

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Formal Meeting - November 21, 1978 - 7:00 P.M.
C. Edward Poore - Presiding

M I N U T E S

Chairman - C. Edward Poore
Members - Joseph G. Wright, III
Fred H. Bratcher
Samuel S. Gerrard
Daniel A. Rhodes

Mr. Poore called the meeting to order and Mr. Wright gave the invocation.

Mr. Hooper was unable to attend.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 1978, meeting as mailed.

Mr. Vernon Saunders discussed the November General Election and the ballot for School District #5 Board of Trustees. Mr. Lusk advised Mr. Saunders that this matter is under the supervision of the Anderson County Election Commission. Mr. Poore asked Mr. Lusk to check with the Anderson County Election Commission and make sure that Mr. Saunders' voting rights were protected.

Mr. Hehn stated that he had been asked by Mr. Crider to request permission to hire four additional appraisers for the Assessor's office effective September 22, 1978. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to authorize the hiring of four appraisers with the understanding that additional funds would be provided on third reading of the proposed amendment to the 1978-79 fiscal year budget.

Mr. Hehn presented sealed bids for galvanized steel pipe. On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to award the bid for galvanized steel pipe to Mid-State Drainage Products in the amount of \$6,966.21.

Mr. Lusk presented a proposed Ordinance authorizing the issue of general obligation bonds for road construction. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted three to one to adopt the Ordinance on second reading. Councilmen Rhodes, Gerrard, and Bratcher voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Wright voted against the motion.

Mr. Brent Jeffcoat discussed a proposed Resolution authorizing an Assistance Agreement with Oriental Rugs of Anderson, Inc. Mr. Trey Senn discussed the company's plans to construct an 80,000 square foot facility. Attorney Bob Waldrop, representing residents of the Highway 81 North area, presented area residents' concerns about the industry's plans to locate near their homes. Mr. Senn stated that Oriental Rugs does have an option for 27 to 28 acres of land at the intersection of Highway 81 and Dunlap Road and an option on a second site at another location. Mr. Senn stated that Oriental Rugs should announce their plans on Thursday or Friday of this week.

Mr. Jack Williamston pleaded with County Council to keep Highway 81 a residential area. Mr. Bob Haynie asked Council if other sites were being considered and other individuals expressed their concern about the industry locating close to Camp Lou Ann. Mr. Jack Williamston asked if the Planning and Development Board or any of its members held the option on the track of land under consideration as an industrial site at the corner of Highway 81 and Dunlap Road. Mr. Senn stated that the option to the site was held by Oriental Rugs of Anderson, Inc.

Mr. Jeffcoat read the Resolution authorizing the Assistance Agreement with Oriental Rugs of Anderson, Inc. Mr. Wright suggested that Council delay any action on the matter until Oriental Rugs had announced their decision about where the industry would be located. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted three to one to adopt the Resolution. Councilmen Rhodes, Gerrard, and Bratcher voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Wright voted against the motion.

A public hearing was held to receive comments concerning a proposed enlargement of Homeland Park Water District boundaries to include Meadow Park Subdivision. There were no comments. On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Bratcher, Council voted unanimously to authorize the enlargement.

A public hearing was held to receive comments concerning a proposed amendment to the 1978-79 budget. Mr. Archie Morgan, Director of Crisis Ministries appealed to Council to reconsider his agency's request for funding. There were no other comments.

Mr. Norman Garrison and other residents of the Powdersville Community asked Council to provide the Sheriff's Department with adequate personnel to man a deputy headquarters building in the Powdersville Community. Mr. Garrison and several residents from the Powdersville Community stated that they would incur the cost of building the facility if Council would provide the manpower. Mr. Danny Miller, Mr. Heyward Ballard, and Mr. Ken Barr all spoke on behalf of the project. Mr. Poore stated that Council would receive their request as information and asked Mr. Garrison to come before County Council again on December 5, 1978 at 9 a.m.

A resident of the Booker Street area asked Council to do whatever they could to correct drainage problems and erect street name signs along Booker and Susan Streets. Mr. Poore stated he would have the County Engineer investigate the matter.

County Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marc Hehn, Temporary Clerk to County Council