

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY; NOVEMBER 5, 2012; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HAMPTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
200 JACKSON AVENUE, EAST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 5, 2012, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, Hampton County Administration Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Hugh B. Gray, Chairman; Christopher B. Haulsee, Charles H. "Buddy" Phillips, Vice Chairman and Shedron Williams. Staff present: Sabrena P. Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Michael DeWitt, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Chairman Gray gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gray.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Williams, to approve the Consent Agenda:

3.1.1 October 15, 2012 County Council Meeting Minutes

and the November 5, 2012 Hampton County Council Meeting Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There were no public hearing(s).

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

There were no public comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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The minutes were approved under the Consent Agenda.

PRESENTATION(S)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY ADMINISTRATOR SABRENA GRAHAM TO MR. KENNETH WILLIAMS FOR HEROISM AND BRAVERY:

Mrs. Graham, County Administrator, presented to Mr. Kenneth Williams a certificate of recognition and a token of appreciation for acts of heroism and bravery in the protection and safety of his fellow workers.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY MRS. ROSA ORR, E-911, CHIEF DISPATCHER, TO MR. KENNETH WILLIAMS FOR HEROISM AND BRAVERY:

Mrs. Orr presented to Mr. Kenneth Williams a plaque for his accomplishment in certification and in recognition of his acts of heroism and bravery in the protection and safety of his fellow dispatchers from the President of the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO).

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLETION OF LEVEL I TRAINING FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Chairman Gray presented Sheriff T. C. Smalls and Council Member Shedron D. Williams their certificates.

APPOINTMENT(S) TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

There were no resolution(s).

ORDINANCE(S)

There were no ordinance(s).

BID(S)

AWARDING BID FOR EMS (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE) MOBILE HOME BASE:

Mr. Mike Meyer, Finance Director, came before council to present bid. Mr. Meyer stated that only one bid was received for the mobile home for the Emergency Medical Service Base. The bid was from Clayton Homes in the amount of \$29,999 (Twenty-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine

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dollars). Mr. Meyer reported that the bid met the specifications that the county set forth. The funds to purchase the mobile home are to come from the contingency fund. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #1 – Bid)

AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORK IN THE ESTILL INDUSTRIAL PARK:

Ms. Sandy Fowler came before council to present the bid. She reported that Hampton County needs the services of an engineering firm to design, coordinate and oversee the work being done on the water and sewer lines and road in the Estill Industrial Park to accommodate the LDH/ECI Energy's project. Ms. Fowler reported that they received seven responses. The responses received were reviewed, scored and ranked. Council was presented with the rankings. Ms. Fowler recommended that council contract with the firm that had the highest ranking. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to award the bid to the contract for engineering services for the infrastructure work in the Estill Industrial Park to Hussey, Gay, Bell in the amount of \$37,500 (thirty-seven, five hundred dollars) to be paid from the South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant and the CTC Funds as awarded, Motion carried unanimously. (See Attachment #2 – Bid for Contract)

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING(S)

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE (CHAIRMAN GRAY):

Chairman Gray gave his update. (See Attachment #3)

COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION POINT(S):

There were no discussion point(s).

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Coroner's Vehicle

Chairman Gray reported that the Coroner came before council at the last meeting, because he struck a deer while answering a call in his personal vehicle. After researching the matter, Council was informed that public money cannot be used on a private vehicle. It is not a legal use of public money. He stated that council would like to thank the County Administrator and the County Attorney was researching the matter. Council had a lengthy discussion regarding the coroner requesting a purchase order and being denied to purchase sirens and lights and having the work performed without a purchase order and other matters regarding the vehicle request. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee for the Coroner to be informed that the county cannot pay for anything on his vehicle that was wrecked and to return the vehicle he's using now and to use the van and for him to properly clean the van as required by DHEC regulations and that the back-up vehicle be added to the pool. Motion fails for a second. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to inform the Coroner that the county cannot provide funding on a private vehicle and cannot legally make repairs on a private vehicle. Motion carried unanimously. The County Administrator will advise the Coroner. **Moved** by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips for the purpose of discussion, to that the vehicle furnished to the Coroner go back in the pool to the County as a back-up vehicle and if the vehicle is down that he can sign it out. Council Members Haulsee and Phillips voted in favor, and Council Members Gray and Williams voted against. The motion failed for the lack of a majority. The Coroner will retain the vehicle as a back-up vehicle.

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Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Gray that the county not be held responsible for the lights and siren, but can be paid for out of the Coroner's budget if funds are available. Motion carried with Council Members Gray, Phillips and Haulsee. Council Member Williams voted against.

PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET BOOK:

Mr. Meyers came before council and presented the Annual Budget Book. He stated that the book is to be submitted to GFOA. He thanked Ms. Connie Schroyer and all the department heads for their contribution to the book.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Haulsee, seconded by Council Member Phillips, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman Gray adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p. m.