

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting - January 25, 1994 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING:

G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ed Allgood, Mike Holden, Tom Martin, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips-WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick-HOMETOWN REFLECTIONS, Dodie Carner-Humane Society, Brantley Jordan (picked up and paid for).

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on January 4, 1994 at 4:30 PM in the new Anderson County Council Chambers - Old Court-house - Second Floor.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

Ed Allgood - District #4
Gary A. Smoak - Administrator

Chairman Tolly called the meeting to order and Mr. Tom Martin gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the December 21, 1993 minutes as mailed.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the January 4, 1994 minutes as mailed.

Mr. Tolly explained to all present that Mr. Smoak had an accident on the ice and would not be attending the meeting.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council presented Mike Holden a plaque, on behalf of the Citizens of Anderson County and Anderson County Council, for his contributions as chairman of Council during 1993.

Ms. Morgan Mitchell, "Miss T.L. Hanna High School", presented Council with a petition with approximately 500 signatures urging Council to take the necessary steps to begin a composting system in Anderson County in an effort to save landfill space as well as to generate income for the County. Council received as information.

Mr. Tolly presented second reading on Ordinance #409 - an ordinance to provide for property owners to rid properties of weeds, undergrowth, trash, and other conditions detrimental to the public health, welfare or safety of County citizens. A public hearing was held and the following citizens were allowed to speak: Bob Smith, Carl Johnson, Chris Breswell, Tom Martin (as a private citizen), Judy Scott, Brantley Jordan, two individuals who did not give their names, Mike Johnson, Gerald Jones - questioned whether the Council had time to read the "Letter of Intent To Sue", Rev. Paul Brown and Amy Thomason. There were no further comments; therefore, the public hearing was closed. Council received all comments as information. Mr. Floyd moved that the ordinance be tabled to allow for further study at the work session. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Banister stated that the ordinance does not state that farms are excluded. MR. BANISTER STATED FOR THE RECORD THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO THE ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY. Vote to table was 4-0. (Allgood absent)

Mr. Banister appointed Ms. Debbie Patterson to the Human Relations Council, Mr. Tom Dudley to the Civic Center Authority to replace Mr. Wallace Alewine and Mr. Willis E. McGee to the Planning Commission to replace Mr. Tom Dudley. Mr. Banister moved that the appointments be approved and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 4-0.

Mr. Tolly appointed Ms. Jovanna J. King to the Civic Center Authority to replace Doug Cromer. Mr. Tolly moved that the appointment be accepted and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin presented bids for compactors, containers and hoppers for County Transfer Stations. This is not a new bid; the last time the County purchased was in October, 1993, and the successful vendors have indicated that they would honor the same prices for additions to the contract at this time, he stated. Mr. Floyd moved to continue with the old contract prices and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 3 in favor and one opposed (Holden). Motion carried.

Mr. Martin presented bids for 1 each - Roll off truck from Christopher Truck Sales for \$87,513, 1 each - Dump truck, and 2 each - 14' flat bed dump trucks from Superior Motors for a total of \$88,428.72. This is a budgeted item and no additional funding will be required. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the purchases and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted 4-0 to turn over the title to the burned Pendleton ambulance to the Pendleton Rescue Squad as requested by the Anderson County EMS Commission. Vote was 4-0.

Council discussed a list of projects to be done with proceeds from the General Obligation Bond. The current balance on the bond issue is \$57,744 with an \$8,890 arbitrage rebate from the general contractor for a total of \$66,634. The money must be paid out no later than April 4, 1994. Mr. Banister moved to approve the list as presented and Mr. Floyd seconded. Vote was 4-0.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted 4-0 to approve the budget preparation calendar as revised for fy94 as handed out.

Item #8 - Fill Dirt at the Civic Center was deferred until Mr. Smoak can be present for discussions.

Dr. Mack Burriss, Chairman of the Animal Care and Control Advisory Committee, presented the First Annual Evaluation Report of the Animal Shelter to Council. The report was explained to Council. Council received as information.

Ms. Dodie Carner presented to Council the Anderson County Humane Society's Minority Report. The report was submitted to Council so they could be fully informed on opinions and concerns that the Anderson County Humane Society continues to have. They have noted in the report that they (ACHS) have offered to help. The ACHS is pleased with the progress that is presently occurring, she said. The intent was to enlighten and educate Council with regards to the Minority Report and it is the ACHS's deepest desire to be a helping hand to Anderson County to the Anderson County Animal Shelter. Ms. Carner spoke on the need for injections at the shelter instead of the chamber. Other ACHS's concerns were discussed by Ms. Carner. The Anderson County Humane Society wishes to have direct involvement with and in the shelter; this privilege has not been allowed yet and would request that privilege at this time. She asked that Council allow them to begin tonight to work toward the best and most progressive in a minimal amount of time. The results would be great with a combined effort and asked that Council give them that chance. Council received as information.

Mr. Watson presented the implementation and time table. Mr. Watson stated that the cost of injects would be approximately \$4,000.00 and two additional people and does need budget consideration. A new fee schedule was also presented to Council. Council also received as information.

Mr. Tolly read Resolution #700 approving and adopting by reference thereto the attached "Anderson County Animal Shelter Policy and Procedures Manual" as the policies applicable to the Anderson County Animal Shelter. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the Resolution and Mr. Smoak's changes and Mr. Floyd seconded. Mr. Tom Martin presented Mr. Smoak's recommended changes to the Animal Shelter's Policy and Procedures Manual. **Change #1** - Page 10 - C. "The Shelter will be open to the public Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed on Thursday and Sunday. Shelter hours will be clearly posted outside the Shelter and made known throughout the community. Shelter staff will attend to all animals both A.M. and P.M. seven days a week (including Holidays)." **Change #2** - Page 15 - ADOPTION DIRECTIVES - I. "If adoptee becomes demonstrably sick and dies due to exposure occurring prior to adoption, the shelter will provide a replacement animal of like kind at no additional charge. A suitable period of time should elapse before a new animal is placed in that home." **Change #3** - Page 20 - EUTHANASIA - b. "Euthanasia of all other animals is accomplished by use of Carbon Monoxide gas or by injection of Sodium Pentobarbital as may be budgeted by the County Council or provided for by the Anderson County Humane Society or other sources. According to a 1993 Study by the American Veterinary Medical Association (A.V.M.A.), this method is considered a humane procedure; however, when trained staff and resources are available, all animals should be euthanized by injection." Mr. Floyd asked that the vote on the changes be deferred to allow time to make all the changes and Council has a change to look at these. Council agreed. Mr. Tolly withdrew his motion. The revised policy will be ready for the next meeting for Council's consideration.

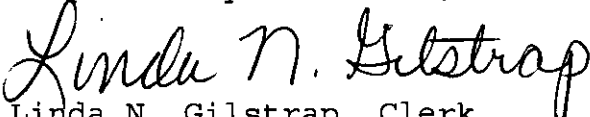
Mr. Tolly moved to go into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to discussion a litigation issue. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Tolly moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 4-0.

Mr. Floyd moved to ask the County Attorney to negotiate an existing litigation matter along the lines as discussed in executive session. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 4-0.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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