

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 21, 1986 - 7:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JANUARY 21, 1986 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN HAROLD E. BEEBE PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Jimmy Cox, District #1  
David L. Hooper, District #2  
Robert L. Wiles, District #3  
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4  
Chairman Harold E. Beebe, District #5  
David Watson, Administrator  
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator  
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Beebe called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 17, 1985 and the January 7, 1986 meetings as mailed.

Mr. Hooper asked that Major Meadows Road be accepted into the County system. He stated that the road met all county requirements. Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Hooper moved that the following members be reappointed to the Hospital Board for another term. Dr. James Belk, Mrs. Juanita Garrison, Mrs. Laura Rhodes, Mr. Will Rice, Mr. Jim Clamp. He asked that Dr. Charles E. Waller replace Mr. Ben Bleckley who asked not to be reappointed. Mr. Beebe seconded the appointments. Vote was unanimous. (Mr. Rhodes abstained on Laura Rhodes appointment.)

Mr. Hooper stated that Dr. John Martin had resigned from the Airport Commission. Mr. Cox nominated Mr. Joe Keith Wilson to replace Dr. Martin. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Millard Smith, Executive Secretary for the County Board of Education, came before Council requesting an on-line terminal with a printer to have access to information concerning School funds that flow thru the Treasurer's office and taxes collected by the Treasurer for the Schools. Mr. Rhodes moved that the request be allowed. His motion died from lack of second. Mr. Beebe suggested that the Council receive as information and let Mr. Watson look into the request further.

Mr. James Adams appeared before Council to discuss water control at Broadway Lake. He reported that the flood gates at Broadway Lake were open and the control gate was closed. He presented Mr. Watson a key that he found in the gate to the low-level outlet at Broadway. He reported that people were using this building after hours and using dope. Council received as information and referred Mr. Adams to the Broadway Lake Commission.

Council agreed to amend the agenda to hear from Mr. Trey Senn.

Mr. Senn discussed a letter from Herman Snyder, State Highway Engineer, requested that the County give up right-of-ways for the 2.07 mile of rail to allow the four-laning of S.C. 81. Mr. Wiles moved that the County agree to do this. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles read a letter addressed to Mayor Hewell from certain citizens of the Town of Iva requested that their street (Sexton Gin Road) be renamed Morgan Avenue. Mr. Wiles moved that the street revert back to its previous name, Morgan Avenue over to Riddle Road, which is about 3/4 of a mile, from there on out would be known as Sexton Gin Road and the appropriate signs be erected. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles presented Resolution #311 recognizing Mr. David Watson for the outstanding service and dedication in conducting the duties of his office. He then moved the adoption of the resolution. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 4-1. Mr. Rhodes opposed the resolution.

Mr. Wiles read Ordinance #191 for first reading approval. This would provide for the placement of the system known as Enhanced 911 on the ballot in the next general election. He then moved the adoption of the ordinance and Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

A public hearing was held for written or oral comments on the final adoption of Ordinance #187 changing the form of government. Mr. Bleckly spoke. The public hearing was declared closed.

Mr. Rhodes presented third reading of the Ordinance (#187) providing for and scheduling a referendum to change the form of government of Anderson County. He then moved that this be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns explained a request from Circuit Judge Tom Ervin asking for \$700 to provide uniforms for bailiffs. Mrs. Jo Brown, Director of the Senior Citizens Program, also asked for additional funds in the amount of \$3,500 to continue operations. Mr. Rhodes moved that both requests be approved and the funds to come from the Stockade account. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes presented for first reading approval, Ordinance #192 providing that the terms of office of council members be changed from 2 years to 4 year staggered terms subject to referendum approval and moved that it be approved. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Fred Dobbins, representing Citizens for Better Government, came before Council asking for consideration to place the question whether Council shall be expanded to seven members with two at large on the ballot in the general election in the form of a referendum. Mr. Rhodes read the ordinance and then moved to adopt on first reading. Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was two in favor (Rhodes, Hooper) and three opposed (Wiles, Cox, Beebe). Motion was defeated. Mr. Wiles offered an amendment to the ordinance that the seven members be single member districts and

Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Wiles later withdrew his amendment. Council discussed the ordinance further.  
Council recessed for 10 minutes at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order around 8:00 p.m. by the chairman.

