

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

October 6, 2009

The Edgefield County Council held its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 P. M. Tuesday, October 6, 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
and others as per list attached

Chairman Kneece called the meeting to order and Mr. John Culbertson gave the invocation, after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the September 1, 2009 Minutes of the Regular County Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The September 17, 2009 Called Meeting of Council was approved by a motion made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft. The motion carried unanimously. The September 30th Minutes of the Called County Council meeting were approved by a motion made by Councilman Ashcraft, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

The question was asked concerning the amount of the grant Voter Registration received for pads for handicap parking. Mrs. Strom stated that she will get that information.

Ordinances

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve second reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-609, "An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Designation of Tax Map #126-00-03-006-000 from General-Agricultural Development (GD) to Industrial Development (ID)." Motion carried with Councilwoman Blackwell and Councilman Ashcraft opposing.

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Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 08-09-610, “An Ordinance Amending the Edgefield County Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Designation of Tax Map #126-00-03-007-000 from Residential-Agricultural Development (RD) to Limited Commercial (LC).” Motion carried with Councilman Ashcraft and Councilwoman Blackwell each opposing.

Ordinances 08-09-609 and 610 were approved by the Edgefield County Planning Commission prior to being presented to the County Council.

First 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” was approved with the motion made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried with Councilman Ashcraft and Councilwoman Blackwell opposing.

First 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 Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 09-10-613, “An Ordinance Establishing Edgefield County Building Permit Fees.” Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Reed, Building Official, explained that the fees have not changed. The fees were inadvertently omitted from the previous ordinance adopting the updated building codes.

Resolutions

Colin Covington, Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority, addressed council concerning the updating of the Plan that changes landfill regulations. The Three Rivers has asked the nine regional counties (designated the Authority as the planning agency) to review the changes and pass a resolution adopting the revised plan. Mr. Covington also gave a power point presentation on Solid Waste Issues and Regional Solid Waste.

Motion was made by Councilman Bright, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-316, “A Resolution Adopting the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan (the Plan) prepared by Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority for the Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, McCormick, Orangeburg, and Saluda, dated November 4, 2009, and Dissolving all Previous Plans Adopted by Edgefield County.” Motion carried unanimously.

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Resolution No. 09-10-317, “A Resolution Adopting a Policy for Compliance by the County with Requests for Inspection and/or Copying of Records Under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), to Appoint a FOIA Officer, to Provide for Uniform Fees and Costs Associated with Responding to Such Requests, and to Establish Uniform Guidelines for Responses to Such Requests”, was not approved by Council.

County Attorney explained that the SC Association of Counties, in 2006, published the FOIA handbook and in the handbook it was recommend that each county adopt a policy complying with the state law. Other counties did comply. Mr. Medlock explained the entire resolution.

Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Bright, to approve Resolution No. 09-10-317 with the deletion of last sentence of paragraph 3 of the FOIA request form. Motion died for a lack of a majority.

New Business

Millage presentation .

Mr. Bill Gilchrist, Edgefield County Auditor, presented the following millage rates for the 2009 tax year in Edgefield County:

County Operations	73.40
County Debt Service	5.24
Ind. Dev.	0.83
Recreation	1.50
EMS	11.40
Hospital Operations	6.50
Fire Districts	10.00
School Operations	188.74
School Debt Service	24.50

Comprehensive Plan

Rick Greene, Upper Savannah COG, addressed council concerning first reading of the updated *Comprehensive Plan for Edgefield County*, as recommended by the EC Planning Commission after their review. The Comprehensive Plan (by state law) has to be reviewed every five years for updating, and a major overhaul every ten years. This is the five year update. The Plan is the legal basis for any land development regulations for the county. Rick explained that the zoning ordinance is a separate ordinance. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to approve first reading of the Comprehensive Plan.

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EC Water and Sewer Authority

The Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority Board recommended to the County Council that Henry Williams and C. Raymond Johnson be appointed to serve another six year term on the Water & Sewer Authority Board. Their terms expired September 15, 2009 and both agreed to serve another term. Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Bright, to recommend these appointments to the local delegation for appointment by the Governor. Motion carried unanimously.

Library Board appointment

Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to appoint Mrs. Alleen Miller to serve another four year term on the Edgefield County Library Board, per the request council received from the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Veterans Day request

Mr. John Culbertson was present to address council concerning funding for the annual Veterans Day Program to be held in November. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilman Dorn, to approve \$500 for the Veterans Day Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Request for designated parking at courthouse

The Clerk of Court requested that the parking area in the courtyard (back of courthouse) be considered for re-painting of the curbs designating parking for elected officials and reserved parking for employees, along with two signs indicating parking for county employees only. The price quoted by Scorpio Signs for the designated parking was between \$400-\$450 (some areas may require three coats of paint.) Motion was made by Councilwoman Blackwell, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to approve the re-painting of the curbs for designating parking in the back of the courthouse. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal requests for heat pumps for jail

Mike Reed explained that a grant has been applied for to purchase five new heat pumps for the jail. No matching funds. Should know in December if the grant will be awarded. The new pumps should relieve the moisture problem. Motion was made by Chairman Kneece, seconded by Councilwoman Blackwell, to solicit for bids pending the grant award. Motion carried unanimously.

Replacement of carpet / assessor's office

Mike Reed, Building Official, stated that OSHA has been in three different times to check the air quality of the assessor's office. Each time they did not see any elevated moisture or elevated algae, mold, etc. In order to improve the air quality there are several

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options on the table concerning the replacement of the carpet (suggested by OSHA) in the assessor's office: removing carpet and painting of the floor; installing vinyl or tile or installing more carpet. At this time Mr. Reed is looking into prices and the pro's and con's of each. Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Ashcraft, to receive as information. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Northside Park restrooms

A report from DHEC has been received stating they were unable to find an area with soils that were suitable for a septic tank system. A proposal was presented by Davis & Floyd for an engineered sewer system for a single-two toilet restroom facility at Northside for a total of \$7,291.00. This will be postponed until the next meeting.

Guests

John Culbertson signed in to speak concerning the Lions Club "Candy Day" held this past weekend at Bi-Lo. Thanks to the generosity of the public it was successful. These funds help to purchase glasses, surgery, etc for individuals that could not otherwise afford these things. Mr. Culbertson asked county council to be a sponsor for the "Candy Day" program with a contribution of \$85.00. All contributions go directly for "Sight Preservation." Council received the request as information.

Linda Anderson, Plane Fun, gave an update on several things taking place in the "Aviation" community.

Comments from public

No comments.

Claims approved as follows:

- A. **PAYROLL: 8/24/09 thru 9/06/09**
 Regular.....\$230,732.15

- B. **PAYROLL: 9/7/09 thru 9/20/09**
 Regular.....\$227,268.69

- B. **General Operating.....\$802,176.44**

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Executive Session

Motion was made by Councilman Dorn, seconded by Councilman Bright, to convene in executive session pursuant to Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) of the SC Code of Laws 1976, as amended, concerning contractual matters, and Code Section 30-4-70 (a) (1) of the SC Code of Laws 1976, as amended, concerning a personnel matter, returning to regular session at the discretion of the Chairman.

Returning to regular session, Councilman Ashcraft made the motion to allow the Archivist \$1,540 to cover any part-time work that may be needed in her absence. Motion seconded by Councilman Dorn and the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Medlock stated that council did convene in executive session to receive legal advice and also to discuss a personnel matter. A contractual matter was briefly discussed. No votes were taken in executive session.

There being no further business, Councilwoman Blackwell made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Dorn. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3rd, in the council chambers.

C. Monroe Kneece, Chairman

Willie C. Bright, Vice Chairman

Rodney Ashcraft, Councilman

Regenia Blackwell, Councilwoman

Norman Dorn, Councilman

ATTEST

Barbara R. Stark, Clerk to Council

