

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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 H. Turner
Attorney, Virginia Bozeman

B. INVOCATION

Councilman Anderson 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.

The following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public. 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 Anderson, seconded by Councilman Bedenbaugh the Agenda was approved as presented.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the Minutes for November 14, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

G. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Bedenbaugh requested prayers for the Chairman's Family. He commented on the turn out at the Christmas Parade. Councilman Bedenbaugh thanked county employees for their work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Anderson did not have anything to report.

Councilman Atkinson, Daniel and Chairman Moore also commented on the Parade and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

H. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Chairman Moore recognized Jim Bowie regarding Park Model RV's. Mr. Bowie made the request for council to consider changing or updating our ordinance to include park model RV's for short term or recreation usage. He also showed a video of how the RV's were made and what the finished product looks like.

I. NEW BUSINESS

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson the motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 as presented was unanimously approved. David Enzastiga of Rish & Enzastiga Accounting Firm presented a summary of the audit.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Atkinson the resolution was approved in favor of the Administrator form of Government as voted for by the citizens of Saluda County. Voting for was Councilman Anderson, Councilman Atkinson and Councilman Daniel with Councilman Bedenbaugh voting against. Chairman Moore read the resolution and did not vote.

On motion of Councilman Daniel seconded by Councilman Anderson the resolution was unanimously approved to partner with Edgefield County for Animal Control. Chairman Moore read the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Anderson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved for staff to research and purchase an animal control vehicle not to exceed \$45,000 to be paid for from the Vehicle Reserve Account.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Anderson it was unanimously approved to transfer from Contingency \$3,300 to cover expense of the Christmas Luncheons. Chairman Moore commented that this is for the recognition and appreciation of County Employees and Volunteer Fireman.

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) (1) (2) and (5) of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976, as amended to discuss Administrative personnel, Economic Development and for the purpose of receiving legal advice on contracts.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to come out of Executive Session.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to negotiate an agreement to mediate with Franklin J. Smith as the mediator.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson and Councilman Bedenbaugh it was unanimously approved to go back into Executive Session for the purpose in determining the Administrator and the Assistant Administrator pay grades.

On motion of Councilman Bedenbaugh, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to go back to Open Session.

On motion of Councilman Daniel, seconded by Councilman Atkinson it was unanimously approved to adopt the job description, as proposed, for County Administrator, grade 27, effective January 1, 2023 to replace the current job description for County Director. Chairman more stated that the County Administrator position will be an interoffice promotion for Sandra Padgett.

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Daniel it was unanimously approved to adopt the job description, as proposed, for Assistant County Administrator/Clerk to Council, grade 24, effective January 1, 2023 to replace the current job description for Deputy County Director/Clerk to Council. Chairman more stated that the Assistant County Administrator/Clerk to Council position will be an interoffice promotion for Regina Turner.

K. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilman Atkinson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

James L. Moore, Saluda County Council
Chairman

Regina H. Turner
Clerk to Council

January 9, 2022
Date Approved