

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 AT 5:32 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Frank Hart, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Chairman Tommy Sinclair

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station and to Graham Williams at the County News. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called the meeting to order. Councilman Ben Ivey gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 - Present

Frank Hart, District 2 - Present

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

The Clerk to Council stated Chairman Tommy Sinclair was absent to attend a funeral and County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros was absent because his son was having surgery.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented service award certificates and gift certificates to Susan Hanvey for 20 years, and for John Sherfield for 20 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on August 12, 2014, the special meeting of County Council held on July 31, 2014 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated next on the agenda was to consider vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise the positions.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated there was a vacancy on the Upstate Workforce Investment Board. Lou Stackhouse had filled an unexpired term on the Board and was interested in serving another term.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to appoint Lou Stackhouse to serve on the Upstate Workforce Investment Board.

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Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council but there were none.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford introduced a resolution concerning a transfer by 3805 Jonesville, LLC of its interest in a 1998 FILOT Lease Agreement and a 2012 Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement and the amendment of such Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement as it relates to the Belk Project.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution as stated.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called for any committee reports.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel, County Offices and Departments to approve Sheriff David Taylor's request to advertise to fill a vacant position at 911.

John Little: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented for Council's consideration two invoices from the McNair Law Firm. One invoice was for \$15,500.00 for legal services provided in regards to the General Obligation Bond for Carlisle Fire District and one invoice was for \$8,000.00 for legal services provided in regards to the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement for Southside Fire District. Councilman Frank Hart asked if they normally do that and Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford responded it was not unusual to go through the County Attorney and McNair Law Firm for these. Councilwoman Joan Little expressed her concern that other fire districts might expect the same services. Councilman Frank Hart asked what account they would come from and the Clerk to Council stated approved legal services are usually paid from the Professional Services account.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve payment of the two invoices.

Frank Hart: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented a letter from Clerk of Court Freddie Gault requesting a raise for one of his employees. Clerk of Court Freddie Gault requested it be treated as a Personnel Committee issue or be discussed in executive session. Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford referred the request to the Personnel Committee.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented for Council's review and approval a financial statement from the Fair Association.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to accept the financial statement for the Fair Association.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Frank Hart: Made a motion to appropriate \$17,500.00 from the County's Local Hospitality and Accommodations Tax fund to the Tourism Commission for support of the Coon Hunters Association event in December.

Joan Little: Seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kacie Petrie stated she understood this would be an initial investment by the County since they hoped to be self-sustaining. This would be a one-time deal and not a reoccurring request.

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The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Councilman Frank Hart asked if Council wanted to hold a joint meeting with the City Council on the Events Center. Councilman Randall Hanvey requested a meeting with the City Council and Mr. Bob Love stated he could set that up. Councilman Randall Hanvey stated he understood there had been no formal commitment on the part of the City Council for the operational money and that the bridge loan had not been approved either. Council agreed they needed to meet with the City Council to get some questions answered.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Tommy Ford, Vice-Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council