

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - May 5, 1998 - 6:00 P.M.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

**ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH
GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.**

PRESENT

**G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, May 5, 1998 - 6:00 p.m.

Mr. William A. Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Floyd welcomed the group and everyone was invited to come back.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the April 21, 1998 meeting with one amendment. Bottom of page 1; last two words on the page: change from *Fire Department* to *Rescue Squad*. (Correction has been made).

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to moved agenda item #6 (a) to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Tolly presented Resolution #R98-023 - a resolution extending Amanda Jill Bryant appreciation for her having placed third in the American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest.

Council Members presented the following 1998 Governor's Poster Contest winners a certificate for their outstanding achievement. B.J. Walker, Casey Reeves, Jon Michael Mitchell, Meg Fannin, Carrie Beth Mercer, Tommy Suttles, Ann Marie Hilliard, Jonathan Pack, Kenteras Devaux, Jared Martin, Brittany Rose Brandt, Denise Smith, Travis Vickery, Heath Smith, Blythe Wilson, Katrina Torbert, Riki

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Isbell, Jacinta Vaughn, Page Hicks, Ginger Pottorff, Thomas Addison, Adam Jordan, Thomas Addison, Justin P. Martin, Alison Jeanes, Jonathan Makison, Daniel Dollarhyde, and Danald L. Forrior. The County had 25 school winners and the theme this year was "Please Don't Litter."

The following members of the 1998 State Senior 4-H Dairy Judging Team were presented certificates for their achievements in judging: Kathy Jordan, Davis Peeler, Iris Peeler. 4-H Livestock Judging Team: Matthew Burns, Justin Bridges, Davis Peeler, Kathy Jordan. Members of the 1st Place Anderson County 4-H Livestock Judging Team (placed 3rd in State): Cameron Burns, David Jordan, Adam Phillips, James Richards. Members recognized of the 2nd Place Anderson County 4-H Livestock Judging Team - Placed 5th in the State were Daniel Jarrard, Rachael Jarrard, John Richards, Cory Watt. All members were given certificates; Council commended the 4-H Members for their achievements.

Mr. Lawrence Campbell explained that an Irish Company, Mergon Corporation had agreed to double their investment and their employees and asked Council's approval for a resolution (R98-029) - a resolution identifying a project in order to satisfy the requirements of South Carolina Code 4-12-30(I) so as to allow investment expenditures incurred by Mergon Corporation to qualify as expenditures subject to a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #98-008 - an ordinance approving up to three days of bereavement leave with pay. A public hearing was held prior to third reading and no comments were received.

Mr. Preston presented second reading of Ordinance #98-009 - an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999. Mr. Preston said that the total general fund budget for Anderson County is \$37,936,105.00 for a total of all funds in the amount of \$69,363,197. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. McIntosh presented second reading of Ordinance #98-010 - an ordinance amending sections of the County Code regarding parking in handicap spaces, obstructing County marked private parking spaces, and fire lanes. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of ordinance #98-010.

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Mr. Jerry Shealy explained that he met with the Fire Commission and they wanted to discuss a "False Fire Alarm" ordinance. Last year the County saw about 109 false fire alarms in Anderson County which the main concern is the potential loss of life or injury. The ordinance would include three false fire alarms per quarter or 12 within a year without a penalty. Mr. Shealy recommended that Council proceed forward with the proposed ordinance(#98-011). On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve on first reading. Mr. McIntosh said that the ordinance will be in "formal" form at the next meeting.

Mr. Preston re-introduced the County's Commitment Card and said that it would be a good time to bring back to Council for their endorsement again. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted four in favor and one opposed endorsing the commitment card. (Mr. Holden voted in opposition.)

Mr. Jerry Shealy presented Resolution #R98-024 recognizing emergency medical services teams consisting of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, and others by proclaiming the week of May 17-23, 1998 as ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Mr. Jerry Shealy presented Resolution #R98-025 - a resolution proclaiming May 11, 1998 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week of May 10 as Anderson County Police Week. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve as presented.

