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March 23, 2017

The Marion County Council held its regular meeting, on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Marion County Council Chambers, Administration Building, Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Buddy Collins, Chairman; Elista H. Smith Vice Chairperson; Councilman Oscar Foxworth, Councilman Thomas E. Shaw and Councilman Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were Kent M. Williams, Deputy 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: Councilman John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Councilman Allen W. Floyd, and G. Timothy Harper Administrator.

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

Chairman Collins stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Chaplain Allen W. Floyd voting in favor of all matters.

Councilman Milton W. Troy, II stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman John Q. Atkinson, Jr. voting in favor of all matters.

Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meetings held on March 14, 2017.

The County Attorney told Council that item A.& B. second reading for ordinances listed on the agenda as follows was ready: **A.** Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 An Ordinance to Approve a utility easement to Grand Strand Water and Sewer to install a water/sewer line over that certain area of the County's old railroad bed property located between Marion and Mullins which is depicted by that certain Easement Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto. **B.** Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 An Ordinance to Approve a Lease Agreement for the charitable organization A Father's Place to lease the former Environmental Services' office building located at 1301 North Main Street in Marion pursuant to the terms of that certain Lease Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto.

The County Attorney told Council that item A. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-02 An Ordinance to Approve a utility easement to Grand Strand Water and Sewer to install a water/sewer line over that certain area of the County's old railroad bed property located between Marion and Mullins which is depicted by that certain Easement Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto was not ready.

The County Attorney told Council that item B. on the agenda; Second Reading of Ordinance #2017-03 An Ordinance to Approve a Lease Agreement for the charitable organization A Father's Place to lease the former Environmental Services' office building located at 1301 North Main Street in Marion pursuant to the terms of that certain Lease Agreement attached hereto and incorporated herein, to authorize the County Administrator to execute the same or to ratify his prior execution of the same, and to authorize all other matters related thereto. Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Smith, seconded by Councilman Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve second reading of Ordinance #2017-03.

There was no report given by Committee #2.

Chairman Collins presented to Council the minutes from Committee #1 which met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, to discuss employee's salaries. It was the recommendation of the committee to the Administrator along with Ms. Katherine Bell to put together RFPs to have a vendor to come in and review the job descriptions and also put together a pay classification plan. Vice Chairperson Smith brought up the responsibilities of the Human Resource Director. She wanted the minutes to reflect that it should be the responsibility of the Human Resource Director to review the applications make sure that the pay ranges and steps are in order then submitted her recommendation to the Administrator for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Shaw, seconded by Vice Chairperson Smith, and carried unanimously, to accept the report from Committee #1 along with the changes.

The County Attorney had nothing to report.

The Deputy Administrator told Council that there were no new updates to report in reference to the Capital Sales Tax.

The Deputy Administrator updated Council on Hurricane Matthew. Mr. Williams reported that the Disaster Case Managers have been hired and accepting applications. At least 60% of the applicants will qualify for assistance. Mr. Williams stated that these funds will be primarily used for low-to-moderate income families. He stated that \$700,000 has been put the in the State budget to be used for recovery expenses associated with the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, including but not limited to, the repairs or replacement of equipment, vehicles and physical infrastructure for the Town of Nichols. He also stated that \$400,000 has been secured through the Marion County Healthcare Foundation. The Marion County Recovery Aid Fund has \$45,728.47 in the bank. Council wanted to know how those funds would be disbursed to the citizens of Marion County. Mr. Williams stated that those funds will be available to applicants that meet the criteria.

The Deputy Administrator told Council that the lease agreement with John Deere regarding the County's motor grader will expire in May. Mr. Williams presented to Council a lease agreement in reference to a Caterpillar Road Plower. He stated that the Road & Bridges Director and the Administrator recommended a lease agreement with Caterpillar. Mr. Williams told Council that the Caterpillar would cost \$200.00 more per month. The sale price is \$214,107 with a sixty (60) month lease at \$2,465.41 per month at a fixed rate of 3.2%. Mr. Williams also mentioned that Caterpillar would train the operators. Chairman Collins, Councilman Foxworth, and Councilman Shaw explained the difference between a Caterpillar motor grader and a John Deere. Motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Councilman Foxworth, and carried unanimously, to accept the lease agreement with Caterpillar.

The Administrator asked Council to table item 12 bids on CST Project- Mullins Fire Station.

Chairman Collins brought up the drainage problem on Capps Corner Road. Mr. Williams stated that he would have the supervisor of Roads & Bridges to check into this said matter. Councilman Shaw stated that Pet Larrimore Road has been washed out for two years. Councilman Troy stated that Middle Road in Nichols has a culvert problem. Chairman Collins stated that a culvert busted on Strawberry Road.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Councilman Troy, seconded by Vice Chairperson Smith, to adjourn the meeting at approximately: 7:55 P.M.

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Buddy Collins, Chairman

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Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council