

MINUTES OF BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

- June 9, 2014

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Bamberg County Council met 6:00 p.m., June 9, 2014, in the courtroom of the Bamberg County Courthouse. **Present:** Chairman Larry Haynes, Councilwoman Alzena Robinson, Councilmen Joe Guess, Jr., Trent Kinard, Clint Carter, and Rev. Isaiah Odom. **Absent:** Councilman Evert Comer, Jr. **Others Present:** Administrator Joey R. Preston, T.M. Thomas, Richard Ness, Gina Humphreys, Ed Darnell, Alice Johnson, Mallory Biering, Ron Moulder, Cynthia McMillan, Mr. McMillan, Caroline Samuel and Ezekiel Mayes.

Bamberg County Council meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Haynes at 6:00 p.m., in the Bamberg County Courtroom. The invocation was rendered by Councilman Clint Carter, followed with the pledge of allegiance by Councilman Isaiah Odom.

On motion by Councilman Odom, seconded by Councilperson Robinson, the agenda was approved by council.

Prior approval of second reading of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget, a motion was offered that the budget be amended to change the travel amount for council members from the proposed \$2,500 back to \$1,500. Due to the vote being tied, the motion failed. In favor of motion: Councilman Haynes, Councilman Odom and Councilperson Robinson. Opposed the motion: Councilman Kinard, Councilman Carter and Council Guess. On motion by Councilperson Robinson, seconded by Councilman Odom, council approved second reading of an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Bamberg County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 2015, and to make appropriations for such Bamberg County budgets for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Bamberg County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Bamberg County maturing during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Bamberg County.

Administrator Preston reminded the council that their photographs are needed so that they can be included in budget booklet.

During comments from council, Councilperson Robinson asked that a letter be written to the Bamberg County Recreation Committee informing them that the procedure used to evaluate the applications for recreation groups will be changed for next fiscal year.

Also, during public comments Ezekiel Mays requested the county take a look at Mays Road and that they provide some maintenance to the road. Eula Mae George, a resident of Reddish Road and

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Carolina Samuel of Goodland Road asked that road maintenance be provided for the citizens living on those roads. County Administrator Preston will do an investigation of the listed roads given.

There being no further business for discussion, on motion by Councilperson Robinson, seconded by Councilman Kinard the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose R. Shepherd, CCC