

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - June 5, 1984 - 9:00 a.m.

Robert L. Wiles - Presiding

Council Chambers

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, Chairman - District #3
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 then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the May 10, 1984 meeting as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the May 15, 1984 meeting as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the May 22, 1984 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal presented the road maintenance activity report for the period May 14 - June 1, 1984. The County received 405 work orders and completed 351. Mr. Gilreath suggested cleaning up one unsightly trash dump per month per district. Mr. David Crenshaw asked permission to use funds already allocated to purchase 17 light/speakers for the new cruisers for \$254.80 each from Southeastern Safety Supply, the low bidder. These funds are to come from accounts 210.84 (RS) and 210.85 (RS). On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve the request. Mr. Lynch asked that the Administrator check again for the possibility of the County being tax exempt. Mr. O'Neal read Mrs. Rhetta Lynch's letter of resignation from the Anderson County Human Resources Commission. He recommended that the County continue with the Human Resources Commission on an inactive basis until a cap agency is designated. He then advised Council that sometime ago the Municipal Association had requested that the Appalachian Council of Governments do a tax equity study for Anderson County. We wrote the director, Doug Phillips, and requested that they conduct this study. He read a letter from Mr. Phillips stating that they could start the study in late November or early December, 1984 and suggested that a policy committee consisting of equal representatives of municipalities and county government be formed for guidance and to begin meeting in November. This committee to be made up of 2 county council members along with the administrator, the Municipal Association to select two elected officials and one municipal administrator to serve. The administrator would like to receive the appointments by the next meeting.

Mr. O'Neal wanted to clarify the recommendation to employ a full-time professional airport manager, by adding a commentary to the \$25,000 proposed recommendation in the airport's budget. He believes that a full-time professional airport manager is needed; and in order for the manager to be more responsive, the manager should report to Council thru the administrator, and the administrator would hire this new airport manager. Mr. Rhodes moved that the administrator's recommendation be approved and asked that the Airport Commission become an advisory board only. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lynch. Mr. Gilreath stated he was in favor of a professional manager at the Airport, and feels that the best approach to solving the situation is to begin immediately making arrangements so that all boards and commissions can become advisory boards and commissions. He suggested that Mr. O'Neal make contact with the 11 boards/commissions during the month of July, or first part of August. Mr. Gilreath then moved that the motion be tabled until the first meeting in July. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion to table. Vote was 3 in favor to table (Gilreath, Wiles, & Alexander) and 2 opposed (Rhodes, Lynch). Mr. O'Neal said he would withdraw his recommendation to fund the airport manager's position in the budget.

Mr. Lynch presented Resolution #227 honoring law enforcement personnel who have fallen in the line of duty. This resolution authorized \$1,500.00 to purchase a memorial for these personnel. The \$1500 will be included in the 1984-85 fy budget. Mr. Gilreath seconded the motion. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Lynch asked the Clerk to forward a copy of the resolution to all families involved.

Mr. Lynch said he intended to have an ordinance calling for the Airport Commission to be placed in advisory capacity only, at the next meeting.

Airport fixed-base operator Reid Garrison asked Council to reconsider adopting Ordinance #136 for rules and regulations for the Anderson County Airport. Council received as information.

Acting Airport Manager Melvin Jewell came before Council suggesting that a public hearing be held prior to the final reading of Ordinance #136 (Airport Rules & Regulations). Council received as information.

Attorney Calhoun Pruitt, representing Jake Bowman, a fixed base operator, pointed out to Council several "flaws" in the ordinance and urged Council to reconsider passage of this Ordinance (#136). Council received as information.

Mr. Wiles said at the last meeting, the second reading of the Ordinance #136 (Rules & Regulations - Airport) was tabled and later he asked that Council reconsider and remove from the table. According to Roberts Rules of Order, wanting to do the correct thing, he asked that the ordinance be considered tabled from the last meeting instead of the motion for reconsideration, and moved that second reading of the ordinance, at this time, be removed from the table. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion to remove from the table. Mr. Lynch asked the Council to postpone until the first meeting in July. Vote to remove from the table was 3 in favor (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander) and 2 opposed. (Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Rhodes moved that this be tabled until the first of 1985 when the new Council takes office. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 2 in favor (Lynch, Rhodes) and 3 opposed (Wiles, Alexander & Gilreath). Motion was defeated.

