

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 21, 1984 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON AUGUST 21, 1984 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE-COURTROOM WITH MR. ROBERT L. WILES PRESIDING.

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3 - Chairman
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, County Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and Mr. Alexander gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 7, 1984 meeting as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to amend the agenda to have the bingo ordinance next.

Mr. Lynch told the Council that the County could benefit from bingo playing in Anderson by placing a tax on each player. He then moved that first reading of the Ordinance be postponed for Council to consider his proposal. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was two in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and three opposed (Alexander, Gilreath, & Wiles). Motion was defeated.

Mr. Wright read the Ordinance (#143 - Bingo) for consideration on first reading. Mr. Gilreath moved that it be approved. Mr. Alexander seconded. Council discussed the ordinance. Mr. Lynch amended the motion that the Council out-law pocker machines, pinball machines, parlay cards and wagers. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Gilreath called for the question. Vote on the amendment was two for (Rhodes, Lynch) and three against (Alexander, Gilreath, & Wiles). The amendment was defeated. Vote on the original motion was four in favor (Rhodes, Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander) and one abstaining. Mr. Lynch abstained.

Mr. O'Neal gave the road maintenance activity report for the period August 3 - 16, 1984. The County received 249 work orders and completed 119. This was due to the limited crews and equipment and effort being put on resurfacing at this time. He reported that bids had been received on resurfacing and would be discussed later in the meeting. Also the custodial firm began this week and Mr. Partain has been

transferred to the pipe crew at the Stockade. He also said that the Old Dunham Bridge, across the Saluda River, has been opened and appropriate signs put up. Mr. O'Neal explained the need to form a Handicap Committee to assess County needs for public buildings and plans to eliminate these needs. Council agreed to place on the next agenda.

Mr. Watson discussed a copy machine for the Health Department. Mr. Watson recommended that the County purchase from Modern Office Machines (state contract pricing) for \$4,520.90 (the low bid). On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to purchase from Modern Office Machines.

Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for tar & gravel paving. The road maintenance department can do the paving for a good bit less than the bids; therefore, the recommendation of the administrator would be to reject all bids at this time. Council agreed to reject the bids as recommended.

Mr. Watson told Council that Whitaker Simmons Chevrolet would match the low bid for the dump trucks reviewed at the last council meeting. Council discussed the legality of negotiating with other bidders. Mr. Rhodes moved that the County purchase from Whitaker Simmons Chevrolet. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 4 in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, Rhodes, Lynch) and 1 opposed (Alexander).

Mr. Watson discussed bids to deliver asphalt to our paving equipment. The bids were sent out and had two to respond. His recommendation would be to continue with the present contract to pick up asphalt thru September and then bid out the hauling part at that time. Mr. Alexander moved that his recommendation to continue with present contract be approved. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. O'Neal explained the need to establish a new position of preventative maintenance supervisor and recommended that Jerry Overby be transferred because of experience and recommended a \$500 raise for the position. Mr. Lynch moved that this be approved, Mr. Gilreath seconded. Council voted 5-0.

Mr. O'Neal said that with the adoption of the new mobile ordinance the Planning & Development Board is having to go out and inspect these mobile homes and therefore requested that an inspection fee of \$20 be charged to cover the cost of inspection. This fee would be given to the Planning & Development Board for their expenses. A budget amendment would have to be approved for the proper procedure. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 4-1 to have a \$20 inspection fee and go thru the proper procedures to place in the Planning & Development's budget. Mr. Wiles voted against the motion.

Mr. Wiles asked that the agenda be amended to hear from Mr. Gary Summerfield. No-one objected. Mr. Summerfield, Anderson Ford Tractor Co, proposed that the County modify existing county tractors so as to improve productivity and at the same time, save approximately \$13,400 per year and increase the mowing ability of approximately 107 miles per month. This would require approximately \$6,400 per year on lease program renewable annually to add two new side mounted mowing packages to currently owned tractors and five new rear mount mowers. Mr. Summerfield asked the Council to direct Mr. Watson to check with other vendors for the best possible price. Mr. Lynch moved that the County go with the recommendation that Mr. Watson negotiate with other vendors for the best possible price. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Gilreath amended the motion that the County go with the local supplier and accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on original motion 5-0.

