website for bids (to be sold). Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to place the portable body morgue on the government web site to receive bids. Motion carried unanimously.

Request by Judge Davis Parkman

Judge Parkman explained to the council the Attorney General's recent opinion received concerning requirements for Victim Service Providers. The magistrate's office and the staff whose job duties require them to provide any type of assistance or notification to victims must obtain the annual continuing education requirement of 12 hours. The magistrate's budget does not have funds for this required training. Judge Parkman is requesting \$1,500. Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve \$1,500 for this training, to be taken from contingency. Motion carried unanimously.

Burton Center

A request from the Burton Center for contribution to help provide clothing, food, toys, etc. for people with disabilities for the Christmas season. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to donate \$500.00 to the Burton Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Guy Mueller, Zoning Administrator, asked that No. IV under New Business be omitted.

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2010 Holiday Schedule

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve the Edgefield County Holiday Schedule which included Thursday, Friday, and Monday for the days to be closed for Christmas . Motion carried unanimously.

2010 Intergovernmental Meeting

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to approve the date of Thursday, January 28, 2010, for the county to host the annual intergovernmental meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Northside Park restroom facility

Mr. Glen King with Alternative Septic Systems addressed council concerning a restroom facility at Northside Park. Mr. King explained the procedures that would be taken on installing a drain field. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright to approve the initial deposit of \$2,000 required for soil test and preliminary engineering. Motion carried with Councilman Ashcraft opposing and Councilwoman Blackwell abstaining.

Guests

Claims approved as follows:

PAYROLL: 11/2/09 thru 11/15/09

Regular.....\$224,673.66

Voter Registration Board members.....\$2,277.59

Sheriff Dept. bonuses.....\$2,700.00

PAYROLL: 11/16/09 thru 11/29/09

Regular.....\$233,637.91

General Operating.....\$506,444.51

No executive session

There being no further business, Councilman Dorn made the motion to adjourn. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, 2010.

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ATTEST

Barbara Stark, Clerk to Council