

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Called Meeting - July 25, 1986 - 5:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A CALLED MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JULY 25, 1986 AT 5:00 P.M.  
IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN HAROLD E. BEEBE PRESIDED.

PRESENT

James M. "Jimmy" Cox, Jr., District #1  
David L. Hooper, District #2  
Robert L. Wiles, District #3  
Chairman Harold E. Beebe, District #5  
David Watson, Administrator  
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4  
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney

Mr. Beebe called the meeting to order and Councilman Robert L. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Hooper explained the bond market and changes in Federal laws and also the purchasing of the Gardisette Building on Highway 24. He then asked Mr. Rusty Burns to present first reading of Ordinance #206 authorizing the issuance and sale of \$6,500,000 general obligation bonds for the purpose of providing a portion of the costs of purchasing, renovating and equipping a civic center for Anderson County. He then moved that the ordinance be approved on first reading to secure the county's option of general obligation bonds for the purchase of a civic center. He said this would allow time to further study this building for a civic center. Mr. Beebe seconded the motion. Mr. Cox asked to recess for ten minutes to allow him to discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Civic Center, John Ginn. Mr. Beebe agreed. Mr. Beebe called the meeting back to order. Mr. Cox said he would vote in favor just to keep the option "alive". Mr. Wiles explained that he thought the county was rushing into this and he had not received a report from the Civic Center Authority and at this time would move to table for further study. His motion died from lack of second. Mr. Wiles stated the following reasons he opposed the issue for public record.

1. The building has no design for a civic center.
2. Highway 24 is only a two (2) lane road and would cause traffic problems.
3. Parking space/destroy the landscaping making parking
4. No way to direct foot-traffic through the building for more than the 150 employees it was designed for.
5. The room assumed to be the auditorium, has a flat floor with 10' ceilings & would be almost impossible to see someone on stage; therefore, an arena would have to be built out back.
6. Money would have to be spent on acoustics.
7. The cost? Who owns it and who is handling it?
8. We would have to tax the people to pay for it and tax the people to renovate it.

Mr. Cox has some of the same reservations and thinks that the people should have a vote on it, but at this time he would vote to keep it "alive" and would reserve his right to change his mind also. Vote on the motion was three in favor (Hooper, Cox, Beebe) and one opposed (Wiles). Mr. Rhodes was absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Cox moved by Resolution #341 to study the fee system for Solid Waste in three months and at that time if the fees exceed the projected amount, he would move to adjust/reduce them. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Beebe discussed the new pay system (26 pay periods) and the appearance of a reduced check. He suggested that the county give one day pay back to the county employees and if the budget comes up short in June, 1987 the employee will have received all their compensation. Council discussed with county deputies present, then recessed for 10 minutes. Mr. Cox moved to return to the 24 pay period schedule with apologies to David Watson. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Wiles read a policy statement prepared by Mike Mullinax. He said he assumed that the document was interpreting or quoting a policy and was unable to find such a policy. He moved that the County Administrator look into it and then ask the County Attorney to explain at which time changes will be made if needed. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns presented third and final reading of Ordinance #203 approving the Enhanced 911 telephone system for Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Burns asked for approval of bids for equipment parts for Solid Waste. The low bid was recommended from Blanchard for \$9,738.75. Mr. Beebe moved that the bid be accepted and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Council heard from concerned citizens.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, all the appropriate news media were contacted regarding this special called meeting.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk  
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