

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
SALUDA COUNTY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020 at 4:00 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 Jerry Strawbridge at 4:00 P.M.

Present were:

Chm. Jerry Strawbridge
Coun. Justin Anderson
Coun. Jones P. Butler
Coun. J. Frank Daniel, Sr.
Coun. Wayne Grice

Also present were:

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

B. INVOCATION

Coun. Daniel delivered the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chm. Strawbridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Coun. Butler the agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

E. 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.

Due to COVID-19, the following notice was placed at the beginning of the agenda:

Please note the council meetings are open to the public, but seating will be limited for social distancing in response to COVID-19. You may also access the live stream of the meeting by going to the county's website at www.saludacounty.sc.gov, click on the you tube box in the top right hand corner and click on the November 5, 2020 video.

F. NEW BUSINESS


- 1. On motion of Coun. Grice, seconded by Coun. Anderson, First Reading was given on Ordinance No. 11-20, "AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 22-2 COUNTY ROADS; UNIFORM SERVICE CHARGE, IN CHAPTER 22 ROADS AND BRIDGES, ARTICLE I, IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SALUDA COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA." (Voting in Favor: Chm. Strawbridge, Coun. Anderson, Grice). (Opposed: Coun. Butler, Daniel). During discussion Chm. Strawbridge stated this ordinance was to repeal the ordinance for the \$25.00 vehicle fee. During discussion, Coun. Butler and Coun. Daniel expressed their concerns on repealing the ordinance and both said they were not in favor of the ordinance.
- 2. On motion of Coun. Daniel, seconded by Coun. Grice, it was unanimously approved to accept the revised job descriptions for the Magistrate Clerk, the Civil Court Clerk, and the Deputy Criminal Clerk.
- 3. Chm. Strawbridge discussed with Council that over the past couple months there had been personnel changes and before a department head could advertise for a vacant position, they had to come before Council for approval to fill the position. Chm. Strawbridge said there was currently a hiring freeze in effect and asked for Council's consideration to remove the hiring freeze temporarily and it could be reinstated later.

Chm. Strawbridge asked for a motion to remove the hiring freeze. Coun. Grice made the motion. The motion was seconded by Coun. Anderson. During discussion Coun. Anderson questioned the time frame for removing the hiring freeze temporarily. Chm. Strawbridge asked Council staff for a recommendation. County Director Padgett recommended removing the hiring freeze due to no department head had been denied filling a vacant position since the hiring freeze was in effect and it could be reinstated later if needed. Council discussed removing the hiring freeze completely and if needed reinstate it at a later time. The motion to remove the hiring freeze was unanimously approved.

G. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Coun. Anderson, it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 P.M.


 Karen T. Whittle
 Clerk to Council


 Jerry Strawbridge
 Chairman

December 9, 2020
 Date Approved