

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chm. Derrick W. Jones called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Karen T. Whittle
County Attorney, Christian G. Spradley

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, the minutes for July 8 and 25, 2019 were unanimously approved as submitted.

E. PUBLIC INFORMATION

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

F. REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS

1. Coun. Miller stated this was his last regular Council meeting and thanked the citizens of District Two for electing him and their support the past three years.

2. Chm. Jones thanked Coun. Miller for his service to Saluda County for the past three years.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Chm. Jones opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 05-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A FIXED BASE OPERATOR, SALUDA SKY AVIATION, LLC AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."

No one spoke and the public hearing was closed.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 05-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR A FIXED BASE OPERATOR, SALUDA SKY AVIATION, LLC AT THE SALUDA COUNTY AIRPORT."
2. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for the replacement of cameras at the Saluda County Courthouse.

Mr. Morton informed Council the issue with the interior cameras at the Courthouse had previously been addressed with Council and Adroit Systems agreed to place four new cameras in the Courthouse on a trial basis. Mr. Morton said there had been no issues with the new cameras, but issues had continued with the old cameras. Adroit Systems recommended replacing the four new cameras at a total cost of \$5,365.00.

Mr. Morton also informed Council three older exterior analog cameras at the Courthouse were not functioning and Adroit Systems recommended replacing them with three IP cameras utilizing IP video over coax module sets, which would eliminate the need for rewiring. These three cameras would be at a cost of \$5,960.00.

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was approved to replace the interior and exterior cameras at the Courthouse as quoted by Adroit Systems dated August 12th for a total amount of \$11,325.00 to be paid from the Public Building Repair Reserve account. During discussion Council and Mr. Morton discussed Adroit Systems and the county IT Department had investigated the issues to include the county network and both parties recommended the new cameras. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel, Miller). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chm. Jones recognized Fire Board Chairman, Chuck Adams for consideration of allowing fire departments to utilize fire trucks to fill swimming pools.

Mr. Adams informed Council when the County assisted the fire departments with grants to obtain tankers, the fire board decided these tankers were not to be used to fill swimming

pools. Mr. Adams said the fire board was approached by a fire department chief requesting to use their tanker to fill swimming pools. Departments that purchased their own tanker are the only departments currently filling swimming pools. On behalf of the fire board, Mr. Adams requested Council's consideration for fire departments to use the tankers to fill swimming pools to help with using the trucks more, firemen and departments interacting within their community, and fire departments being able to raise funds for expenses not provided for in the county fire board budget. Mr. Adams said the fire departments would pay for the fuel and water used in filling the pools and firemen would be trained in entering yards and maneuvering around septic tanks and lines.

On motion of Coun. Miller, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to allow the fire departments to utilize fire trucks to fill swimming pools, with the condition that the trucks are fueled prior to hauling the water and then refilled, with the fire department bearing the expense of the fuel used to haul the water, with a release attached to the motion. During discussion Mr. Adams said the fire board unanimously approved the request, but wanted to have Council's approval as well. Council and Mr. Adams discussed setting uniform fees and a full release of liability provided to the fire department by the property owners.

The County Attorney was to draft the release.

2. Chm. Jones recognized Judge Joyce Shults for the request to fill a vacant position in the Magistrate's Office.

Judge Shults requested Council's consideration to fill the vacant criminal court clerk position in the Magistrate's office. Judge Shults said she could not operate the office without the position by adjusting duties among the other clerks as questioned by Coun. Miller. Judge Shults informed Council she had the position in her office approximately four years and had a total of three clerks.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was approved to fill the vacant criminal clerk position in the Magistrate's office. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson, Miller).

3. Chm. Jones recognized Emergency Management Director, Josh Morton for consideration to allow him to attend the IAEM-USA Conference.

Mr. Morton requested Council's consideration to attend the International Association of Emergency Managers-USA Council Conference in Savannah, Georgia in November of 2019. Mr. Morton stated he was making the request due to a previous vote of Council, which was to not allow attendance to National conferences/meetings, to include national conferences held in South Carolina, or Out of State conferences/meetings with county funding or any other source of funding without approval from County Council.

Mr. Morton said the conference would be and had always been paid for with LEMPG funds, with the county only allowing him the time to attend the conference. Mr. Morton

provided in Council's agenda package a detailed list of justifications to attend the conference and addressed those with Council to include but not limited to, networking with emergency managers and other agencies such as FEMA, as an officer of IAEM he helped with emergency management policy at the national level, access to information on new legislation concerning federal requirements, policies, and procedures for federal funding, and professional development.

Chm. Jones offered the motion to allow the Emergency Management Director to attend the IAEM-USA Conference. Coun. Miller moved the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to appoint Tim Taylor to serve as the fire board alternate for the Saluda Fire department.

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) and (2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss 1) a personnel matter in the Roads and Bridges department; 2) a personnel matter in the Sheriff's Office; 3) discuss the SRO agreement; and 4) to receive legal advice on drafted ordinances, to return at the Call of the Chair.

Council returned into open session at the Call of the Chair.

K. PUBLIC ACTION

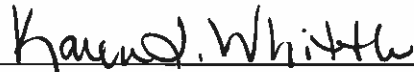
1. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and approved, First Reading by title only was given on Ordinance No. 06-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA." (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel, Miller). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).
2. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, and approved, First Reading by title only was given on Ordinance No. 07-19, "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE FOR MOTORIZED VEHICLE USERS OF THE COUNTY ROADS OF SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA." (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel, Miller). (Opposed: Coun. Anderson).
3. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to close the part-time heavy equipment operator position in the Roads and Bridges department.
4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to open a mechanic position in the Roads and Bridges department and additional funds needed to be funded from contingency, and to advertise according to county policy.

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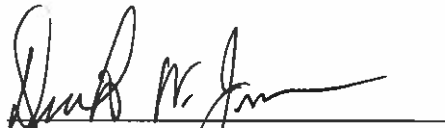
5. On July 8, 2019, County Council approved for a temporary vacant School Resource Officer position in the Sheriff's Office due to the deployment of the full-time School Resource Officer. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to amend that vote to a temporary deputy position to be placed at the school for the same purpose.
6. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for an addendum to the School Resource Officer agreement to allow a deputy to the assigned school district until the return of the deployed School Resource Officer.

L. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

September 9, 2019
Date Approved