

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 2, 1996 - 4:30 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING: G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4  
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1  
William A. Floyd - District #2  
Harvie E. Banister - District #3  
Bruce Gerrard - District #5  
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney  
David Watson, Interim Administrator  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Mr. Garrison announced the death of Mr. Tony Cirelli's wife and said that the family would receive friends from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday at McDougalds. Mr. Tolly opened the meeting with prayer. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Garrison announced the first item of business would be the election of Chairman and vice chairman for 1996. The first nomination was Mr. Garrison by Mr. Gerrard for chairman. Mr. Floyd nominated Mr. Tolly. Nominations were closed. Vote for Mr. Tolly as chairman was two in favor (Tolly, Floyd) and three opposed (Banister, Gerrard, Garrison). Vote was Garrison was three in favor (Banister, Gerrard, Garrison) and two opposed (Tolly, Floyd). Mr. Garrison was elected chairman for

1996 by majority vote. Nominations for vice chairman was as follows: Mr. Tolly nominated Mr. Floyd for vice chairman and Mr. Gerrard nominated Mr. Banister. Vote for Mr. Banister was three in favor (Gerrard, Garrison, Banister) and two opposed (Floyd, Tolly). Vote for Mr. Floyd was two in favor (Floyd, Tolly) and three opposed (Banister, Gerrard, Garrison). Mr. Banister was elected vice chairman by majority vote.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 19, 1995 meeting as mailed.

Council heard from Mr. Carl Johnson and Mr. Theron Davis under the Citizens Agenda.

Mr. Tom Allen appeared before Council concerning a check in the amount of \$60,000 given to the Anderson County Museum Foundation on June 7, 1994. This was appropriated for the purpose of helping with the purchase of the old depot on Murray Avenue. The option is now run out and they are attempting to get another option, he said. Mr. Banister asked about the check being made out to Anderson Heritage and Mr. Allen said that was incorrect and that it was made out to the Anderson County Museum and Cultural Foundation.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #96-003 - an ordinance to amend section 38-732 (a). Piping to ditches and driveways, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Garrison said that the next item on the agenda: Appointment to Grievance Committee, would be postponed to allow for changes in the ordinance. He said that the county had enough alternates to serve until something is done.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve a bid from Pickens & Sons in the amount of \$2,620 for the demolition of a dwelling at 349 Lewis Street.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to scrap and put stone on approximately .2 mile of a gravel road off of Scott Road. This road appears to have always been considered a county road and maintenance has always been done by Anderson County until the last few years.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to accept a proposed right-of-way for a cul-de-sac at the end of Merritt Road (C-3-33A).

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to accept The Summitt II, Bent Trail Farms, and Hopewell Crossing I subdivisions into the County system. All subdivisions meet county specifications.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimous to approve an additional staff person (Secretary, Grad 9 @ \$15,307) as requested by Chief Magistrate Carl Anderson. This is needed as a result of the increased jurisdiction for the summary court.

Mr. Alan Robinson with Cherry, Bekaert and Holland presented the annual audit for year ending June 30, 1995. He stated that it was an unqualified audit and the fund balance at this time was \$7.7 Million Dollars.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss economic development.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 5:55 p.m.

Council instructed David Watson, Interim Administrator, to have the director of Economic Development to work closely with Iva to see what kind of help the County can do because of the closing of their mill. Mr. Banister moved to hire a consultant to help with grants and to appropriate \$5,000 out of economic development funds for this purpose. Mr. Gerrard seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimous to give information sent to Mr. Gerrard concerning a mining permit on the Chauga River to Jack McIntosh to work up a Resolution for the next meeting.

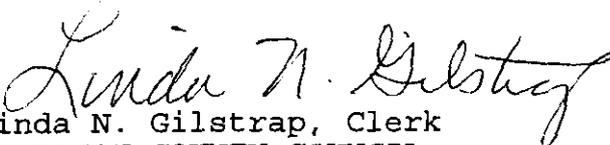
Mr. Garrison also asked the county attorney to work up a resolution for the next meeting showing the county's appreciation for the generous contribution of \$15,000 to the Animal Shelter by the Abney Foundation.

Mr. Garrison informed Council of the results of a meeting held on December 20 at COG on the Tri-County Landfill.

A work session was set for Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard seconded by Mr. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk  
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