

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - October 3, 2000 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Vice Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
Chairman Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council
Tammie Shealy - Assistant Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, October 3, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

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

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the September 19, 2000 minutes as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve a proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The following citizens spoke during the Public Comments section of the agenda: Mr. Richard Davis asked that his property be zoned commercial from residential in the

Cedar Grove precinct. He said that the Planning Commission had rejected his request. Ms. Debbie Williams spoke on behalf of the citizens of Cheddar concerning the zoning of Cedar Grove. She said that the community recommends that Mr. Davis' property be changed as he requested. They also recommend the approval of the map as it exists except for Mr. Willie Aiken's property 12.94 acres on Harper Road to R-A to R-20. She said that if this is changed this might cause the type of development that they are trying to stop with the zoning. County Council received all comments as information.

Mr. Dan Waldsmith of the Rock Mill Precinct stated that on May 9 the voters of that district voted on a referendum for zoning and failed by three votes. He presented Council with another petition for zoning at the Rock Mill Precinct to be placed on ballot at the earliest possible time. Council received as information.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-043 - an ordinance amending the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance #99-004, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a zoning map in the Williamston Mill Voting Precinct.

Mr. Greer moved to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-044 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a zoning map in the Cedar Grove Voting Precinct. Mr. Wright seconded the motion. Ms. Floyd moved to amend the map that Mr. Aiken's property to remain the same (RA). Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was four in favor and one opposed (Mr. Greer). Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-049 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between

Anderson County, as lessor, and Sargent Metal Fabricators, as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. A public hearing was held and Mr. Rufus Gleason spoke on the FILOT deals in Anderson County. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin presented Ordinance #2000-051 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as lessor, and Electric City Printing Co., Inc., as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. A public hearing was held; Mr. Rufus Gleason stated that this company did not promise any new jobs and the County still plans to give them a million-dollar tax break. The public hearing was closed. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve on third and final reading.

Mr. Tom Martin presented third reading of Ordinance #2000-052 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, as lessor, and Mikron Corp. Anderson, as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on third reading.

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-053 - an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain vehicular traffic on Old Portman Road, designated as County Road C-0-163; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held; no comments were heard. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve on third reading Ordinance #2000-053.

Mr. Martin presented third reading of Ordinance #2000-057 - an ordinance to consider a re-zoning request for Mr. Mel Gerrard to rezone 25.32 +/- acres of property in the Five Forks Voting Precinct on Lebanon Road from R-A Residential

Agricultural to R-20 Single Family Residential. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve on third reading.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to lift the building moratoriums in the Williamston Mill and the Cedar Grove Voting precincts.

Mr. Martin presented Ordinance #2000-055 - an ordinance revising certain sections of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to zoning general provisions, so as to allow for expansion of legally nonconforming uses; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held and Mr. Dan Harvell stated that he was concerned because of small business and their limitations for expansion of only 25%. The public hearing was declared closed. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on second reading. Mr. Greer stated that he was also concerned on the limitations for expansion of small businesses; therefore he requested that the Planning Department develop some type of graduated scale and present to Council for their review before third reading. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, council voted unanimous to approve second reading of Ordinance #2000-040 - an ordinance to amend Anderson County Zoning provisions of the Anderson County Code by amending the Zoning district regulations of the R-A, Residential Agricultural District, to require a minimum rear yard of 25 feet and further creating an R-40, single family residential district; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held prior to the vote and comments were received.

Mr. Martin presented second reading of Ordinance #2000-056 - an ordinance to amend the Anderson County Zoning provisions of the Anderson County Code by creating an R-A2, residential Agricultural 2-acre District with appropriate zoning District regulations; and other matters relating thereto. A public hearing was held and Mr. Rufus Gleason spoke. He said that this seemed like another "tool" that the

Planning Department can use to terrorize the community. Mr. Wright stated that there seemed to be some movement in Anderson County to have larger plot subdivisions; and if your subdivision has a 2-acre plat in your covenants as a property owner you can ask the zoning ordinance to back up your civil covenants. So that is the reason that it is being done-not to terrorize anyone. Ms. Floyd stated that they were doing what the citizens of Anderson County wanted. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of the Ordinance.

Mr. Mike Holden moved to appoint Mr. Lee Barnette to the EMS Commission to represent District #5. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to approve \$6,000 for the Wren Youth Association with programming this fall and spring. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous. The funds will come from District #4 Parks and Recreation money.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve an appropriation of \$2,000 for the Town of Iva for redevelopment for the Town Hall and the Town of Iva renovations. The funds will come from District #3 paving account.

It was pointed out for the record that Anderson County did receive up-grades on their bond ratings: Standard and Poors from "A+" to "AA-" which is outstanding.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Certificates and Training

1. Ms. Pamela Garner - Communications Center Supervisor, Fire Dispatch Training, and GEMA Workshop
2. Ms. Laura Johnson - Communications Center Supervisor
3. Mr. Kim Cheslak - Communications Center Supervisor, and GEMA Workshop
4. Mr. Jeff Dietrich - Management of Emergency Medical Services

- (b) Letters of Appreciation:
 - 1. For: Mr. Steve Whitten's Crew at Public Works (Mr. James Bonham, Mr. Allen Robinson, and Mr. James Patterson) From: Mr. Steve Newton, Planning Department
- (c) Minutes:
 - 1. Department of Public Works - Safety Meeting
 - 2. Anderson Airport Committee Meeting
- (d) Reports:
 - 1. Parks & Recreation Account Report
 - 2. District Paving Account Report
- (e) Grant Agreement - Anderson Regional Airport Obstruction Removal and Grading
- (f) Grant Agreement - Anderson Regional Airport Rehabilitation of Taxiway Lighting System
- (g) The Economic Impact of the Anderson Regional Airport
- (h) 2000 Tax Levy

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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