

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

R. Carlisle Roddey Government Complex
1476 J A Cochran Bypass, Chester, SC
Monday, October 19th, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Interim Chairman Dr. Wylie Frederick, Vice Chairman Joe Branham, Councilman Brad Jordan, Councilman Mike Vaughn, Councilwoman Mary Guy, Councilman Alex Oliphant, Councilman Pete Wilson, Clerk to Council Karen Lee and County Attorney Joanie Winters.

1. **Call to Order**-Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick called the meeting to order. He stated agenda item 7.g. would be discussed at next month's meeting. Councilman Oliphant motioned to move to the next meeting, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation**- Pledge was recited in unison; Councilwoman Guy gave the invocation.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. October 5th, 2020 Council Minutes.
Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
4. **Citizen Comments**

Clay Waldrip of 167 ½ York Street, Chester invited Council and citizens to a community day of prayer to pray for the nation, the community of Chester and to bring everyone together November 2nd from 8am to 6pm. It will be held at First Baptist Church located at 102 Church Street.

Roxann James, 3007 Steele Village Road, Rock Hill said she was in favor of unfreezing staff positions.
5. **Public Hearing**- Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick opened the public hearing and said no one signed up to speak.
 - a. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-30** **An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 The 2020-2021 Chester County Budget ordinance, in certain limited particulars only. *Equipment for West Chester Fire truck.***
 - b. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-31** **An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No.2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Two trucks for Rural Fire.***

Interim Chairman Dr. Frederick closed the public hearing.
6. **Ordinances/Resolutions/Proclamations**
 - a. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-30** **An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County Budget ordinance, in certain limited particulars only. *Equipment for West Chester Fire truck.*** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.
 - b. **3rd Reading of Ordinance 2020-31** **An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Two trucks for Rural Fire.*** Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2020-32** An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No. 2020-16 the 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Unfreeze certain positions.* After much discussion Councilman Wilson motioned to postpone the second reading to get more information from department heads who have frozen positions to November 2nd council meeting, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

d. **2nd Reading of Ordinance 2020-33** An ordinance to amend Chester County ordinance No 2020-16 The 2020-2021 Chester County budget ordinance in certain limited particulars only. *Used chassis for Lewis Fire Department.* Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

e. **1st Reading of Ordinance 2020-34** An ordinance to create an enabling act for the Burnt House Meeting Cemetery. Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve. Councilman Oliphant motioned to allocate up to \$300 dollars to have the property lines marked by a surveyor, second by Councilman Vaughn. Vote 6-0 to approve.

7. Old Business

a. From CCTC meeting:

1. **Action taken regarding cost estimates to pave Dearborn Street in Great Falls.** Taken as information.

2. **Action taken regarding cost estimates to add sidewalks to Washington Street in Great Falls.** Taken as information.

3. **Action taken regarding emergency road repairs on Bobcat Drive.** Taken as information.

4. **Action taken regarding the 2020-2021 proposed road list to be paved with C-Funds.** Councilwoman Guy motioned to approve the list, second by Councilman Oliphant. Councilman Vaughn and Wilson were in favor to postpone in order to get more information and to look at the way the list was prioritized have and have a workshop before the list is approved. Public Works Director Hall asked Council to consider approving the proposed county roads in order to get the bids out since it would be early part of next year before the paving would begin. He also asked to have Landfill Road approved as well. Attorney Winters encouraged Council to approve some of the roads on the list along with Landfill Road but still have a workshop to look at the other roads. Councilman Wilson said he did not agree with the formula that was used in deciding which roads would get paved, going forward the process to prioritize needs to be changed. He asked for the roads to be paved to be read aloud, Mr. Coleman said the SCDOT road was Joe Caldwell Road, County roads were Appaloosa Ridge, Blade Run, Debruhl Road, J Bass Drive/ Crows Nest Road, Southpaw Lane, Coldstream Circle, Bernice Lane and the County commercial was Landfill Road. Vote 6-0 to approve.

5. **Action taken regarding the reimbursement to the County Recycling Department for Sign Material in the amount of \$227.78 dollars.** Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

6. **Action taken regarding Secret Drive.** Taken as information.

7. **Action taken regarding roads at Richmond Acres.** Taken as information.

8. **Action taken regarding Douglas Circle in Great Falls.** Taken as information.

9. **Action taken regarding Baseball Alley.** Taken as information.

