

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 4, 1983 - 9:00 a.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

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

The Honorable Judge Walter T. Cox, Jr. gave the newly elected Councilmembers the oath of office and declared that all were duly sworn in and constituted the official County Council in the County of Anderson.

Mr. Watson was asked to serve as temporary chairperson until a chairman could be elected. Rev. Jack Davis of the Middleton Baptist Church opened with a word of prayer. Everyone stood and had the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Watson distributed the ballots for the election of a chairman. The majority of the votes indicated that Mr. Gilreath was elected as chairman. Mr. Gilreath announced that the votes were three for Mr. Gilreath and two for Mr. Lynch. The ballots were distributed for the election of a vice chairman. The majority of the votes indicated that Mr. Lynch was elected as vice chairman, receiving three votes. Mr. Rhodes received two votes.

Mr. Rhodes moved that the terms of chairman and vice chairman be for one year with the vice chairman moving up to chairman and a new vice chairman being elected at that time. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Vote was two in favor and three opposed. Motion was defeated three to two.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously that the chairman shall vote on all issues.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted two in favor and three opposed appointing Mr. Calhoun Pruitt, Sr. as the County Attorney.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted three in favor and two opposed employing Attorney Joey Wright as County Attorney for a \$50 hourly rate and all revenues from bond issues going into the general fund. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted against the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted two in favor and three opposed that Mr. Wright's tenure employment be on a six month basis and the bond money going back into the general fund of the County.

Mr. Lynch amended the motion to state that in the event the County went to a full time attorney it would be discussed to see if Mr. Wright would be available on a full time basis. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rhodes. Council voted two in favor and three opposed.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to appoint Mr. David Watson as interim County Administrator.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 21, 1982 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Donald Rice of Whitner Drive presented Council with a petition to resurface Whitner Drive. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to receive the petition as a matter of information and that the appropriate Councilman for the district and the County Engineer get together and check out the situation and report the findings at the next meeting.

Mr. Fred Dobbins explained that a number of people in the County that was eligible for the special assessment rate did not sign up. He asked Council to reaffirm what the last Council did. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to reopen the filing period until January 15 for homestead, agriculture, and homeowners form applications. To clarify the motion, Mr. Wiles amended it to include January 15. The amendment was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Trey Senn asked Council to approve Ordinance #104 (adjusting the boundary lines in district #5) on second reading. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted four in favor with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for asphalt to be picked up at plant for patching. He stated the bids were: Sloan Construction Co. - \$21.15 per ton, Pickens Construction Company - \$21.75 per ton, and Thrift Brothers - \$20.90 per ton for the period: January, 1983. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to purchase from the plant most advantageous to the County (the closest plant at the time of the need).

At this time, Council heard from everyone wishing to speak.

Mr. William. Everly requested that work begin again at the Morningside Park. Ms. Beatrice Cole asked for a PA system in the Council's chambers. Ms. Betty Rice asked Council to do something about the bushes at Southwood Swim Center. The Chairman asked Mr. Walters to be the contact person on the request. Other remarks were heard.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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