Mr. Wright read second reading of Ordinance #136 (Airport Rules & Regulations) for council's consideration.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted three in favor and two opposed adopting Ordinance #136 on second reading. Mr. Wiles, Mr. Gilreath and Mr. Alexander voted in favor, while Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch opposed. The County attorney was asked to look over the ordinance for any irregularities before the third reading.

Mr. Wiles placed Marchant Leslie in nomination to fill a vacancy on the Airport Commission. Mr. Lynch nominated Melvin Jewell, Mr. Rhodes nominated Dr. Joe Yarborough, Jr. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Wiles voted for Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lynch voted for Mr. Jewell, Mr. Rhodes voted for Dr. Yarborough. (no majority) Council voted again, the vote was the same. Mr. Wiles asked that this be deferred until the next meeting because of no clear majority. Mr. Gilreath abstained from voting both times.

Council recessed for about 15 minutes at 10:35 a.m.

Mr. Wiles appointed Cathy Stone to the Anderson County Farmers' Market Board for district #3. Mr. Gilreath - District #2 appointed Willis Bannister, Mr. Rhodes - District #4 - appointed Furman Porter, and Mr. Lynch appointed Melvin Beatty. Mr. Alexander was not prepared to make an appointment at this time. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. James Adams told Council of a tax bill that he thought was incorrect. Mr. Wiles told the Council that Mr. Guffey, Assessor, had sent an employee to check out the situation and the property was not in the category to be assessed as farm property. Mr. Wiles told Mr. Adams that he and the assessor would go and look at the property. Council received as information.

Mr. J.D. Compton came before Council asking that the Sewer Referendum be placed back on the ballot in November and pointed out several unreasonable voting differences to support his request. He also reminded Council that Wednesday (June 6) would be the 40th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy and hoped that everyone would keep it in mind. He said it seemed that something was wrong in the precincts where voting machines were used during the November 2, 1982 election. Council received Mr. Compton's remarks as information.

Mr. Pat Flack asked Council for \$5,615.33 needed to close-out the operations of the Human Resources Commission. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to approve the request. Mr. O'Neal was asked to search the budget for the funds needed. This is needed to pay federal social security, withholding taxes, and workman's compensation.

Mr. Rhodes introduced a non-binding survey to get county input on key issues facing county government. He moved that this be done during the November general election. Mr. Lynch seconded the motion. Vote was 2 in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and 3 against (Wiles, Alexander, & Gilreath). Motion was defeated.

Mr. Rhodes discussed the need to amend Ordinance #129 (Building Permits) section 7. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted 5-0 to give approval on first reading of Ordinance #138 amendment to original ordinance #129 (Building Permits). This would delete the words "by the applicant and" from section 7 and add: "Not all property owners have to receive a certificate".

Mr. Rhodes read a proposed Ordinance (#137) to prohibit conflicts of interest in Anderson County on appointed boards, commissions, etc. and moved that this be adopted. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ken Thompson came before Council asking for funds for the Election City Playhouse in the amount of \$5,000. Council received as information.

Council recessed from 11:55 to 12:05 p.m.

Mr. O'Neal opened a public hearing for written or oral comments on the 1984-85 proposed budget. Mr. Ronnie Whitfield, Director of the Youth Treatment Center, asked for consideration on his \$50,000 budget request. There were no other comments, the public hearing ended.

Mr. O'Neal explained one mistake in the budget from the first reading which was a 5% pay increase omitted on an employee. Mr. O'Neal recommended that the \$25,000 for the airport manager be deleted and added to account #000 (unappropriated amount) for a total of \$52,482. Mr. O'Neal read the Ordinance (#135) for approval on second reading. Mr. Wiles moved that the ordinance be adopted. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion. Mr. Rhodes introduced the following amendments to the proposed budget. Mr. Lynch seconded.

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount To Be Added</u>	<u>To Account</u>
#210 - Sheriff	\$ 3,000	#79-Direct Assistance
#212 - Jail	11,524 (for matron Position)	#01 - Salaries
#310 - Road Maintenance	2,034	#01 - Salaries (Engineer: +\$1,034 and Asst. Engineer: +\$1,000)
#412 - Youth Home	10,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#413 - Animal Shelter	1,900	#01 - Salaries (Director)
#460 - EMS	8,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#590 - Library	20,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#510 - Pendleton Historical Recreation Commission	5,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#950 - Planning & Develop.	4,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#--- - Electric City Playhouse	5,000	#79 - Direct Assistance
#132 - County Attorney	5,300	#65 - Consulting (For full-time County Attorney with all bond money returning to the County)

Votes on amendments:

\$3,000 direct assistance for Sheriff - 4 in favor on 1 against (Mr. Gilreath opposed)

Jail - acct#212, \$11,524 + \$400 in account #41 Clothing allowance for a matron position vote was unanimous.

\$2,034 - salaries - Road maintenance - defeated - 3-2 (Wiles, Gilreath, Alexander voting in opposition, Lynch and Rhodes voting in favor.)

\$10,000 Youth Treatment Center - three in favor with one opposed & one abstained. (Alexander, Rhodes & Lynch voting in favor. Mr. Wiles opposed, Mr. Gilreath abstained).

\$1,900 Animal Shelter - three in favor (Alexander, Rhodes, Lynch) Mr. Wiles opposed, Mr. Gilreath abstained. 3-1-1.

Mr. Rhodes amendment to fund an additional \$8,000 for EMS (\$1,000 for each squad) was amended by Mr. Wiles to give each squad a total of \$1,500 making the amendment \$12,000 additional appropriation to account #460 (EMS). Vote was 5-0. Mr. Rhodes seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment as amended: 5-0.

\$20,000 for Library vote: 5-0.

Pendleton Historical & Recreation Commission add \$5,000 voted 5-0.

Planning & Development Board add \$4,000, vote was 2 in favor, and three opposed. Mr. Lynch and Mr. RHodes voted in favor, Mr. Wiles Mr. Alexander and Mr. Gilreath opposed. Amendment was defeated.

Electric City Playhouse: vote 5-0.

County Attorney add: \$5,300 for full-time attorney - vote 2 in favor (Lynch, Rhodes) and 3 opposed (Alexander, Wiles and Gilreath) amendment defeated.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted 4-1 to take the \$52,482 from account #000 (unappropriated) to fund the additional amendments to the budget. Mr. Gilreath voted in opposition.

Mr. Wiles introduced an amended to the proposed budget to delete \$2,500 from County Council's budget (#111-15 travel). Mr. Rhodes seconded. Voted was 5-0.

Mr. Gilreath moved that \$900 be deleted from account #111 code 65 training for district 2's position. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Gilreath will not be attending any of the out of town training meetings.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted 3 in favor and 2 against putting the airport manager's position back into the 84-85 budget. Wiles, Alexander and Gilreath voted in favor, while Lynch and Rhodes voted opposed. Council will decide by the third reading where the funding for this position will come from. Vote on the budget as amended was unanimous.

Council heard from Joyce McCarthney concerning the Airport manager's position, & the Ordinance concerning rules and regulations for the Airport. Council received as information.

Mr. Ray Lamb, a resident of Homeland Park, asked Council to support a resolution deeming it a poor location at 3298 Abbeville Hwy. for a liquor store. This resolution along with a letter supporting the citizens request be sent to the S.C. Alcohol & Beverage Control Commission to the attention of Mr. Thompson, Commissioner. Mr. Alexander moved that this resolution (#228) and letter be approved. Mr. Gilreath seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. 4-0. Mr. Lynch already excused)

Council heard from several other concerned citizens at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL