

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present were: Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were: County Director, Sandra G. Padget
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

Absent was: Chairman Jerry Strawbridge

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Atkinson delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairman Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein, that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the budget work session was given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. Access to the live video is available when the meeting begins by going to the County's Facebook page (Saluda County, SC Government).

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the agenda was unanimously approved.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, the minutes for November 8, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Councilman Daniel wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Atkinson said he had some printed information to share with those who are interested on the birth of John the Baptist.

Vice-Chairman Anderson wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Bedenbaugh wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. He stated that he would like to lift everyone up who had lost loved ones and those who have been ill.

Vice-Chairman Anderson stated that his thoughts and prayers are with the Chairman and his family.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Ms. Ann F. Watkins to present her presentation on Animal Control. Ms. Watkins informed the council on her concerns with animals running loose and causing a nuisance and a danger to the citizens. She also expressed concern for mistreatment of animals and how those cases are not being addressed. She also asked about the funds collected for the building of an animal shelter.

Brittan Padgett was recognized to present her information also. Ms. Padgett spoke on the need of animal control in the county and laws, programs and community involvement. The county has responded to 310 animal complaint calls so far this year with mostly due to stray animals and abuse. Her employer in Newberry has taken responsibly for at least 20 animals and received many more calls. Also, in the audience was Ms. Frick from the Humanin Society in Newberry who has in the past received many calls for help from Saluda County citizens.

Ms. Padgett stressed the need for laws and ordinances being established and enforced. She also stated PetCo of Newberry was willing to help Saluda County get started and the use of their facility in doing so. She has many more ideas and would be willing to help get this project up and going.

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Jason Fell of the Saluda County Water & Sewer Authority to make a presentation on the upgrades needed for its facility. Mr. Fell expressed his interest in using ARPA funds to fund a project to help grow the counties ability to provide water to needed

areas. Saluda County Water & Sewer is working on projects for improvements and would like the counties help in installing two pumps to make the increase in capacity greater. This would provide better service to the Ridge Spring area which will be needing improvements for industry and residential service. Mr. Fell is asking for the county's consideration and would like to address this further with answering questions or setting up a work session to discuss possibilities.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 13-21, "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALUDA. THIS ORDINANCE IS TO ENCOURAGE BUISNESS AND HOMEOWNERS TO MAINTAIN ALARM SYSTEMS PROPERLY

No one spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE T-HANGARS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."

No one spoke and the Public Hearing was closed.

Vice-Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 15-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBERS 06-14, 03-17, 15-17 AND 11-18 LEASING T-HANGERS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT".

No one signed up to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

J. OLD BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Daniel and seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson third reading was not approved for Ordinance No. 10-21, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 CIVIC STREET, SALUDA TO THE YMCA". (opposed by Councilman Atkinson and Councilman Bedenbaugh) Councilman Atkinson made an amendment to the motion to defer the third reading of Ordinance No. 10-21 to the January meeting and it was seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh. (Approved by Councilman Daniel and opposed by Vice-Chairman Anderson) Councilman Atkinson expressed his need for clarification and more information on the project. Vice-Chairman Anderson explained transferring the property would release our liability and that it was a very small piece of the project. Councilman Bedenbaugh also requested more information on the project. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh to Defer the Third Reading of Ordinance No. 10-21 to the January Meeting. Motion was approved by Councilman Daniel, Councilman Atkinson and Councilman Bedenbaugh and opposed by Vice-Chairman Anderson.

On motion of Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 11-21, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF ROADS AND THE ADDRESSING OF PROPERTIES IN SALUDA COUNTY."

On motion of Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 12-21, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 11-99, NAMING OF ROADS AND THE ADDRESSING OF PROPERTIES IN SALUDA COUNTY".

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Atkinson third reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 13-21, "AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNTY OF SALUDA. THIS ORDINANCE IS TO ENCOURAGE BUISNESS AND HOMEOWNERS TO MAINTAIN ALARM SYSTEMS PROPERLY.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh second reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 14-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO LEASE T-HANGARS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson second reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 15-21 "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBERS 06-14, 03-17, 15-17 AND 11-18 LEASING T-HANGERS OWNED BY SALUDA COUNTY LOCATED AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT".

K. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh first reading was unanimously approved on Ordinance No. 17-21 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE-IN-LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES AGREEMENT ("FEE AGREEMENT"), BY AND BETWEEN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AS PROJECT THUNDER II, AS SPONSOR, AND ONE OR MORE EXISTING OR TO-BE-FORMED OR ACQUIRED SUBSIDIARIES, OR AFFILIATED OR RELATED ENTITIES AND CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES, TO PROVIDE FOR A FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES INCENTIVE AND CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AUTHORIZING THE EXPANSION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF A MULTI-COUNTY BUSINESS PARK TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY COMPRISING THE PROJECT; APPROVING CERTAIN SPONSOR AFFILIATES TO BECOME PARTIES TO THE FEE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS."

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Luke Downing, Fire Coordinator, to present his request to apply for the V-Safe grants. Mr. Downing explained that this fire grant can be applied for every three years and that 6 of our departments were eligible and the grants are non-matching. On motion

of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to allow the Fire Coordinator and Grant Director to apply for the V-Safe Grants.

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Josh Morton, Emergency Management Director to present his request for the Radio Tower Agreement. Mr. Morton explained the improvements we are working on to help our radio communications become clearer and the need for the use of our current tower. On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved for the responsible representative to sign the Radio Tower Agreement.

Vice-Chairman Anderson recognized Luke Downing to present his next request for the funding of the Mayson Squad Truck. Mr. Downing explained that the previous truck was totaled and this vehicle is to replace that one. On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to fund the replacement Mayson Squad Truck from \$50,000 insurance reimbursement and the balance of \$13,285.29 to come from the Fire Board Millage account.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously agreed to accept the GLEAMNS Board re-appointments as recommended with their terms expiring July 1, 2023. Public Sector Representative will be Jacqueline Rhinehart. Private Sector Representative is Betty Kenner and the Low- Income Sector Representative is James Coley.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (3) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss security in a county building and property on Newberry Highway.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was approved to come out of executive session.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to accept the property on Newberry Highway from Old Town Fire Department and Rescue.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson it was unanimously approved to reconsider the motion to defer the third reading of real property located at 101 Civic Street to the YMCA.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson it unanimously failed to defer the third reading of the ordinance approving transfer of real property located at 101 Civic Street, Saluda, to the YMCA.

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On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson it was unanimously approved to reconsider the motion to amend the motion to approve the third reading of the ordinance approving transfer of real property located at 101 Civic Street, Saluda, to the YMCA.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Vice-Chairman Anderson it unanimously failed to amend the motion to approve the third reading of the ordinance approving the transfer of real property located at 101 Civic Street, Saluda to the YMCA.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel, third reading was unanimously on Ordinance No. 10-21, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 CIVIC STREET, SALUDA TO THE YMCA".

M. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

Justin Anderson, Vice-Chairman

January 10, 2022

Date Approved