

EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL

September 4, 2018

6:00 PM

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The Edgefield County Council held its regular meeting at 6:00 P. M. Thursday, September 4, 2018, in the County Council Chambers, 225 Jeter Street, Edgefield, SC. Notice of this meeting was provided to Edgefielddaily.com, The Edgefield Advertiser and others as requested.

Members present

Dean Campbell, Chairman
Arthur Biggs, Vice Chairman
James Bibbs, Councilman
Scott Cooper, Councilman
Albert Talbert, Councilman

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Others present

Bruce Cooley, Assistant Administrator/Finance Director
Jennifer Gilley, Clerk to Council
Andrew Marine, County Attorney
and others as per list attached

Others absent

Tommy Paradise, County Administrator

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order. He noted that Mr. Paradise was sick and that Mr. Cooley would be acting as the administrator for the duration of the meeting. The invocation was given by Pastor Bruce Cooley. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was then recited.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the September 4, 2018 agenda was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 7, 2018 County Council minutes (Regular Meeting of Council) was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speakers

None

Comments from the Public

None

Consent Agenda

Chairman Campbell asked Council if there were any items that needed to be removed from the Consent Agenda to allow discussion on those items. There were none. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Councilman Bibbs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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1. Consideration of appointment to the Mobile/Manufactured Home Appeals Committee.
Fay Adams..... District 3
2. Consideration of appointment to the Employee Grievance Committee.
John Pitman.....EMS
3. Consideration of appointment to the Planning Commission.
James Johnson..... District 4

Consent Agenda Ends Here

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 18-19-746, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Negotiation, Execution, and Delivery of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and the Conveyance of Certain Properties between Edgefield County and Christy Dickerson, Her Successors and Assigns."
There were no comments regarding this public hearing.

Old Business

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 18-19-746, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Negotiation, Execution, and Delivery of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale, and the Conveyance of Certain Properties between Edgefield County and Christy Dickerson, Her Successors and Assigns."
Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Cooley if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Cooley said nothing had changed in this ordinance. There was no discussion.
Motion to approve second reading of ordinance number 18-19-746 was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Bibbs. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Consideration of Approval of Third Reading of Ordinance Number 18-19-745, "An Ordinance to Amend Section 18-134 of the Edgefield County Code Designating Lands Which are Applicable to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance."
Chairman Campbell asked Mr. Cooley if anything had changed with this ordinance. Mr. Cooley said nothing had changed in this ordinance. There was no discussion.
Motion to approve third reading of ordinance number 18-19-745 was made by Councilman Talbert, seconded by Councilman Cooper. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

1. Consideration of Approval of the Logo/Branding Statement Presentation.
Michelle McCollum, President and CEO of the South Carolina Heritage Corridor, presented and proposed the concept of a new logo and branding statement for Edgefield County. She stated Council had previously passed the logo and branding statement at the June Council Meeting. She said she would be presenting ideas on how to saturate the logo into Edgefield County and surrounding communities. She presented Council with ideas on how to move forward with allowing Edgefield County to use its new logo and branding statement to obtain an appealing and recognizable identity.
All of Council thanked Mrs. McCollum and her staff for their hard work. Chairman Campbell said staff is already working on signage and stationery with the new logo.

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Motion to approve the logo/branding statement as presented was made by Councilman Biggs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Approval of First Reading of Ordinance Number 18-19-747, "An Ordinance to Zone Certain Previously Un-Zoned Property located along the Hwy 25 Corridor to be Zoned Rural Residential Development (RR)."

Chairman Campbell said that since Councilman Bibbs applied to zone previously un-zoned property along the Hwy 25 Corridor to Rural Residential (RR) he would allow him to explain his position. Councilman Bibbs said these properties are currently not zoned but developed as residential uses and most of the parcels are not protected by restrictive covenants. Therefore, the residents do not have any protection to restrict these properties from uses that are not compatible with the existing development. Mr. Bibbs said he has reviewed the area with staff and it was determined that the Rural Residential (RR) zoning district would be the most compatible zoning district to the established land uses in the area. He said he is simply trying to protect the citizens in that area from having something come in that doesn't fit with the existing use of property in that area. He said the Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the matter at their August 8th meeting and recommended approval of the zoning.

Motion to approve first reading of ordinance number 18-19-747 was made by Councilman Bibbs, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public

None

County Administrator's Report

Mr. Cooley read a copy of Mr. Paradise's Administrator's Report:

- Piedmont Tech is offering a Community Paramedic training and has received a grant that will allow 6 of Edgefield County's Paramedics to attend. This online training is normally \$7,500 per student, so Edgefield County will be saving \$45,000.
- The Trenton and Johnston Fire Departments partnered with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, American Red Cross, and Edgefield County EMA to install a total of 178 smoke detectors in 52 homes in the Johnston & Trenton areas.
- The Sheriff's Office received a grant in the amount of \$42,903.21 from the SC Department of Public Safety for the purchase of 800 MHz radios. The match is \$4,581 and will be paid out of the Sheriff's budget.
- The Sheriff's Office received another grant from the SC Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$33,769.32 for body worn cameras. There is no match required for this grant.
- The Tax Assessor has settled the property valuation case with Fulcra at \$13.5 million. Outside counsel from the McNair Law firm was hired to assist with this complex case. We received a final invoice from McNair Law firm in the amount of \$5,730, which brings the total attorney fees in the matter to \$10,200. The Edgefield County School District has agreed to reimburse the County for half of this amount, leaving Edgefield County with the cost of \$5,100 to settle this matter. Mr. Cooley noted that the school district has already paid their portion.
- On August 16th, Piedmont Tech hosted a Workforce Opportunity Summit. This summit was intended to facilitate better understanding between employers and various agencies that provide

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training and recruitment services so that a better prepared workforce can be developed. Members of the Edgefield County Workforce Task Force, which was implemented as a recommendation of the PACE study, attended.

- The Road Department has completed the widening and improvement on Scupin Road authorized by an MOU with Richard A. Miller at the May 8th Council meeting.
- Edgefield County's new planner, Kevin Singletary, has started in the Building and Planning Department

Councilman Biggs spoke briefly about litter control. He thanked the Sheriff's Office Litter Control Officer for his hard work in August. He reported that in the Month of August, volunteer inmates picked up litter 17 out of the 31 days with an average of 2-3 inmates. They collected a total of 153 bags of litter. Councilman Biggs also thanked the citizens that pick up the litter along their properties that line the roadways. He said Edgefield County still has a litter problem but that everyone is working together to reduce the litter in the county.

Comments by County Council Chair

Chairman Campbell had no comments.

Executive Session

Actions may be taken in public session on matters discussed in Executive Session including contractual matters.

1. Discussions of proposed contractual arrangements for the lease of the Edgefield County Hospital and sublease of portions of hospital by County.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Cooper, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

When Council came back into open session, Chairman Campbell said no votes or action had been taken in executive session.

Adjourn

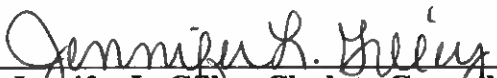
Councilman Cooper made the motion to adjourn at 7:14PM, seconded by Councilman Talbert. Motion passed unanimously.

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Dean Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST



Jennifer L. Gilley, Clerk to Council