

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

January 6, 2021 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Al Johnson, Vice-Chair Douglas Curtis, Council Members: Hattie Burns, Bruce E. Rivers, Gerald L. Miller, Ralph E. Watson, William R. Butler, Benjamin Conklin, Jr. and Mary D. Anderson.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Timothy Griffin – Pageland Chamber, Andrew Frick – Sandblast Rally, Christy Gaddy – Clerk of Court, Bryan Harpe – Coroner’s Office, Kip Kiser – Coroner, John James – Coroner’s Office, Marcia Butler, James Thompson, Jane Pigg – The Link/WCRE, Honorable Penry Gustafson, Senator, Chief Deputy Chris Page, Chad Arant – Emergency Management, Kim Burch – CCEDB Director and Robert Monnie – The Link. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

PRESS: Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting, date, time, place of meeting and agenda were posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Offices, 178 Mill Street, Chesterfield, SC, and the County Website (www.chesterfieldcountysc.com). In addition it was made available to the newspapers and concerned citizens (*upon request*). Members of the press present: Robert Monnie – The Link.

CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER

Chairman Johnson welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence in memory of those who have lost their lives due to COVID. Council Member Ralph Watson opened the meeting with prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE

The Honorable Christy Gaddy, Clerk of Court for Chesterfield County, administered the Oath of Office for Council Member Bruce E. Rivers, Council District 1; Council Member Elect Benjamin Conklin, Jr., Council District 5; Council Member Hattie Burns, Council District 6; Council Member Ralph Watson, Council District 7; and Council Member Wm. Rhett Butler, Council District 9.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Council Member Butler made a motion to adopt the January 6, 2021 meeting agenda. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Council Member Rivers made a motion to elect Council Member Johnson as Chair for a two year term. Council Member Watson second the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

Council Member Burns made a motion to elect Council Member Curtis as Vice-Chair for a two year term. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 2, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to approve the December 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senator Penry Gustafson

Gave Council and update on four bills she is sponsoring, S368, S401, S402 and S403. Advised that we really need to encourage people to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Tim Griffin

Gave Council an update on new businesses that were opening in Pageland. Thanked several people for their support.

Kip Kiser

Advised that his intent was not to circumvent any county agency regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Stated he received a call from the hospital advising they had the vaccine and in his occupation, he felt he needed one. Wants to discuss salaries and a vehicle with Council at budget time.

APPOINTMENTS

a. Jane Pigg, The Link/WCRE

Appeared before Council to provide an update on litter pick up and a South Carolina animal adoption program.

b. Andrew Frick – 2020 Sandblast Rally

Appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2021 Sandblast Rally on March 6, 2021. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Anderson made a motion to approve the run of the 2021 Sandblast Rally on March 6, 2021. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

c. Chad Arant – COVID-19 Update

Appeared before Council and gave an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine.

d. James T. Thompson – Assessor’s Office

Appeared before Council concerning the Assessor’s Office.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property from Robert Hall (TMS#30-1) – Public Hearing

Council Member Watson made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

There were no oral comments from the public made nor were any written comments received.

Council Member Watson made a motion to close the public hearing. Council Member Conklin seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS

a. Ordinance Authorizing Purchase of Property from Robert Hall (TMS#30-1) – 3rd Reading

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 3rd Reading. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Animal Services Committee – Committee Chair Curtis

Committee Chair Curtis advised that it the recommendation of the Animal Services Committee that the County enter into a Contract with Brent Ellison Glenn, DVM for veterinarian services. A copy of the Contract was presented to Council prior to the meeting.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to enter into a Contract with Brent Ellison Glenn, DVM for veterinarian services. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF

a. Surplus Property – Public Works Department - Eubanks

Mr. Eubanks advised that the Road Department has requested that Council declare a 2013 Blanchard Bush Cutter Serial # (last five digits) 59022 as surplus property so that it may be removed from inventory and sold pursuant to the County Procurement Policy.

Council Member Butler made a motion to declare the 2013 Blanchard Bush Cutter Serial # (last five digits) 59022 as surplus property and authorize the sale of the same pursuant to the County Procurement Policy. Council Member Miller seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Eubanks advised that the County would be receiving UTC funds from Lynches River in the amount of \$195,000 and that this would offset the \$90,000 the County used for Project Model.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Johnson: Advised that the Mayor's Political Update was going to be held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. and that, due to COVID-19 concerns to limit the size of the group, only the Mayors and Administrators were being invited. He had advised that he would be attending along with Administrator Eubanks. Dinner will not be served this year. Thanked everyone for their calls and prayers during his sickness with COVID and about a drug he received the day after testing positive that he felt really helped him.

Council Member Anderson: Advised she knew a little bit about the drug and that it was a manmade antibody and there's certain criteria you had to meet in order to get it, such as underlying health conditions, being over 65 years of age and certain BMI levels. She stated there is a time frame in which you have to get the drug after testing positive for it to be effective. It is supposed to lessen your symptoms.

Council Member Butler: Asked if anyone was enforcing the no-thru trucks Resolution for Teals Mill Road. He advised big trucks were still using the road.

Vice-Chair Curtis: Advised that the mask requirement ordinance would be expiring soon.

There was some discussion regarding the mask requirement ordinance.

ADJOURN

Council Member Butler made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

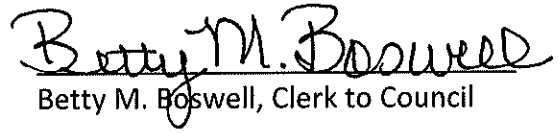
APPROVED:



Al Johnson, Chairman

Date: February 3, 2021

ATTEST:



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council