

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

INFORMAL MEETING
February 10, 1977 - 7:00 p.m.

C. Edward Poore - Presiding

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman - C. Edward Poore
 Members - Joseph G. Wright, III
 Fred Bratcher
 Sam Gerrard
 David L. Hooper

Mr. Poore called the meeting to order and Mr. Bratcher gave the invocation.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Council's formal meeting on February 1, 1977.

Mr. Ron Bowie requested Council to appoint representatives to the Anderson Downtown Revitalization Committee. Mr. Bratcher made the motion to table the manner. Mr. Poore stated that the City has appointed five (5) residents of County Council District No. 6 and eight (8) residents of County Council District No. 9 to the Committee. Mr. Wright suggested that the Councilmen from Districts 7, 8 and 10 appoint members to the Committee. Mr. Poore requested Mr. Bowie to appear at Council's next Formal Meeting on February 15, 1977.

Mr. Hooper discussed naming the Courthouse Annex. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wright, the Council voted unanimously to request the Anderson County Historical Society to name the Courthouse Annex. Mr. Poore suggested that Mr. Parker Bowie work in cooperation with the Historical Society to name the Courthouse Annex.

Sheriff Cooley appeared before Council and requested authorization to purchase five (5) vehicles. The Sheriff asked he be allowed to purchase full-size patrol cars. Mr. Poore suggested Sheriff Cooley meet with Mr. Hehn and draft specifications for the vehicles. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to request the Sheriff to appear at their next meeting.

Mr. J. D. Compton, representing the Study Committee on developing and redeveloping the Cheddar Community, appeared before Council and requested \$5,000 to study the feasibility of developing the Cheddar Community and constructing a Civic Center. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to forward Budget Request Forms to Mr. Compton.

Mr. John Crosson thanked Council for appointing him to the South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments. Mr. Crosson stated that County Council could request the Council of Governments to initiate a Junk Car Removal Program in Anderson County if they filed such a request by December 31, 1977. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to request Mr. Crosson to appear at a later meeting and discuss the manner further. Mr. Crosson also requested the Council to consider raising Anderson County's appropriation to the Council of Governments from 32½ cents per capita to 35 cents per capita. This would be an increase from \$34,279 to \$38,897 per year or a net increase of \$4,618. Mr. Crosson requested Council act on the request some time during the month of February. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to consider the proposed increase during the month of February.

Mr. Poore stated that a Hammond Organ had been installed at the County Stockade. Mr. Poore stated that a balance of \$800 is owed on the organ; and, he asked Council to consider paying the balance due on the organ. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to accept Mr. Poore's request as information.

Mr. Poore stated that a balance of \$4,813.11 currently remains in the County Farm account. Mr. Poore stated that he would like to plant two to three acres of potatoes at the County Farm. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Poore to plant the potatoes. Mr. Poore stated that he would have to purchase fertilizer and seed potatoes to plant the potatoe crop. Mr. Poore stated that the U. S. Department of Agricultural, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee would contribute \$8 per ton to spread lime on 75 acres of land at the County Farm.

Mr. Hurley Badders, Director of the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission, introduced Mr. J. M. Wingo, Chairman of the Commission. Mr. Wingo requested a \$6,000 supplemental appropriation to offset a \$12,000 overrun in the construction of a Agricultural Museum by the Commission. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to request the Commission to submit their Budget Request to Mr. Hehn.

Mr. Hoyt Adams asked Council to consider granting a franchise for Cable Television in the unincorporated areas between the towns of Honea Path, Belton, Williamston, Pelzer and West Pelzer. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to refer the matter to the County Attorney.

Mr. Hehn stated that the County has received \$7,132 from the Countercyclical Anti-recessional Program authorized by Title II of the Public Work Employment Act of 1976. Mr. Hehn stated that the County must take action to program these funds in the 1976-77 Budget before May 2, 1977.

Mr. Wright had requested a discussion of litigation by the Supervisor against County Council. Mr. Poore stated that he did not believe this manner should be discussed in public as it is a pending legal matter. Mr. Wright requested an executive session. Mr. Poore stated he felt such a session would not be appropriate at this time. Mr. Wright and Mr. Poore asked that the discussion of litigation by the Supervisor against County Council be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and be discussed in executive session.

Mr. Poore discussed the situation concerning the storage room in the basement of the Courthouse. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to authorize the Supervisor to transport all the junk in the storage area to the County Landfill.

Mr. Walters discussed progress concerning renovation of offices for the Probation Officers, Clerk to Council and Purchasing Agent. Mr. Walters stated that a total of \$3,321.48 had been spent on the renovation to date.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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CLERK TO COUNCIL