

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018 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 Derrick W. Jones at 6:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Derrick W. Jones
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. D. J. Miller
Coun. Gwendolyn C. Shealy

Also present were:

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

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Butler delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Jones 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 called meeting and agenda were given to the local news media and properly posted, to include the county website.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Shealy, the minutes for November 12, 2018 were unanimously approved as submitted.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to ratify the resolution for Susan T. Gillian. (A copy of the resolution is on file in the Clerk to Council's office).

2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Butler, and unanimously approved, Second Reading was given on Ordinance No. 13-18, "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT SALUDA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY THE OPTION TO PURCHASE TWO TRACTS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED OFF OF NORTH BOUKNIGHT FERRY ROAD IN SALUDA COUNTY COMPOSED OF A 17.20 ACRE TRACT AND A 4.60 ACRE TRACT TOTALING 21.80 ACRES BEING A PORTION OF TAX MAP NUMBER 099-00-00-016."
3. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was approved to fund \$135,000.00 from the Economic Development millage account towards the Site Enhancement Grant for Saluda Commerce Park from the SC Department of Commerce. (Voting in Favor: Chm. Jones, Coun. Butler, Daniel, Shealy). (Abstain: Coun. Miller). During discussion Chm. Jones stated the requested grant amount was \$485,000.00 for an entrance road into the park and a monument sign in order to better market the site for potential projects. SC Department of Commerce awarded \$300,000.00, the Economic Development Partnership committed \$50,000.00, leaving a balance of \$135,000.00.

G. New Business

1. Chm. Jones recognized Fire Service Coordinator, Josh Morton to address the request for an ISO survey on a county-wide hauled water rating.

Mr. Morton informed Council the Saluda County Fire Board voted unanimously to ask County Council to request an ISO survey be performed for Saluda County to receive a county-wide hauled water rating. Mr. Morton explained currently the fire departments were rated independent of one another and rated based on hydrant coverage.

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved for Saluda County Council to request ISO to survey Saluda County for a countywide hauled water rating. During discussion Council and Mr. Morton said this had been a goal of the fire service since being established in 2006. Council and Mr. Morton also discussed the different class ratings of fire departments and their effect on homeowners insurance.

2. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Daniel, it was unanimously approved to accept the quote from Adroit Systems for the expansion of the security system at the Saluda County Administration building in the amount of \$6,689.73 to be paid from the Public Building Repair reserve account.
3. On motion of Chm. Jones, seconded by Coun. Shealy, it was unanimously approved to appoint Marvin Gene Cason of 202 S. Wise Road, Saluda to the Saluda County Planning Commission with his first term expiring December 19, 2021.
4. On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to re-appoint Josh S. Drafts of 151 Jersey Trail, Saluda to the Saluda County Planning Commission with his second term expiring August 11, 2021.

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Daniel, 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 Public Buildings Maintenance department; 2) a contractual matter in reference to the new jail facility; 3) a contractual matter with SAFEbuilt; and 4) to receive legal advice on funding for the Public Defender, to return at the Call of the Chair.

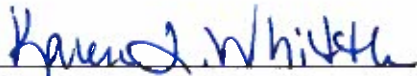
Council returned into open session at the Call of the Chair.

I. PUBLIC ACTION

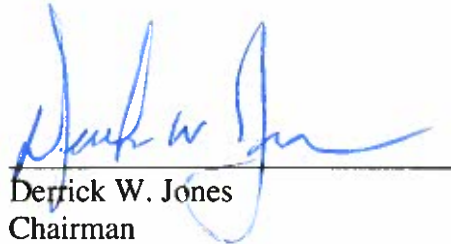
1. On motion of Coun. Shealy, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved for services provided by Mosley Architects on the proposed new jail facility to be paid from the Jail Renovations account.
2. Chm. Jones entertained for a motion to fund the Public Defender an additional \$5,000.00 for FY18-19 to be paid from Contingency that was previously cut during the FY18-19 budget process. Died for lack of a motion.

J. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Butler, seconded by Coun. Miller, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M.



Karen T. Whittle
Clerk to Council



Derrick W. Jones
Chairman

January 14, 2019
Date Approved