

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 5, 1988 - 4:30 -P.M.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

AMENDED
M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JANUARY 5, 1988 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Chairman Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Ernie Garrison, District #4
J. Mike Holden, District #5
David Watson, Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
Jack Crowe, Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman David Hooper gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Congressman Butler Derrick presented County Council with a flag to be flown over the Anderson County Courthouse as a reminder of our great nation. The flag was flown over the US Capitol. Council accepted the flag and thanked Congressman Derrick.

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Watson to preside over the election of chairman and vice chairman. The gavel was turned over to Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson opened the floor for nominations for chairman for 1988. Mr. Mike Holden nominated Mr. Jimmy Cox. Mr. Wiles stated he was prepared to nominate Mr. Ernie Garrison, but Mr. Garrison asked him not to place his name in nomination for the sake of unity. Mr. Wiles then seconded the nomination of Mr. Cox. Mr. Garrison moved that the nominations be closed and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was four (4) in favor (Holden, Garrison, Wiles, Hooper) with one (1) abstention (Mr. Cox) The gavel was turned over to Chairman Cox.

Mr. Cox asked for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Hooper nominated Mike Holden for vice chairman. There were no further nominations. Mr. Wiles moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was four (4) in favor (Cox, Hooper, Wiles, Garrison) and one (1) abstention. (Holden).

On the motion of Mr. Wiles seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 15, 1987 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Jack McIntosh, representing the Bar Association, presented the following recommendation concerning courthouse records. He said the records must be permanent. Mr. McIntosh read a resolution that was adopted by the Bar Association. The resolution suggested that the Council adopt the recommendations of the sub-committee of the Courthouse Commission which recommends the use of the compact book system for all the courthouse records. This system copies the records on acid-free rag-bond paper and has low maintenance. Council received as information.

Judge Tom Ervin presented and read a letter of commitment from the City of Anderson signed by Dr. Richard Woodruff. The letter states that the City commits \$300,000 as a match to County funds for the purpose and development of additional parking. These funds to be provided by the City for the next two year period in order to allow the City to phase the funding over a three budget cycle. The actual location of the parking facilities will be left to professional staffs of the City and County governments with the understanding that the lots be within 2 blocks of the square. Judge Ervin asked Mr. Daniel Crise, Architect for Fluor Daniel to present the final site recommendations. Mr. Crise read these recommendations and asked that they become part of the record. (A copy is attached). Mr. Wiles stated that *** the project is to be a single phase project and should stay within budget. ***

Mr. Cox asked Mr. Mullinax to report on the appraisals of the western and eastern square. Mr. Mullinax said that professionals were hired to determine the fair market values of the property. Mr. Mullinax reported the Eastern square's fair market value was approximately \$270,000 which includes the Revco & Woolworth Buildings and approximately \$617,000 for the Western square (1.2 acres). He said if the County Council decides on the Western Square that he be allowed to negotiate the purchase of the effected properties with discretion to finalize a contract in a reasonable amount of time, with discretion to deviate as to value within a reasonable sum and if an agreement cannot be reached within the effected owners within a reasonable time he be allowed to proceed under the S.C. Immanent Domain Law to acquire the property. He also said that the fair market value includes all encumbrances including all leases.

Mr. Garrison moved that Anderson County will not in anyway consider the Wells Property on Murray Avenue as a part of the Courthouse project nor will Anderson County have any part of a project offered by the City of Anderson which includes this property. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved that Council approve the recommendation by Burnstudio and Fluor Daniel and to proceed with negotiations of the Western Square property and the Revco Building. Mr. Hooper seconded. Mr. Cox amended the motion to add that this selection be contingent upon \$300,000 matching funds (from the City) for parking to be paid over the next 24 months. Mr. Wiles seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was four (4) in favor and one (1) abstention. (Mr. Garrison abstained). **** Vote on the original motion as maended was four in favor and one abstention (Garrison). The County Attorney will enter into Immanent Domain if necessary.

Mr. Judge Dean appeared before Council to get their approval of the Summer Food Program for another year. A commitment to the Federal Government is needed before the 1988-89 budget is adopted. He asked for a firm commitment by the middle of March. Council received as information.

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Mr. John Ginn, Chairman of the Civic Center Authority, explained that the Authority was ready for the approval of a proposed Civic Center design. He then asked Mr. Ken Betsch with Odell Associates to display the proposed design. Council discussed the location, design & etc. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the design recommended, commend the Authority on their work and asked the architects to go forward with the plans. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for comments on the third reading of Ordinance #239 regarding subdivision regulations. The public hearing was closed. He then presented third reading of the ordinance for Council's consideration. Mr. Hooper moved to adopt on third reading as presented and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #241 regarding minimum standards for roads and streets in Anderson County. Mr. Hooper moved that the ordinance be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #240 regarding the issuance of \$55,000,000 Hospital Bonds. Mr. Hooper moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson presented for Council's information, the financial and road maintenance reports.

Mr. Robert King presented a request that a 1981 ambulance be deeded to the Iva Rescue Squad. Mr. Wiles moved that this be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rusty Burns asked that a new position of civil engineer be approved. The position is partly funded by the ANATS Committee and will work for this committee three days a week and Road Maintenance two days a week. No additional money would be needed. Mr. Garrison moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0. ***

Mr. Mike Holden explained that Center Rock Fire Department needed some concrete pillows removed and asked that Road Maintenance be allowed to do this work. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL

**** Mr. Garrison stated that it had been mentioned to him that selection of the Western Square site for the courthouse could possibly/positively effect the value of the Wells Property on Murray Avenue although he did not agree with the statement and in order to remove any possibility of wrong doings, he chose to abstain from the vote. ****