

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**January 8, 2020 ..... 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, Ben Teal and Mary D. Anderson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tim Eubanks – Administrator, Betty M. Boswell – Clerk to Council/Administration Office Manager, Michelle Stanley – Finance Director, Lisa Gainey – Human Resource Director, C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney/Assistant Administrator, Timothy Griffin – Pageland Chamber, Adam Foard, Jeff Field – Sandblast Rally, Andrew Frick – Sandblast Rally, Lonnie Roberts, Beth Wicker, Willie Merriman, Nancy Merriman, Delphenia Rollins – Cheraw NAACP, Helen Palmer – Cheraw NAACP, Jennifer Johnston, Sarah Lisenby – Chesterfield County Democratic Party, Jim Lisenby – Chesterfield County Democratic Party, Rose Gainey – Public Works, Susie Jordan - Assessor, Damien Shields – Sheriff’s Department, Kevin Thurman - Voter Registration and Elections, Lisa Beam – Administration, Sylvester Merriman – Brocks Mill Precinct, Honorable Paul Burch – Circuit Court, Jason Evans – Mayor, Town of Pageland, Shane Hancock – Pageland Town Council, Harold Hutto – Pageland Town Council, Cecil Kimrey, Pageland, Town Administrator, Ruthie Tarlton, Irene Cole – Chesterfield Democratic Party, Hester Ellerbee – Cheraw NAACP, Vivian Gilbert – Chesterfield Democratic Party, Dave Gilbert – Chesterfield Democratic Party 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](http://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 Council Member Gerald L. Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Teal made a motion to adopt the January 8, 2020 meeting agenda. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**a. Employee Length-of-Service Recognition**

Staff has implemented a Service Recognition Program that is designed to honor the County’s Employees. The program will recognize years of service beginning at five years and following in five year increments. The following employees were recognized and presented with their Certificates:

<b><u>Employee</u></b>	<b><u>Department</u></b>	<b><u>Number of Years</u></b>
Damien Shields	Sheriff’s Department	5 Years
Lisa Beam	Administration Office	10 Years
Susie Boswell	Administration Office	10 Years
Rose Gainey	Public Works	10 Years
Jennifer Johnston	Assessor’s Office	10 Years
Jennifer Vaughn	Sheriff’s Office	15 Years
Catherine Caulder	Veteran’s Office	20 Years
Susie Jordan	Assessor	35 Years

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. December 4, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

Council Member Rivers made a motion to approve the December 4, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. December 18, 2019 – Special Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the December 18, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Butler seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the December 18, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. December 30, 2019 – Special Meeting**

Council Member Burns made a motion to approve the December 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Curtis did not vote, as he was not present at the December 30, 2019 meeting. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Sylvester Merriman, Brocks Mill Precinct Captain:** Appeared before Council to request a meeting room in the Brock’s Mill precinct to be provided for the precinct committee.

**Amanda Hough, Commander, American Legion Post 74:**

Appeared before Council to show appreciation for the council members that came out for the Veterans Day Parade and to thank council for all they do for veterans.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**a. Andrew Frick – 2020 Sandblast Rally**

Appeared before Council seeking the approval of Council to run the annual 2020 Sandblast Rally on February 29, 2020. This event is run each year in Chesterfield County with the approval of Council to use certain County Roads.

Council Member Butler made a motion to approve the run of the 2020 Sandblast Rally on February 29, 2020. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Kevin Thurman, Voter Registration and Elections**

Appeared before Council requesting an additional employee. Chairman Johnson referred this request to the Finance Committee.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Lease-Purchase Agreement Ordinance (Sheriff's Vehicles) – Public Hearing**

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Council Member Watson 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.

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

**ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**a. Lease Purchase Agreement Ordinance (Sheriff's Vehicles) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Miller made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**b. Flood Prevention Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Burns made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Vice-Chair Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**c. Project Season Incentive and MCP Ordinance – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Butler made a motion to pass 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**d. Zoning Ordinance Amendment (Residential Solar) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, by title only**

Council Member Teal made a motion to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, *by title only*. Council Member Burns seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

**a. Funding Request from Town of Pageland (Sewer Project) – Rivers**

Council Member Rivers advised that Council received a letter dated December 20, 2019 from Mayor Jason Evans, Town of Pageland, requesting funding in the amount of \$200,000 on behalf of the Town of Pageland to assist with the upgrade of the town’s sewer system. Council Member Rivers asked Mr. Cecil Kimrey, Administrator of the Town of Pageland, to speak on this matter. Mr. Kimrey briefed Council on the upgrade of the town’s sewer system.

There was discussion regarding this request.

Vice-Chair Curtis made a motion to grant the request of the Town of Pageland for funding in the amount of \$200,000 to assist with the upgrade of the town’s sewer system. Council Member Watson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

**a. Bid Award – Lease Purchase Agreement (Sheriff’s Vehicles) – Stanley**

Ms. Stanley advised that a Request for Proposals was issued and were due back on December 18, 2019. Staff received the two following proposals:

- 1) First Citizens Bank & Trust Company with an interest rate of 2.70%
- 2) BB& T with an interest rate of 2.39%.

Upon request from our bond attorney, staff recommends that the proposal from BB&T be accepted.

Council Member Burns made a motion to accept the proposal of BB&T at a rate of 2.39%. Council Member Rivers seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Administrator Eubanks advised he had nothing at this time.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS**

**Vice-Chair Curtis:** Stated that he would like to renew his commitment to be as good of a council member as he can be. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Council Member Rivers:** Stated he would like to echo what Vice-Chair Curtis had to say and that it was honor to serve with each council member.

**ADJOURN**

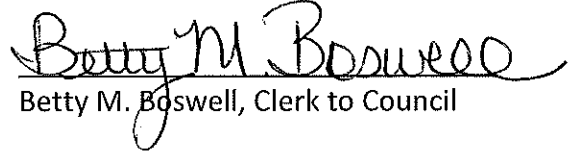
Council Member Rivers made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Teal seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**



Al Johnson, Chairman  
Date: February 5, 2020



Betty M. Boswell, Clerk to Council