

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORIGINAL

Regular Meeting - June 7, 1988 - 3:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JUNE 7, 1988 at 3:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Chairman James M. Cox, Jr. - District #1  
David L. Hooper - District #2  
Robert L. Wiles - District #3  
Ernie Garrison - District #4  
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 Robert L. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the May 17, 1988 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Odell Short, Chairman of the Anderson County Department of Social Services, appeared before Council with a request for money for a building for the Department of Social Services. He said the Anderson County Department of Social Services presently utilizes 24,966 sq. ft. in three separate Anderson County Buildings. He said it is best to have all programs of an agency housed under one roof in order to provide quality services to eligible clients and said the Anderson County Department of Social Services and South Carolina Department of Social Services officials completed a needs study based on programs administered and client's served. A draftsman with the SC Department of Social Services worked with Anderson County D.S.S. and designed a two story building floor plan that would be 35,000 sq. ft. and would meet D.S.S. needs for a projected twenty year period. The D.S.S. presently employs 105 people and on any given month serves over 4,000 different clients. They have an annual budget (1987-88) of \$20,470,243.00. Mr. Cox informed Mr. Short that Council at this point, did not know what office space would be available when the Courthouse is complete. He assured Mr. Short that Council had talked about the possibility of a new building for years but money was always the problem and was award of this need. Council received as information.

Mrs. Jo Brown, Director of the Senior Citizens Program, appeared before Council with a detailed written report as directed at the last meeting of Council. She reported that she had interviewed each individual director of each satellite program concerning the purchase of a van for the Belton Action Center. She said answers to the interviews could be found on page 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of the report. Mrs. Brown said that she felt very strongly that what was done for one center should be done for all satellite centers and did not feel that a van would be a solution to the Belton Action Center's problem. She said she felt that one solution would be to appropriate a certain amount of money for each satellite center and let the directors decide how the money is to be spent. Council received the report and Mrs. Brown's remarks as information.

Mr. Holden said there was a road behind Anchor Point Condos, off Highway 24 that he would like to be accepted into the County system. He asked Mr. Tony Cirelli to explain the situation because he had been involved. Mr. Cirelli explained that the road was actually in Council District #4 and was between Anchor Point Condos. The road is approximately three fourths of a mile long. Mr. Garrison said that he was not familiar with the road and would ask that action be delayed for more study. The request will be brought up at a later date.

Mr. Mike Holden read a letter as requested from the Anderson County Fire Protection Commission. The letter asked that Council consider office space and etc. for the Hazardous Materials Response Team in the 1988-89 budget. Council agreed that this request will be discussed at the next budget workshop.

Mr. Wiles appointed Mrs. Patsy Daniel to replace Mr. Blair Rice on the Recreation Commission. Mr. Wiles commented Mr. Rice for a job well done. Mr. Wiles asked that a letter, along with all information, be sent to Mrs. Daniel regarding this appointment.

Mr. Wiles told Council that he went to Calhoun Falls for the ribbon cutting of the Scenic Highway and forgot to bring the plaque that Anderson County received for their help.

Mr. Bill Dickerson and Mr. Vern Gillam, representing the property owners of Omega Lane in Anderson County, explained a situation where a subdivision (Westridge) is being constructed and the builder plans to connect the road from the subdivision onto their road (Omega Lane). They oppose this connection because of the increase in traffic and the present size and condition of Omega Lane. Mr. Cirelli explained the reason for the exit/entrance road from the subdivision onto Omega Lane. Council discussed other possible thoroughfares. Mr. Wiles moved to refer this problem back to the Planning & Development Board and to Road Maintenance for further study and for Mr. Cirelli to report back at the next meeting of Council. He said a solution could possibly be reached with the residents, builder, and Planning & Development Board, but asked Mr. Cirelli to report back the solution at the next meeting. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. John Pracht came before Council with a proposal for rental of a lot behind the Penney Building, approximately 20 X 50 for parking. His proposal was \$40.00 per month. He also suggested the County using the

