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February 14, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting, on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. in the Marion County Council Chambers, Administration Building, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; Councilman John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Councilman Allen W. Floyd, Councilman Oscar Foxworth, and Councilman Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was not present and duly notified.

Absent: Vice Chairperson Elista H. Smith, and Councilman Thomas E. Shaw.

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order and asked Councilman Allen W. Floyd to lead the Invocation, after which he welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Chairman Collins introduced Mr. Bill Crowther the Economic Developer with Congressman Tom Rice office.

Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 26, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting held on February 2, 2017.

Councilman Milton W. Troy, II stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman Thomas E. Shaw voting in favor of all matters.

Chairman Collins stated that Councilman Shaw had knee surgery and is recovering.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. third reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was not ready: **A.** Third Reading of Ordinance #2016-12 An Ordinance to Approve an Increase in Salary for all County Council Members pursuant to South Carolina Code 4-9-100; **B.** Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-01 An Ordinance of Marion County, South Carolina Approving Water Lines Easements with MARCO Rural Water Company, Inc. to install water lines on Patriots Court.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2016-12 An Ordinance to Approve an Increase in Salary for all County Council Members pursuant to South Carolina Code 4-9-100 was not ready.

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The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Third Reading of Ordinance #2017-01 An Ordinance of Marion County, South Carolina Approving Water Lines Easements with MARCO Rural Water Company, Inc. to install water lines on Patriots Court was not ready:

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

Chairman Collins stated that Committee #1 has a pending matter.

The County Attorney reported to Council that the West Mullins Drainage Project litigation has been settled.

The Administrator updated Council on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that Mr. Eddie Rodelsperger will be meeting with the group from the Saffold Building to present the scope of work to be performed and coordinate the beginning of the work. He stated that Mr. Rodelsperger will be updating the Mullins City Council at 6:00 pm regarding the fire station.

The Administrator updated Council on the Marion County Recovery. Mr. Harper told Council that the committee is continuing to provide services to the citizens throughout the County. He provided Council the latest copy of the FEMA report. Mr. Harper mentioned if someone is in the process of a home demolition to notify the building inspection office.

The Administrator provided Council a copy of the letter that had been written to Congressman Rice in reference to the HUD Grant.

The Administrator told Council that Mr. Ben Duncan and Ms. Kim Starnes with the South Carolina Palmetto Disaster Group is requesting office space to start the Long Term Recovery for Marion County. Motion was made By Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator asked Council to table item D. SW Mullins Drainage Project after executive session.

The Administrator told Council that the annual Mid-Year Conference will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at the Embassy Suites in Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Harper stated that they would be discussing the Local Government Fund (LGF). He told Council that the legislation makes substantial changes to county and city business licenses. The bill requires a county or municipality that has a business license tax to accept a standard business license application provided by the Secretary of State.

The Administrator reported to Council that a significantly increase in the employer contribution rate in the State Retirement System. The employer contribution rates are increased to 13.56 percent for FY 2017-18. The employer contribution rate will increase 1 percent every year until FY 2022-2023, rising to 18.56 percent.

The Administrator told Council that the meeting on the 23rd will be held in Council Chambers and reconvene at the Detention Center for a tour of the jail.

The Administrator provided Council information in reference to millage for counties with a mil value less than \$100,000.

The Administrator presented a request for a special agricultural assessment for Mr. David Drew. The total number of acres are 10.10 cropland. Motion was made by Councilman Atkinson, seconded by Councilman Floyd, and carried unanimously.

The County Attorney told Council that the Pee Dee Food Hub has been in existence and running on a temporary board. Mr. McLain also stated that there are three at-large seats. He listed the following names that have been selected by Council.

Councilman Floyd-Dupree Atkinson
Councilman Troy-Neal Baxley
Councilman Atkinson-Willie Smith
Councilman Foxworth-Johnny Shelley
Councilman Shaw- BW Reason
Chairman Collins-Michael Poston
Vice Chairperson Smith-

The County Attorney asked Council for a motion to keep Tim Griggs and Gregg Hyman as members-at-large. Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Atkinson, and carried unanimously. Mr. McLain told Council that there is one more at-large seat that needs to be filled with someone that does not live in the County.

Councilmen Floyd and Atkinson wanted to thank Congressman Tom Rice for what he is doing for the citizens of Marion County.

Councilman Atkinson stated that he was approached by an election commission member about the entrance doors to the building. Councilman Atkinson stated that he wants to make sure that the doors are ADA compliance. Mr. Harper stated that he would check into this said matter.

Motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for a legal matter.

Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular meeting. Chairman Collins stated that no action was taken during executive session called for a legal matter.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, to adjourn the meeting at approximately:10:10 A.M.

Buddy Collins, Chairman

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council

