

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 17, 1991 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on December 17, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. in the Anderson County Chambers. Chairman Mike Holden presided.

PRESENT

Bob Waldrep - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
David Watson - County Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Holden moved to approve the December 3, 1991 minutes as mailed. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden recognized Mr. Jimmy Chastain as "Tooper of the Year" with a plaque. Mr. Holden presented family members of Marvin Mattison with a plaque remembering him for his great contribution to Anderson County. Mr. Watson presented the Mattison family his Certification from the International Cities and Countys Managers program.

Mr. Tom Martin asked Mr. Les Jensen and Mr. Felton Durham to come forward. Mr. Martin presented Resolution #611 recognizing and commending Mr. Jensen and Mr. Durham for there extraordinary efforts to rescue the family pet of an Anderson County family from a life threatening situation. Mr. Holden moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Lillie Wilson presented a petition regarding the high sewer rates in Chambert Forest. The area is serviced by a private company (United Utilities of Columbia), she said. Mr. Banister suggested that the County Attorney write a letter to the company or check with the Public Service Commission. Council agreed. The petition was received as information.

Mr. Stephen Crawford reported that the Anderson County Action Plan Task Force met to narrow down the Anderson County Motto which will accompany

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the county logo on all government publications. He asked Council to make the final decision on the selection; passed out the three choices and requested a response as soon as possible.

Mr. Crawford presented a request from Hanna High School to assist with the irrigation system on the practice field at the new high school. Mr. Hooper moved to appropriate \$2,500.00 from District #2 - Special Projects funds for this request. Mr. Banister seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford asked for Council's approval on the first phase of the County Farm Pond Park Project which would be primarily an asphalt walking path. The grant is a 80-20% match and the total cost would be around \$20,000. The County would have to come up with \$6,000 of which the Sheriff has offered assistance with. Mr. Allgood moved to approve the project and appropriate \$5,000 from District #4 - Rural Assistance fund to help with the funding and Mr. Waldrep seconded the motion. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Banister). Mr. Banister said he opposed using the county land for a park.

Sheriff Gene Taylor presented Ordinance #346 making it unlawful to willfully discharge a firearm in the unincorporated area of Anderson County within three hundred feet of a dwelling place, business, school, church, or any commonly recognized public gathering place, such as a campground or picnic area. Council heard from several citizens opposing the proposed ordinance. After a long discussion, Mr. Waldrep suggested that the ordinance be referred to the County Attorney to work with the Sheriff on the suggested changes. Mr. Holden suggested that the regulations be enforced in subdivisions and Mr. Banister agreed. Council received as information.

Sheriff Taylor presented Council a proposed budget for a D.A.R.E. Officer (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) a program developed to help prevent future drug and alcohol abuse problems. He said the State would contribute \$40,000 and the County would need to contribute 12-13 thousand dollars. The fourth year the County would be responsible for 100% funding. The state needs an answer by January 11th. Mr. Holden asked that this be placed on the January 7th agenda for action.

Mr. Ed Allgood moved to appropriate \$2,500 from his special projects to help roof part of the Senior Citizens Building in Pendleton. Mr. Waldrep seconded and vote was unanimous. The contractor doing the work is James Butler.

Mr. Allgood moved that the \$753 overrun on the wet well at the Clemson Quadrant be replaced in the Sewer Authority's budget from the Contingency Fund. Mr. Waldrep seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Hooper said that the YMCA requested \$15,000 for funding in the 1991-1992 budget but was not funded in the budget. He then moved that Council appropriate the money needed. District #1, #4 and #5 will contribute \$2,500 each toward the request, and District #2 will

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appropriate \$7,500 for a total of \$15,000 for the YMCA. (District #3 has no funds available.) Mr. Allgood seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson introduced Resolution #612 supporting a Community Development Block Grant application for SBP Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$250,000. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Watson requested that Council authorize the expenditure of money, as budgeted in the bond issue, for the purchase of the IBM 400 computer. The County is approaching the deadline on the bond issue. The purchase not to exceed \$491,000. Mr. Allgood suggested that the Purchasing Department bid out the purchase. Mr. Banister moved to allow the purchase as requested and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Council discussed. Mrs. Gail King explained the IBM 400 and the need for the new system. Mr. Hooper said that his concern was the promises that IBM made prior to the purchase of the first computer. Vote was four in favor on one opposed (Allgood).

Mr. J.R. McClure asked for permission to regulate the time of the County Transfer Stations with Eastern and Daylight Saving time. They would close at 6 p.m. during Eastern Standard time and close at 7 p.m. during Daylight Savings time. Mr. McClure also asked that a dirt road off Five Forks Road and also M & M Drive in District #4 be accepted into the County system, provided that residents sign a 50' right-of-way. He also asked that dirt roads in Cobbs Glen Country Club be upgraded and accepted into the County system. Mr. Holden asked that due to humanitarian reasons, a road off Seneca Drive be maintained under those provisions. Mr. Hooper moved to approve all roads into the system as discussed and approve the change in time of the transfer stations. Mr. Allgood seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. McClure asked that two recycling drop-off-stations be set up in District #1 & #4. Mr. Banister moved to allow and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson asked that the phones on the courthouse square be restricted to out going calls only. Council agreed.

Mr. Watson asked that the Purchasing Department be directed to purchase 10 acoustic panels for the new courtroom. The estimated amount needed is 10 and the cost not to exceed \$4,140.00 which has been requested by the Courthouse Authority. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Mr. Waldrep asked that the minutes of the Commission be researched as to the reason the panels were not installed at construction time to be properly built. Discussion followed. Mr. Banister moved to amend the motion that Mr. Crowe look into the purchasing the panels at a cheaper price. Mr. Waldrep seconded and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

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Mr. Watson announced that the 1991 time capsule dedication would be Sunday, December 29 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Tom Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #345 pertaining to open burning in Anderson County. The ordinance amends the existing ordinance (#310) by adding the following sentence "Such ban will continue in effect until lifted or amended by Resolution adopted by Anderson County Council declaring the end of such ban or the modification of such ban." and the parenthetical clause in Section 4 of Ordinance #310 would be changed to read "(not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) dollars fine or thirty (30) days imprisonment.)" Mr. Banister moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Mr. Banister suggested that the County empower the County Fire Marshall with the ability to declare a ban when needed. Mr. Martin will add in the ordinance prior to second reading. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented second reading of Ordinance #342 establishing procedures for Anderson County public bodies to comply with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented Resolution #609 granting an easement to Mr. William Hicks who wishes to channel water onto Anderson County property at no expense to and with no liability to Anderson County. Mr. Banister moved to approve Resolution #609 and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented second reading of Ordinance #343 amending the existing Mental Retardation Board ordinance. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented Resolution #613 commissioning of certain named law enforcement officers (Robin Leopard and Leslie Jensen - Animal Shelter). Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin asked for an executive session to discuss two legal matters and one matter concerning litigation. Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session for the reasons stated at (9:15 p.m) and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 11:15 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin explained that Council discussed six contractual matters, two personnel matters and three legal matters during the executive session.

Mr. Martin asked for action on one contractual matter, presented by the County Engineer in executive session, concerning pending contracts dealing with acquisitions by the County. The County Engineer recommended certain dollar figures. Mr. Holden moved to authorize the

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County Engineer to continue negotiations up to the dollar figures discussed and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrep moved to approve first reading (Ordinance #347) of the refinancing of the 10 Million Dollar General Obligation Civic Center bonds. The plan approved would reduce the millage over a period of time, reduce the total payment period by one year and save approximately 2.1 million dollars. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to authorize the hiring of a receptionist by the Chief Magistrate for his departments and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Allgood moved to approve the purchase of trash compactors as presented by Mr. Jack Crowe. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin requested that Council approve, by motion, a general statement that Council intends to comply with all court orders and to pay all of its obligations but desires that the legal rights that the County is entitled be utilized. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the statement and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Mr. Brantley Jordan, a concerned citizen.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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