

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 08, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SALUDA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
400 WEST HIGHLAND STREET, SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Moore called the regular meeting of Saluda County Council to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chairman Jim Moore
Councilman J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Vice-Chairman Justin Anderson
Councilman Jack Atkinson
Councilman Carey Bedenbaugh

Also present were:

County Director, Sandra G. Padgett
Clerk to Council, Regina Turner
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Moore delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Moore 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 regular meeting 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 Councilmen Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel the agenda was unanimously approved. During discussion Councilman Anderson requested to make a motion to amend the agenda and issue a resolution due to the monumental achievement of

our Allstar Ponytail team for winning the 2022 X-Play Softball World Series. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh and unanimously approved as amended.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh, the minutes for July 11, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chairman Moore read the resolution recognizing the achievement of the Saluda County Recreation All-star Ponytail x-Play team and their success in winning the Dixie Youth 2022 World Series. Council recognized each player, coach and the recreation director with a resolution certificate and trophy.

Councilman Bedenbaugh stated his appreciation to the coaches and the recreation director in his first year to make our recreation program a success. He also reported that the new radio system is working well and thanked all departments for working together to make it happen.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Atkinson said that these kids will remember this achievement for the rest of their lives.

Councilman Daniel congratulated the team and that stated Saluda was on a high right now. Chairman Moore announced the upcoming Job Fair at Piedmont Tech on August 17th. Also, on August 5th the Public Safety committee met to talk about the needed expansion to solve space issues and the EMS move from the Nursing Center.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Dr. Ralph Riley presented his concerns regarding the re-addressing of Alamo Circle and issues transitioning to new addresses.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Moore recognized Sheriff Josh Price to present the Detention Center medical services contract with the requested additional hours of the nurse. More hours are needed to cover some of the additional drug and mental health cases. On motion of Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to sign the amended contract for medical services to include additional hours for nursing services which will be funded from the current budgeted salary account.

Luke Downing, Fire Services Coordinator, requested to apply for an AFG Grant to purchase new Air Packs for all fire departments. On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh and seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to allow the Fire Service to apply for an AFG grant to receive new air packs and the match to be funded from the Cylinder reserve account.

Chairman Moore recognized Heath Ward, Librarian, to present his request for an additional part-time position and explain the new state funding as to how those funds are required to be expended. The state increased the funding by \$50,000. On motion of Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to add a part-time Library Aid position to be paid from State-Aid funds.

Chairman Moore recognized John Oscar Perry, Maintenance Supervisor, and Jill Warren, Airport Manager to present the request to have the buildings painted due to rust and age. On motion of Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to publish a Request for Proposal to paint the exterior of the main terminal and the Quonset hut at the airport.

Mr. Ward also presented his request to issue an Invitation for Bid to renovate the new Library. He presented the plans drawn and approved by the Library Board. On motion of Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to publish an Invitation for Bid to renovate the New Library.

Mr. John Oscar Perry presented his recommendation to replace a non-functioning 14-year-old A/C unit. On motion of Councilman Atkinson and seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to replace the A/C unit at the Magistrates Office in the amount of \$8,775 to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve account.

Mr. Perry also requested to repair the roof at the DSS/Health Department Building and presented the recommended proposal. The proposal also includes a warranty. On motion of Councilman Daniel and seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to award the repair of the DSS/Health Department Building roof to Nunnery Roofing in the amount of \$17,575 to be paid from the Building Repair Reserve account.

On motion of Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to appoint the following:

- Re-appoint Angie Rita to the Nursing Center Board by Chairman Jim Moore with the term expiring 3-31-25
- Re-appoint Gene Cason to the Planning Commission by Chairman Jim Moore with the term expiring 12-19-24
- Appoint Nancy Deloach to the Library Board by Councilman Daniel with the term expiring 8-8-26
- Re-Appoint Steve Miller to the Library Board by Councilman Anderson with the term expiring 6-30-26
- Re-Appoint Charlyn Staubes to the Library Board by Councilman Atkinson with the term expiring 6-30-26
- Re-Appoint William Spearman to the Planning Commission by Councilman Atkinson with the term expiring 8-9-23
- Appoint Devin Horne with Jerry Farmer as the alternate to the Fire Board as the Old Town Representative with the term expiring 6-30-26

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for Council to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss economic development and for the purpose of receiving legal advice on capital projects.

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

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Regina H. Turner, Clerk to Council

James L. Moore, Chairman

September 12, 2022
Date Approved