

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - June 3, 1997 - 6:00 PM
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

**Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
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, June 3, 1997 at 6:00 PM.

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

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 20, 1997 minutes as mailed.

The Chair recognized everyone present and invited them to come back.

Mr. Clifton Thomas spoke to Council about the area in and around Trinity Baptist Church (Franklin and West Market Streets) for assistance with the drug and crime. He asked for someone to come into the neighborhood and look at the problem. Mr. Holden asked the Administrator to get with Mr. Thomas and set up a meeting to go and look at the problem. Council heard from Mr. Melvin Robinson who told Council that he filed a notice on May 16 to be put on the agenda and was not. He asked to be put on a later agenda. Mr. Robinson said that he had a problem with certain County officials not taking an oath of office as mandated by state law. He

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also told of a problem when he was incarcerated someone stole his ATM card and stole all of his money out of Perpetual Bank. Mr. McIntosh stated that this is a matter pending before the court and is total inappropriate and Mr. Robinson is upset because he doesn't believe in our court system and cases are tried in a court in North Carolina and bring the papers to our court to file and we refuse to file these papers. They do not recognize our court system. The Chair asked the Administrator to set up a conference with Mr. Robinson. Mr. Ed Allgood talked about the new proposed Library and the need for one. He said that land was available near the Civic Center for this Library and urged council to consider this land that the County already owns to build a one story building. Mr. Tom Clark asked Council also to reconsider land at the Civic Center for the Library on behalf of the Property Owners Association of Anderson. Council received as information.

Mr. Floyd presented Resolution #R97-022 recognizing Ms. Rosella D. Bolden as the oldest living member of Welfare Baptist Church.

Mr. Holden presented Resolution #R97-023 a resolution thanking Deputy John P. Carpenter for the County Sheriff's Department for heading up an effort to establish a quiet and peaceful residential area in the Morningside Community of Anderson.

Mr. Floyd presented Resolution #R97-024 a resolution recognizing Mr. Dan Gissendanner as a 1997 Ambassador for Economic Development for South Carolina.

Mr. Preston presented third and final reading of Ordinance #97-011 - an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1998, and to make appropriations for such Anderson County Budgets for County ordinary purposes and for other county purposes. The operating budget does not require a tax increase and includes money for the wage and compensation plan (3% cost-of-living and a 2% merit). Mr. Tolly moved to approve on third and final reading and Mr. Wright seconded. The Administrator gave an explanation of the Sheriff's budget for the record. Magistrates will also get this 3% cost of living raise plus 2% merit raise. Vote was 5-0.

Ms. Gina Smith presented a policy issue dealing with EMS. She presented the following proposals #1 - Insurance- recommend that the County pay all insurance on all EMS rescue squad vehicles which are dual or sole titled to the County, #2 - increase the monthly appropriations to the squads from \$1,000 to \$1,200, #3 - Pro-rata share - increase from \$260,000 to \$285,000 based upon the Squad's

relative percentage of in-county emergency transport call for the preceding calendar year. The County has been selectively choosing to enforce certain parts of our policy. The additional money needed (\$54,000 - \$44,000 new money) is budgeted somewhere, Mr. Preston said. Mr. Wright moved to approve the three recommendations by Mr. Preston and Ms. Smith for additional funding and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #97-012 - an ordinance to authorize the County Administrator to transfer Anderson county's interest in the sewer trunk line known as "White Street Sewer Line."

Council held a public hearing only on Ordinance #97-014 - an ordinance to provide for assistance by Anderson County in providing office space for the Appalachian Council of Governments. No comments were received. Third reading was postponed for further study.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #97-015 -an ordinance approving the purchase of property for the County Library.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #97-016 - an ordinance amending the amendment to the agreement for development for joint county industrial park with Clarendon County.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-021 - a resolution in support of the issuance by South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of its industrial development revenue bonds (Kravet Fabrics, Inc. Project). A public hearing was held; no comments were received.

Appointments were delayed until a later meeting. The Chair informed everyone of the recent death of Carl Stone's wife.

Mr. McClure talked about the back-log of driveway aprons and recommended that Council approve the low bid of \$100/ton for the work to be done by a private contractor. This will help the Public Works department to catch up. Mr. Preston said this will a one-time deal and the list in the Council packet is the official apron

list and no additional aprons will be added. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to move the Veterans Memorial from the Equinox Park to the American Legion Property on Greenville Street as requested by the American Legion. Mr. Holden seconded. Council discussed the liability. Mr. Tolly added to his motion to also direct the Administrator to investigate this for a possible hold harmless agreement with all parties involved. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to approve minimum maintenance on a cul-de-sac off Queen Street. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to direct the Administrator to initiate the necessary surveys for the following subdivisions in the county that do not meet LMI guidelines in order to keep these communities develop collector sewer lines. San Mateo Subdivision, Beverly Hills/Bellemead Subdivision, Centerville Terrace Subdivision, And the subdivision located across from the County Airport: Selwyn Drive, Carling Drive, Warner Road and Standridge Road.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, asked for a special called meeting of Council on Thursday, June 5, 1997 at 12 Noon to discuss further the Solid Waste condition in Anderson County. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of the Public Safety, Health & Human Services Committee, asked Mr. Preston to address EMS volunteers being covered under Anderson County's Workmans Compensation. Mr. Wright moved to approve by Resolution (#R97-025) that all EMS certified volunteers be covered under Anderson County's Workers Compensation Plan and the Administrator will develop a plan. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford explained a grant from the Federal Government available for trails development through the National Recreational Trails Fund Act. He asked for permission to apply on Council's behalf for the grant. Mr. Wright moved to allow the request and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to use \$14,843.75 from a Community Development Block grant for the Morningside Community Development as outlined in their proposal.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the use by Vyvx of a right-of-way for \$1,000 which is within a parallel to an existing right-of-way for Transco; both Transco and Vyvx are owned by the Williams Companies, Inc. and the formal right-of-way easement will be done.

Mr. Crawford asked for permission to have the restroom at Wellington Park demolished. Mr. Banister said he would like to look into restoring the restroom instead of demolishing it. Council delayed action under bids for restoring are received.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve a Consent Agreement for Glen Raven Mills.

Mr. Preston presented the following under his Administrator's Report:

- 1. Activity Report**
 - A. Building & Codes**
 - B. Compliance**
 - C. Recycling**
- 2. Budget transfers requests**
 - A. Detention Center**
 - B. Sheriff's Office**
- 3. Anderson County Courthouse**
- 4. Sheriff's Transmission Problems**
- 5. Minimum Standards for Detention center**
- 6. Turnover Model**
- 7. Solid Waste Employee Assessment**
- 8. Recreation Fund Account**
- 9. District Paving Account**
- 10. Allied Signal Corporation Ordinance**
- 11. State Ethics Newsletter**
- 12. Appreciation Letter-Public Works**

Mr. Holden moved to go into executive session at 7:55 p.m. to receive a legal briefing from the County Attorney.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 8:50 p.m.

No action was taken in executive session, Mr. Floyd said.

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On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to pursue the matters as discussed in executive session.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap

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CLERK TO COUNCIL**