space for a trash dumper so that the back sidewalk behind the Penney Building could be cleaned up. Mr. Hooper moved to ask for a recommendation from the Administrator and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison explained that a portion of Davis Circle had been misnamed Fennell Road. He moved that C-4-50 be named Davis Circle and a portion of C-4-52 continue off of Davis Circle be known as Fennell road. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution #456 concerning the street lights in the neighborhood around Appleton Mills Plant in Anderson. The resolution requests that West Point-Pepperell maintain the operation of the street lights for another six months, giving the residents enough time to decide what means they would like to pursue to insure that they will have street light service. He then moved the approval of the resolution and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson distributed Road Maintenance Reports for Council's information. Mr. McClure explained that the Portman Bridge had presently been closed because of unsafe conditions. He said that the bridge was under the Federal Bridge Program as a 80-20% match. The new 90' bridge would take approximately two years to complete. Mr. McClure suggested that the County be allowed to replace the bridge with the amount of money that the County's 20% match share would be with an adequate bridge. This way the bridge construction would be supervised by Mr. McClure and would be finished a good deal sooner. Mr. Wiles moved to allow Mr. McClure to proceed as described and suggested that other bridges that are less an immediate problem could come under the Federal Bridge Program. Mr. Garrison seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented a request from the Airport Commission for cutting down a hill. They have the money needed in their budget and would be a transfer of monies from the Airport Commission to the Road Maintenance Department. Mr. Holden moved that the request be granted and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. The money needed to be transferred is \$7,500.00 from account #424-155-085 to Road Maintenance #601-140-057 (asphalt).

Mr. Watson reported that word was received from the Federal aeronautics Administration approving the construction of a shop building for Road Maintenance on Airport property. Mr. Watson asked that site preparation begin for the Building. Mr. Hooper moved that Mr. Watson's request be permitted to begin site preparation for the Road Maintenance shop building. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson explained that County Council tentatively approved \$8,000 in the 1988-89 budget for patrolling of Russell & Hartwell Lakes. He said the patrolling would begin before the end of the fiscal year, but the Sheriff's Department had enough money for now until July 1. Mr. Crenshaw asked that the Department be allowed to handle the money out of the over-time account. Mr. Garrison moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jacky Hunter asked for approval of the following budget transfer: From the Sheriff's Department - \$4,000.00. From account #501-100-001 (salaries) to account #501-135-051 (Repairs to Vehicles). Mr. Hooper moved to approve the budget transfer and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution #455 renaming certain County roads for the purpose of E911. Mr. Garrison moved that the Resolution be approved and Mr. Garrison seconded. Mr. Wiles proposed the two following amendments. Correct the spelling of Opry House Road #S-4-709 and C-11-43, and correct the spelling of C-11-44 McGukin Road. Mr. Cox seconded the amendments and vote was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented first reading of ORDINANCE #251 (1988-89 Fiscal Year Budget). He explained that the budget document was accidentally the same document as discussed during the budget workshop. He explained that \$50,000 had been shifted from the Bridge Account to Road Maintenance Account as discussed earlier in the meeting. The only increase was the National Guard back to the funding level of last year. He explained that more work would be needed prior to second and third readings and asked for Council's approval on first reading. Mr. Garrison moved to approve on first reading - Ordinance #251 with the understanding that on second reading it will be looked at very carefully-line item by line item. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles asked that County Council go into executive session to discuss industrial development which will mean several jobs for the County. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0. (Time: 4:15 p.m.)

Mr. Wiles moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Cox explained that Council discussed economic development for Anderson County which would mean several hundred jobs for the County.

Mr. Hooper had to leave at this time to attend graduation ceremonies.

Council heard from Mr. Ben Bleckley and Mr. Jack Symons, two concerned citizens of Anderson County.

Mr. Vern Gillem told Council that it was their desire, if another exit is required, it be on the west side of Westridge Subdivision. Council discussed.

On the motion of Mr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Cox, Council voted four in favor (one absent - Hooper) to accept Forest Dale Subdivision into the County system. The subdivision is in District #4 at the intersection of highway 88 and Firetower Road. It meets all specifications. Mr. Cirelli presented the request and was recommended by the Planning & Development Board.

On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted four in favor (one absent-Hooper) to accept Edgewater Estates on Lake Hartwell - District #5 and Sections A, B, & C in Harpers Ridge into the County system. These requests were presented by Mr. Cirelli and were inspected and found to meet all specifications.

Mr. Cirelli explained a request from Mr. Baylis Maxwell who owns property at the intersection of Brown Road and Plum Lane near Ashley Downs. Mr. Maxwell would secure the right-of-ways, install a sign and make all the changes except for paving and would request that Road Maintenance do the paving. On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted four in favor (one absent-Hooper) to approve the request as Mr. Cirelli presented.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda N. Gilstrap*  
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