

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 21, 1984 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
Robert L. Wiles, Chairman

M I N U T E S

PRESENT: Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, County Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 7, 1984 minutes as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 14, 1984 minutes as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal gave the road maintenance activity report for the period February 7 thru February 17, 1984. The department received 290 work orders and completed 241. He stated the sign machine had been rewired and is now in operation. The new guard rails are presently being installed on the Airline Road. Mr. O'Neal presented a budget amendment (Ordinance #132) for approval on first reading. Council discussed the appropriation included in this ordinance for delinquent tax collection. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted three in favor and two opposed adopting Ordinance #132 on first reading. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Gilreath voted in favor of the ordinance. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes opposed.

Mr. O'Neal presented a request from the Director of the Recreation Commission to transfer \$1,500 from 540.17 (fuel & oil) to 540.65 (consulting & contractual services) for the purchase of eight basketball goals. This would be within the Recreation Commission's budget. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. O'Neal asked Council for permission to transfer \$4,000 within the Road Maintenance's budget from code 17 (fuel & oil) to acct. #310.31 (small hand tools). On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the transfer as requested.

Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for ten (10) patrol cars for the sheriff's department. He recommended the low bid from the State for a grand total of \$93,307.55. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Watson explained sealed bids on one (1) ½ ton pickup truck for road maintenance.

He recommended the Council go with the state price, which is the low bid of \$7,191.26. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Watson explained sealed bids from four vendors for a backhoe for road maintenance. He explained the low bid from S.C. Tractor & Equipment Company for \$22,682.40 would seem most advantageous to the County and would be his recommendation. He stated the backhoe had been demonstrated and seemed to be a good piece of equipment. Council heard from the Anderson Ford Tractor representative and from the representative of S.C. Tractor & Equipment Company. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted four in favor and one against purchasing the backhoe from Anderson Ford Tractor. Mr. Lynch, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiles and Mr. Gilreath voted in favor with Mr. Alexander opposing.

Magistrate Whitfield came before Council asking that they consider funding two (2) ministerial magistrates to be available from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. for \$8,500 per year. Approximately \$6,000 would be needed from now until July 1. On the motion of Mr. Lynch seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to accept Magistrate Whitfield's request.

Mr. Trey Senn asked Council to approve and sign the agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to locate the flight service station in Anderson. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Mr. Wright, County Attorney, presented second reading of Ordinance #129 (Building Permits) for Council's consideration. Mr. Alexander made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Rhodes offered an amendment to the Ordinance to include: "Before any person shall be issued a building permit by the Assessor, a statement must be issued by the Anderson County Treasurer verifying that all taxes to date have been paid in full. No building permit shall be issued without such a statement." Mr. Lynch seconded the amendment. Vote was unanimous. Vote on original motion was unanimous.

Mr. Wright read Ordinance #131 (Position of County Attorney) for consideration on second reading. Mr. Wiles moved that the Ordinance be adopted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Mr. Lynch made a motion to amend the ordinance to include the position and duties only. This was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Vote was two (2) in favor, three (3) against. Amendment was defeated. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted in favor. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander, & Mr. Gilreath voted against the motion. Council continued to discuss the ordinance. Mr. Gilreath made a motion to end the debate. This was seconded by Mr. Alexander. Vote was three in favor and two opposed. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander voted in favor and Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted against. Vote on the original motion was three for and two against. Ordinance was approved on second reading by majority vote. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander voted for the motion. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted against the motion.

Mr. Wiles read a letter of resignation from T. Ree McCoy from the Airport Commission. Mr. Wiles at this time, nominated Mr. Bobby Hanks. Mr. Lynch nominated Mr. Mel Jewel. Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. Drew Pickens and Dr. Joe Yarbrough. Vote for Mr. Hanks was three (Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander). Mr. Jewel received two, which was Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch. Mr. Pickens and Dr. Yarbrough each received one vote coming from Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Hanks was appointed to the Airport Commission by majority vote.

Mr. Wiles nominated Mrs. Rachel Fowler to the Recreation Commission. Vote was un-animous.

Mr. Wiles nominated Mr. Don Holmes to the Beautification Commission. Vote was un-animous.

Council heard a request from the Anderson County Municipal Association requesting that a resolution (#214) be adopted for a tax equity study. This was presented to Council by Mayor Marion Middleton. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to ask the Appalachian Council of Governments to conduct the study as requested.

Mr. Gilreath explained House Bill #2646 to raise the state homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to endorse this bill and urge the General Assembly to pass it.

Mr. Olin Saylor came before Council asking for action against crime. He thought that Council put priorities in the wrong place when they adopted Ordinance #126 (Open Containers). On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to direct the attorney to check into stricter fines and to draw up an ordinance with these suggestions.

Mr. Lynch informed Council that he intended to investigate the disappearance of certain pertinent tax notices.

Council heard from concerned citizens.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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