

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Regular Meeting - September 2, 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
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

ABSENT

J. Mike Holden - District #5

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at 6:00 PM. Chairman Floyd announced that Mr. Holden was sick and unable to attend.

Mr. Clint Wright gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the August 19, 1997 minutes with one change. Page 4, paragraph #5: change \$5,000.00 to \$5,500.00. The Clerk has made the correction and regrets the error.

Public Comment: Council heard from Mr. Tom Partington regarding Bolen Road's sign. He called the county approximately three times for a replacement sign for Midway & Bowen Road and as to date no sign has been erected. Mr. Partington also talked about the construction of mini-storage units near Windwood Trail Development with \$250,000+ homes, and urged Council to consider regulations on who and what can be built in Anderson County. Council received as information.

Mr. Preston presented an incentive package for BMW. Mr. Jerry Howard, Economic Development Manager, outlined the package. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R97-037- an inducement resolution for BMW Manufacturing Corporation.

Ms. Michelle Carey a member of the Homeland Park Community Action Group talked to Council about the group's vision for the Homeland Park area to become a community that creates a healthy self-sufficient environment for all of its residents. Concerns in the community were discussed such as the problem of litter and garbage, open air burning, health and safety with businesses handling hazardous materials, and vacant and deteriorating lots throughout Homeland Park. Council received as information.

Other Concerned Citizens: Ms. Carolyn Jones talked of her concerns about the proposed sale of the Big Creek Landfill to Allied Waste. Mr. Ricky Hayes also talked about the sale of Big Creek. Council received as information.

Mr. Jack McIntosh discussed Ordinance #97-014 - an ordinance to provide for assistance by Anderson County in providing office space for the Appalachian Council of Governments through the joint action with the other member counties of the COG to make funds available to the COG to pay part of the costs of a building to be constructed on certain real property, and the taking of any other action necessary or appropriate in connection therewith. Mr. McIntosh said that on first reading, Council committed the County to pay 17% of the cost of the construction of the COG building which came to \$146,000. The County was to put up their share with the other participating Counties. The ownership of the building would be vested into a trust in which the County would own 17% beneficial interest under the terms of that trust. The second reading there was a change presented under a plan whereby COG was putting up a substantial amount of their money, which is still the case, under that presentation the county would still put up their \$146,000 share and the county would get back in return a lease hold interest in the building to be constructed on the premises however the ownership of the premises would be vested in the COG. After much discussion concerning this, the final presentation is that the COG will own the building, the County will put up their share up-front and will be paid back to the County under a management arrangement that will be entered into with the Administrator and COG, he also stated. The money will be paid back in same way as the rent is paid. COG will pay \$7,841 per year to the County and the money for the building was budgeted 50% last year and 50% in this year's budget.

A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. Mr. Wright moved to approve Ordinance #97-014 on third and final reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented second reading of Ordinance #97-022 - an ordinance to amend the original ordinance #97-006 establishing the Accommodations Fee. This will provide for quarterly payments instead of monthly payments of accommodations fee for small operations that are already allowed to make quarterly sales tax returns. A public hearing was held and no comments were heard. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on second reading and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Chairman Floyd presented Resolution #R97-033 recognizing and honoring E.E. "Duck" Cooley. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to ratify resolution #R97-033.

Chairman Floyd read and presented Resolution #R97-034 - a resolution honoring Mr. Wilton Mackey as Coroner for Anderson County for many years of dedicated service.

Mr. Preston presented Resolution #R97-036 - release of certain properties from the Anderson-Clarendon Multi-County Park agreement. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Appointments were deferred until a later meeting.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to surface a new drive at the West Market School estimated at \$489. The money will come from District 5 paving account.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to add Sawmill Road (C-19-020) to the present paving contract to be done now. The estimated \$32,568 is available in the 96-97 fund - District 3.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve replacement of sidewalks on Kates Street (C-09-244D) adjacent to New West Anderson Church of God Parking Lot. The estimated \$4,400.00 needed will come from District 1 paving account.

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Mr. McClure informed Council that a request had been sent to the SC Department of Transportation asking for installation of a traffic light at Whitehall Road & New Prospect Church Road. As soon a response is received, Council will be notified. Mr. Tolly moved to receive as information. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of the Public Safety/Health & Human Services Committee, stated that the committee met and recommends that the EMS Safety Manual be returned to Mr. Shealy, Mr. McIntosh, and the Committee with questions for comments and answers. Then Council will move to the next step. Mr. Wright moved that the above be done and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright, Chairman of PSHHS Committee, also recommended to approve changes to the ordinance for the Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board by approving first reading of Ordinance #97-024. Mr. Wright moved to accept the recommended changes and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented Resolution #R97-035 - a resolution directing the EMS Squads across the County to comply with policy expressed by the Anderson County Council and they shall cooperate with the Public Safety Director to familiarize themselves with the policies, and upon failure to comply the County will withhold financial assistance. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to accept Horseshoe Bend into the County Road system for maintenance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- 1. Sports Complex Resolution**
- 2. Museum Commission Meeting**
- 3. Economic Development BBQ-Industry Appreciation**
- 4. Animal Shelter Addition - Grant Application**
- 5. Compost Bin Distribution Program**
- 6. Payments of County Accommodations Fee**
- 7. Recreation Fund Account**
- 8. District Paving Fund Account**
- 9. Civic Center Press Releases**

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On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to change the time of the next meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to attend the Barbecue for Industry Appreciation Week.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


**Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL**