

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; FEBRUARY 19, 2013; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2013, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administrative Center, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Roy Hollingsworth, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Sabrena P. Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Williams.

RECOGNITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Chairman Gray recognized:

Mayor J. L. Goodwin and Council Member Colin Moore, Town of Yemassee

Council Member Alexander Campbell, Town of Varnville

Sheriff T. C. Smalls, Hampton County

Coroner Ernie Washington, Sr., Hampton County

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda:

4.1.1 February 4, 2013 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the February 19, 2013 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

No public hearing(s).

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PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

No public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

MR. ROLAND GARDNER, BEAUFORT, CEO, HAMPTON AND JASPER COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES, NEW MOBILE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH UNIT:

Mr. Roland Gardner, Beaufort, CEO, Hampton and Jasper Comprehensive Health Services, came before council to inform council about the new Mobile School Based Health Unit. Mr. Gardner explained that they were awarded the grant for the unit. The unit will provide services to students in Hampton and Estill. Mr. Gardner explained that the grant provided for the unit but not personnel. Mr. Gardner explained that they would probably be coming back to council with a request for funding a share of the personnel cost. Chairman Gray explained that they would need to get a proposal and submit, because council is about to begin their budget process. Mr. Gardner stated that this was the first time requesting funding from Hampton County.

MR. DANNY WINSTEAD, SPOKESPERSON, FIRE STATION FOR MILEY AREA:

Mr. Danny Winstead, Spokesperson, Fire Station for Miley Area, came before council and asked that council considers a Fire Station for the Miley Area. He stated that the ISO rating for the Miley area is a 10 (ten) which means that the cost for insurance is higher. He stated that a quote from an insurance company was given for a house valued at \$100,000 to be \$1,800 (eighteen hundred dollars) and was told that a house at the same value with an ISO rating of 6 (six) would be \$900 (nine hundred dollars). He stated that this is

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substantial amount of money for a number of people. He informed council that they are willing to give acreage on Altman Road to build a Fire Station or a Substation. Chairman Gray stated that it was council's goal for many years to place a fire station but the funding was not there; he stated that hopefully it would come. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that he hopes that council will approve the fire station when the budgetary process comes up. He stated that lives are more important; what's the price for a life. Council Member Hollingsworth stated that it has been many years and that is too long. Mr. Winstead stated that they would appreciate it if the council could get within five (5) miles to cut down to a 6 or 7. Mrs. Graham stated that she has been in contact with Mrs. Blanche Winstead, and she has offered the property. Mrs. Graham informed council that she will provide information at the first budget workshop in the packet. There was a short discussion. Mr. Winstead stated that he had names of people who would volunteer to man the station.

APPOINTMENT(S)

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

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There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

THIRD READING TO ORDINANCE 2013-002, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK AMONG ALLENDALE COUNTY, BAMBERG COUNTY, BARNWELL COUNTY, AND HAMPTON COUNTY, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUAD-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK I, AND PARK II, AND PARK III, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY TO THE PARKS:

Moved by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Hollingsworth, to give third reading to Ordinance 2013-001, Amend MCIP with Colleton County. Motion carried unanimously.

BID(S)

There were no bid(s).

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE:

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #1)

DISCUSSION POINTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS):

Council Member Hollingsworth

Council Member Hollingsworth informed council that he attended the Economic Development Institute on February 7-8, 2013 in Sumter, South Carolina. He stated that he learned a lot in the classes especially the Leadership and Communication.

Council Member Williams

Council Member Williams stated that he attended the Economic Development Institute on February 7-8, 2013. He stated that he also enjoyed the training and learned a lot.

REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

RECLASSIFICATION OF POSITION MECHANIC GRADE 13 TO DIESEL/TRUCK MECHANIC GRADE 20:

Administrator Graham explained to council that, currently, the Public Works Maintenance Shop has one Mechanic Grade 13 position and one Diesel/Truck Mechanic Grade 20. A reclass/upgrade of the existing Mechanic Grade 13 Position to a Diesel/Truck Mechanic Grade 20 is requested following the retirement of the previous mechanic. With changes in automotive technology, the need for knowledge and experience in the area of computer diagnostics has become more critical for this position. The duties and responsibilities of the position will be expanded to include more:

- technical diagnostic skills and greater responsibility for diesel/heavy equipment work.

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- This position will allow for more in-house repairs versus outsourcing, resulting in savings in money and time within the departments that are served.
- Sheriff Smalls strongly supports this recommendation as it will allow significant savings in money and time for his vehicles to be serviced in-house. EMS Director, Fire Chief and Public Works Directors also support the recommendation.

Administrator Graham explained that the annual salary difference between the currently budgeted grade 13 salary and the requested grade 20 starting salary with benefits is \$576. However funding of \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) is needed to complete the remainder of this fiscal year. It is projected that savings will be realized by more than this amount in the various departments that use the shop and can cover this cost. A transfer will be made at year end for the actual amount needed. Council Member Hollingsworth asked what the qualifications were for a diesel mechanic. He read a definition. He stated that a diesel mechanic had the ability to read the diagnostic machine. He also asked if the mechanic that there was a diesel mechanic and how many diagnostic machines were owned by the county. Council Member Hollingsworth explained that he felt that the county was opening up a can of worms; what if the Detention Center wanted to reclassify a position. Administrator Graham reported that they did not do a reclassification study. They were taking an opportunity to fix as go but can leave the position as is and go outside for services. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Haulsee, to approve the reclassification. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Haulsee, Phillips and Williams voting in favor and Council Member Hollingsworth voting against.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL MATTER(S):

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **Moved** by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Williams, to come out of executive session. Motion carried unanimously. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Gray reported that council discussed a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p. m.