Mr. Trey Senn asked for approval of first reading to Ordinance #142 (Minimum standards for roads). On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to adopt ordinance #142 on first reading.

Council held a public hearing concerning Ordinance #140 (Animal Control). Council heard from several citizens.

Mr. Lynch presented third and final reading of Ordinance #140 (Animal Control) for Council's consideration. Mr. Lynch amended the ordinance section #140-1-10 by deleting the word "and" and changing one hundred (\$100) to two hundred (\$200). Mr. Rhodes seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Mr. Gilreath amended the ordinance to add an effective date of January 1, 1985 to prepare the citizens of the county for the ordinance. Mr. Alexander seconded the amendment. Vote was two in favor (Mr. Alexander, Mr. Gilreath) one opposed (Lynch) with two abstaining (Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Wiles). Vote on the ordinance as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Lynch placed Mr. Melvin Jewel in nomination for a vacancy on the Airport Commission. Motion was defeated 3-2. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Alexander & Mr. Gilreath voted in opposition, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted in favor. Mr. Wiles placed Mr. William H. Spitz in nomination for the position on the Airport Commission. Vote was 3 in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander) and 2 opposed (Lynch, Rhodes). Mr. Rhodes nominated Dr. Joe Yarbrough, no vote was needed.

Council took a 10 minute break at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. O'Neal held a public hearing for leasing county property. Mr. O'Neal explained that bids were advertised and mailed. The County only received one bid which was from Bocook Outdoor Media, Inc. Mr. Summey explained to Council that he had not received his bid and asked that he still be considered. Council discussed. Mr. Bocook's bid would be for five signs. Two would be on Woodcrest Road, one on the Airport road, and two on County Home Road. The total bid for the five signs was \$3,775 per year. Mr. Rhodes moved that the only bid be accepted. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was three in favor (Rhodes, Lynch and Gilreath) with two opposed (Wiles, Alexander) to lease all five sites according to bid. Mr. Jerry Wiles stated that the Airport Commission had ruled against doing any type advertising on the property. Council discussed the deed to the Airport Property.

Mr. Gilreath moved that the agenda be amended to allow him to present a resolution for Council's consideration for a question to be placed on the referendum for the care of indigents. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 3 in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander) and two opposed (Lynch, Rhodes). Motion carried.

Mr. Gilreath read a Resolution (#243) asking that the following question be placed on the November 6, 1984 general election ballot. "For the past two years, Anderson County has provided funds to make health care services available to county citizens who are sick or injured and unable to pay for medical treatment. Do you favor the continuation of this fund without any increase in taxes? Yes ___ or No ___" He then moved that this be approved. Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Gilreath stated he presented this resolution as a substitute resolution for the one passed sometime ago. Mr. Lynch amended the motion that this be placed on the agenda to allow the taxpayers to be fully aware that it will be a tax increase. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was two in favor (Lynch, Rhodes) and three opposed (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander). Amendment was defeated. Vote on the original motion was three in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander) and two against (Rhodes, Lynch). Motion carried.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #141 (Kent, Inc. Project) for approval. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to approve.

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Mr. Lynch placed Mr. Tommy Tucker in nomination to be placed on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee. He was advised that Mr. Tucker was on the Sewer Authority by the attorney. Mr. Lynch withdrew his nomination until this can be checked into.

Mr. Wiles stated that the Town of Honea Path submitted the name of Bob Elledge to replace Claude Thompson on the Planning & Development Board. Mr. Wiles moved that this be done. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gilreath discussed approval of the road paving list with the County Administrator and Engineer. Mr. Walters said he thought that the list of roads were in order of priority and they would pave until the money in each district was used. Mr. Gilreath withdrew his proposal. Mr. Gilreath said that under a policy passed sometime ago stated that roads to be paved had to be approved by Council.

Mr. Gilreath placed Dr. Jerry Neil in nomination to fill a vacancy on the Hospital Board and also extended the terms of all other members to February 5, 1986. Mr. Rhodes nominated Ben B. Bleckley. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote on Dr. Neil was three in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, & Alexander) and two opposed (Rhodes, Lynch). Motion carried. No vote was necessary on the other nomination.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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