

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING  
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of Saluda County Council was called to order by Chairman Jerry Strawbridge at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Jerry Strawbridge  
Coun. Justin Anderson  
Coun. Jones P. Butler (entered 6:02)  
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.  
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

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

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Coun. Grice the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, the minutes for November, 5, 9, 30 and December 1, 2020, were unanimously approved as written.

F. PUBLIC INFORMATION

It is noted by the Clerk herein that in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the called meeting and agenda were 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. You may also access the live stream of the meeting by going to the county's website at [www.saludacounty.sc.gov](http://www.saludacounty.sc.gov), click on the you tube box in the top right hand corner and click on the December 9, 2020 video.**

G. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Chm. Strawbridge recognized Council Member, Jones P. Butler and Council Member, Wayne E. Grice for their years of dedicated service to the citizens of Saluda County and Saluda County Council and presented them with a plaque of appreciation.

H. OLD BUSINESS

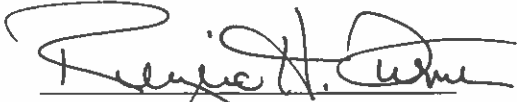
1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, and approved, Third Reading was given on Ordinance No. 11-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 22-2 COUNTY ROADS; UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE, IN CHAPTER 22 ROADS AND BRIDGES, ARTICLE I, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA." (Voting in Favor: Chm. Strawbridge, Coun. Anderson, Grice). (Opposed: Coun. Butler, Daniel). During discussion Chm. Strawbridge stated this ordinance was to repeal the \$25.00 road maintenance fee to be effective beginning with January 2021 vehicle property tax renewals, and every wheeled and titled vehicle required to be registered and licensed in Saluda County by the South Carolina Department of Transportation, purchased after December 31, 2020.

I. NEW BUSINESS

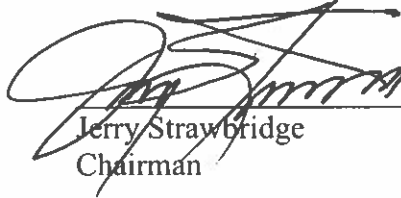
1. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to adopt the updated Saluda County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. During discussion Chm. Strawbridge stated this manual replaced and superseded previous policies, manuals, procedures or other documents relating to employment.
2. On motion of Coun. Anderson, seconded by Coun. Butler, and approved, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 12-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 3-77, PROHIBITING NEPOTISM OR THE HIRING OF RELATIVES BY SALUDA COUNTY." (Voting in Favor: Chm. Strawbridge, Coun. Anderson, Butler, Daniel). (Opposed: Coun. Grice). During discussion Chm. Strawbridge noted the new nepotism policy was within the adopted Saluda County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual; therefore the Nepotism Ordinance needed to be repealed.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 P.M.



Regina H. Turner  
Clerk to Council



Jerry Strawbridge  
Chairman

January 11, 2021  
Date Approved