Mr. Jerry Shealy also presented Resolution #R98-026 - proclaiming the week of May 3-9, 1998 as ARSON AWARENESS WEEK in Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve as presented.

Mr. Wayne Gaskins, Safety Chairman for the Hartwell Lake Association and Mr. Jim Cummings President of Hartwell Lake Association, presented Resolution #R98-027 - a resolution proclaiming May 16-22, 1998 as National Safe Boating Week in Anderson County. Council approved as presented.

Mr. Banister moved that Council approve the appropriation of funds estimated in the amount of \$4,395 for a walking track at the old Flatrock School and for the lighting. The monthly cost of the lighting will be approximately \$80 per month. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous. Funds to come from District #3.

Recreation Account.

Mr. Fred Tolly asked Council for approval to use \$2,500 from his paving account (District #1) to try to alleviate a drainage problem in Kingswood Terrace. Mr. Tolly moved that this be approved and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The next item on the Agenda: 7(c) Road off of Hwy 252 - request for minimum maintenance was removed from the agenda for further information.

Mr. McClure presented a request to abandon a dirt section of Clearwater Shores (C-20-41 A). Mr. McClure said that the adjacent property owners know that they must take action in court to actually close the road. Mr. Holden moved that the County abandon the section discussed and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dewey Pearson explained that waste water treatment was being provided by the Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority treatment plants. Before a new customer can tie on and be treated, they must sign and pay a new account fee to Western Carolina in Greenville. Then they must come by the Anderson County office to pay the sewer tap-on fee and get the permit. An agreement has been worked out to try to assist the citizens from having to make 2 different trips, he said. Mr. Pearson recommended that the Anderson County Sewer Department act as an agent for WCRSA and collect the fee for them. The customer could then get both sewer clearances from the county office and the County would receive 5% of fees collected as payment for the County services. Mr. Wright moved to enter into the Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority as explained by Mr. Pearson and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shealy said that the County was approached by Gearon Communications in reference to leasing a small piece of county land by the Animal Shelter to construct a 150' communications tower for Triton PCS Inc. This would be a 50' X 50' parcel of property to lease for five (5) years with four (4) renewal five (5) year options. Triton will pay for all improvements and utilities regarding the construction of the facility. The site will be one of many in a system designed to provide wireless phone services for South Carolina. Rent will be Years 1-5 \$6,000 per year, 6-10 - \$6,900 per year, years 11-15 - \$7,935, years 16-20 - \$9,125,

Administrator's Report:

- a. Quitclaim Deed - Anderson Airport - Mr. McIntosh gave an update on the deed at the Airport. He said in 1956 when the City deeded the property to**

the county, they retained a reversionary interest in the deed. This would be a blight on the title and would have made it unmarketable for the County. After discussion with the Administrator, a Quitclaim deed (enclosed in the agenda packet) was prepared and signed and released by the City.

- b. Cost of Resurfacing (State verses County)
- c. Adult Club Report - Mr. McIntosh gave an update.
- d. Council Members' work order requests
- e. Time lines for building projects
- f. Time Line for Communications/911 Project
- g. Interest Earnings
- h. Safety Policy
- i. State Agency Office Space Budget Proviso
- j. Employee Recognition
- k. Carolina Business Review Request
- l. Minutes - Sports Complex
- m. Minutes - Safety Meeting
- n. Waste Technology Program
- o. Meals on Wheels

Mr. Tolly said that it was important to know who the County was dealing with on the Nude Bar; therefore, he asked Mr. Preston to research to see if it is appropriate, at this time, go into a Business Licensing Fee for businesses in the County. He said that this may be a good time to "set in motion" this fee so that the County would know of any illegal, illicit, unwanted businesses coming into Anderson County. This would be a fee maybe \$10 that would give Anderson County the right to regulate all businesses in the County and have a file of the business. He asked for a report back to the Council with Mr. Preston's findings such as how many Counties in the State have business licenses and the pros and cons. He also asked Mr. Preston to research the sign ordinance. He said that it was important that Council not allow repugnant, sexist type signs to be placed in Anderson County. Legal recommendations to keep these type signs out of the county were requested by Mr. Tolly for Council's consideration.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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