10. **Action taken regarding JA Cochran Bypass and Ashford Street Sidewalk Installation.** Taken as information.

b. 2nd Reading of CCMA20-09: Matthew Lawson request a 2.994 portion of Tax Map # 133-00-00-023-000 located off Edgeland Road, Edgemoor, SC be rezoned from R2 (Rural Two) to ID-2 (Limited Industrial) Planning Commission voted 4-0 to approve with a three year time limit, eight truck limit and no other structure but the current one along with a reverter clause. Councilman Vaughn motioned to approve, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 4-2 to approve. Councilman Jordan and Oliphant opposed.

c. Council to authorize the approval of bid for the demolition of seven (7) houses in the amount of \$26,304.00 dollars-Susan Cok. Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

d. Discuss providing the interim supervisor a county vehicle. -County Council

Interim Supervisor Dr. Frederick said he appreciated Council wanting to get him a vehicle, but he was satisfied with the county car he drives now, and the money could be used for something else that is needed.

e. Update on Pinckney Road & Eureka Community Project and derelict houses in Chester County, and complaint procedures from other Counties. -Councilman Oliphant.

Councilman Oliphant asked Attorney Winters if she had any updates. Attorney Winters said she thought RCI was ready if Council approves their contract. The hourly rate had been approved by Council; she could present the contract at the next meeting. She did state RCI was not going to drive around the county looking for derelict houses but would look at ones that has been identified by Dr. Frederick and Council. Councilman Oliphant asked to have this back on the next meeting agenda.

f. Discussion regarding the location for the Hazmat Building-Councilman Oliphant.

Councilman Oliphant said he had spoken with members of EMA and Hazmat and they agreed the best place to put the new building would be on the corner of Wilson Street and Government Drive. It would be centrally located within the county. Councilman Oliphant motioned to build the Hazmat building on the corner of Wilson Street and Government Drive, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 6-0 to approve.

g. Discussion regarding the Bailey Bill- Attorney Winters. Moved to next month's meeting.

h. Update regarding the Great Falls Recreation Agreement- Councilman Vaughn.

Councilman Vaughn asked Attorney Winters about the progress made so far regarding the recreation agreement. Attorney Winters said she did have a draft proposed by the town, there are things that still needs to come out such as the indemnification because government cannot indemnify. She wanted to hear from Council as to what they wanted her to do, since the agreement makes the County solely responsible for everything. Which included utilities, all of the liabilities and not just the properties but the programs as well. Council needs to decide from a practical and legislative standpoint of what Council is willing to do and what they are not willing to do. It is on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to discuss tomorrow night, after they advise what to do, Council will need to decide.

i. Litter Report for September and Litter/Nuisance Abatement Ticket Report for October. Interim Supervisor Dr. Frederick. Interim Supervisor Dr. Frederick said 624 bags of trash was picked up in the month of September along with \$1200.00 in fines.

8. New Business

a. Council to consider the approval to purchase a new ambulance and cot. - Britt Lineberger.

EMS Director Britt Lineberger said the rolling stock bond amount to purchase the ambulance and cot was \$281,000 dollars. The cost of the ambulance was \$258,305 dollars, the cot was \$19,227 dollars once the correct tax was added. The mount for the cot could be purchased at the next fiscal budget. Councilman Wilson motioned to approve, second by Councilman Oliphant. Vote 6-0 to approve.

b. Council to consider the acceptance of JAG funds for approximately \$38,688 with a ten percent match to purchase equipment and training for Sheriff's Office personnel. -Sheriff Dorsey.

Councilman Oliphant motioned to approve, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

c. Discussion regarding the naming of the entrance road at the Research & Development Center-Attorney Winters. Attorney Winters said the center was never given a road name and asked Council to be thinking of some to name it by the next meeting.

d. Discussion to decide where to keep previous Council awards and certificates. -County Council.
It was decided to let Dr. Frederick decide what to do with the awards and certificates.

9. Boards and Commissions

a. Appointments to the Fort Lawn Fire Protection District-County Council.

Councilman Jordan motioned to appoint Richard Hulse, second by Vice Chairman Branham.

Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Jordan motioned to appoint Bud Delgouffre second by Councilman Vaughn.

Vote 6-0 to approve.

Councilman Jordan motioned to appoint Janet Anderson, second by Vice Chairman Branham.

Vote 6-0 to approve.

10. Executive Session- Councilman Jordan motioned to go to Executive Session, second by Councilwoman Guy.
Vote 6-0 to approve.

a. Receive legal advice regarding a compliance issue with SCDOT. Attorney Winters

11. Council Actions Following Executive Session

Vice Chairman Branham motioned to go back to Regular Session, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to approve.

a. Actions taken regarding a legal advice concerning a compliance issue with SCDOT.

Councilman Oliphant motioned to authorize Treasurer Tommy Darby to write a check for \$281,786 dollars from the C-fund account using the South Carolina Department of Transportation allotment payable to the Department of Transportation for the extension of the Old York Road Rehabilitation project, second by Vice Chairman Branham. Vote 6-0 to approve.

12. Council Comments

There were no council comments.

13. Adjourn

Councilwoman Guy motioned to adjourn, second by Councilman Jordan. Vote 6-0 to adjourn.

Time 8:25 PM.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Chester News & Reporter, The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants were notified and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting.