

AGENDA
EDGEFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 1, 2020
6:00 PM

Council's meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Council's Rules and Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, in the event Council's Rules do not cover the procedural issue at hand. This agenda may be modified prior to or during the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. August 5, 2020 Meeting of Council

IV. GUEST SPEAKERS

None

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Agenda Items other than Public Hearing Matters

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VI. REPORTS

Monthly reports for July 2020
(See Departmental Reports)

Agenda/Minutes of the following meetings:

Edgefield County Hospital.....05/04/2020
LMO Steering Committee.....05/07/2020
LMO Steering Committee.....05/26/2020
LMO Steering Committee.....06/23/2020
Planning Commission Work Session.....07/09/2020
Planning Commission07/09/2020

(See Reports)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

While developing the agenda, routine or noncontroversial items are placed on the consent agenda, which is a part of the regular agenda. If any member objects to including an item on the consent agenda, that item shall be moved to the regular agenda as an action item requiring discussion. The remaining consent items shall be adopted in a single vote without discussion.

1. Consideration of Appointment to the Planning Commission.
Tracy HamiltonDistrict 3
2. Consideration of Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Reuben CarverAt-Large

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Consent Agenda Ends Here

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing of Ordinance Number 20-21-771, “An Ordinance to Approve the Policies for a Spay/Neuter Program for Edgefield County and Other Matters Relating Thereto.”
In 2014, Edgefield County began a Spay a Neuter Program for animals of low income families with the service provided by the SPCA Albrecht Center. Staff has recently been notified by SPCA Albrecht Center that the cost for these procedures will increase from \$55 per animal and \$25 transport fee to \$55 for cat spay, \$40 for cat neuter, \$80 for dog spay, and \$55 for dog neuter. This proposed revisions allow for these increases. The revisions also allows the opportunity for veterinarians in private practice the opportunity to participate in the program.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance Number 20-21-771, “An Ordinance to Approve the Policies for a Spay/Neuter Program for Edgefield County and Other Matters Relating Thereto.”
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(Exhibit I)

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Approval of the Tax Millage Rate for FY 2020-2021.
County Auditor Bill Gilchrist has been working with Finance Director Dana Waters, Treasurer Arlene Traxler, Tax Assessor Gerri Coleman, and Administrator Tommy Paradise to determine the County’s millage rate for the tax bills to be mailed in the near future. Based on the assessed values of homes, business, vehicles, etc. Edgefield County saw a slight increase in the value of a mill from \$81,197 to \$83,600 There is no proposed change in the tax levy.
(Exhibit II)
2. Consideration of approval of a franchise application for Regional Ambulance Service to operate a private ambulance service in Edgefield County to provide convalescent and/or nonemergency medical transportation.
The Director of EMS has reviewed the application and references and recommends to approve the franchise agreement. The additional non-emergent transport service in the

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County should provide another service provider to our residents and also reduce the non-emergent transport demand on the Edgefield County EMS department.

3. Consideration of approval a contract addendum with Robert and Company for the extension of services and additional work to be provided for the Land Management Ordinance in an amount not exceeding \$10,000.

Social Distancing Policy due to Covid-19 has caused severe limitations to Public Hearings, which are required, and important for the successful execution of Edgefield Counties Land Management Ordinance (LMO). To be proactive and ensure the most participation from Edgefield County Constituents, Council suspended further public hearing and approvals of the LMO until January 1, 2021. The suspension did not restrict staff from meeting or talking with individuals or small groups to provide information regarding the LMO. It would also not restrict staff from reviewing the current draft for mistakes and possible recommendations to the Planning Commission for improvements. During this time, staff will continue to work with Robert and Company on a more limited basis, which will be billed hourly to the County in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

(Exhibit III)

4. Consideration of approval to move \$10,000 from County Council contingency account, # 001-005-05100-55279 to the Building and Planning professional services account, # 001-005-05150-05265 to fund the contract addendum for Robert and Company for additional work on the Land Management Ordinance.

The funding amount budgeted in the Building and Planning professional services account is insufficient to fund costs for the contract addendum for Robert and Company. Staff would recommend authorization to transfer \$10,000 from the Council contingency to Building and Planning professional services to fund the additional services.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XII. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

All additional comments

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XIII. ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO REPORT BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

XIV. COMMENTS BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIR

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XV. ADJOURN

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