Mr. Cox moved that the County Attorney draw up sufficient ordinances for consideration at the next Council meeting to be placed on the ballot in the form of a referendum, giving the people a choice between seven (7) single member districts with seven council members and seven (7) council members with two (2) at large. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for a public hearing on the third and final reading of Ordinance #186 authorizing the transfer of certain real property to the S.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and to cancel an existing lease. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Mullinax then read for third reading approval Ordinance #186. Mr. Hooper moved the adoption of the ordinance and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous. It was reported that the "certain real property" as described in the ordinance was on the corner of the Mall Road and Whitehall.

Mr. Mullinax presented third reading of Ordinance #185 establishing a committee to study and implement zoning for Anderson County. Mr. Hooper moved its adoption. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Wiles asked that the record reflect that this committee would be charged with making recommendations to council instead of authority to implement.

Mr. Mullinax presented third and final reading of Ordinance #182 changing the EMS Commission from nine (9) to eleven (11) members. Mr. Wiles moved to approve on third reading. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Robert King stated for the record that this was the unanimous request of the EMS Commission.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #188 authorizing the issuance of \$500,000 for the purpose of construction of a Law Enforcement Center in Anderson. Mr. Beebe moved that the ordinance be approved and Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax reported that the McNair Law Firm recommended that second reading of Ordinance #189 authorizing the issuance of \$210,000 general obligation bonds for the financing of a computer for the County Library be held up until February 18. Council agreed.

Mr. Mullinax asked that the agenda be amended to hold first reading of an ordinance for Craft Bonded Warehouse. Noone objected.

Mr. Mullinax read ordinance #193 authorizing the amendment of the \$1,000,000 industrial development note for Craft Bonded Warehouse. Mr. Beebe moved that the ordinance be approved on first reading and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Beebe moved that the County Attorney contact S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and ask that a public hearing be held on the proposed firefighting training center near Anderson County Memorial Stadium before granting a permit for its construction. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 4 in favor with one (1) abstaining. Mr. Rhodes abstained.

Mr. Beebe appointed Mr. Robert Wiles to the 1990 Steering Committee.

Mr. Bob Daniel with Greene, Lindley & Company presented the 1984-85 audit and explained the financial statements and management letter. A copy of both are on file in the Clerk to Council's office.

Mr. Watson discussed a letter from the State Department of Social Services saying that DSS employees cannot be used to perform intake and eligibility determinations for the Medically Indigent Assistance Fund. Mr. Beebe moved that the DSS and Anderson Memorial Hospital work together in processing applications for indigent care. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Burns gave a report on the Off System Bridge Program. He stated that the State Highway Department would completely replace/repair 5 county bridges at a cost of \$640,000. The County would have to provide 20% and asked for permission to respond that the County will finance this 20%. This would be addressed in the 1986-87 budget. Mr. Cox moved that the Council approve the request and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented the Road Maintenance report for Council's information.

Mr. Burns reported on an emergency purchase of a radio for the Iva Rescue Squad for \$2,300 which was purchased on January 17. Mr. Beebe moved to approve the purchase. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles asked for a transfer of \$1,000 from the funds remaining the Stockade account to pave a strip at the Belton's Farmers Market. He then moved that this be done and the funds come from the Stockade account. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes asked the Administrator to check on the bugs at the Agriculture Building.

Mr. Rhodes moved that the Council approve the paving of the Agriculture Building and DSS Buildings parking lots and the funds to come from the Stockade account if available. Mr. Wiles seconded. Mr. Cox amended the motion that the Council authorize the administrator to pave the parking lots if he finds the money is available in the Stockade account and to designate no more than \$10,000 for this purpose. Mr. Beebe seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was unanimous and vote on the original motion was unanimous.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens at this time.

Mr. J.D. Compton

Mr. Brantley Jordan

Mr. Carl Johnson

Mr. Ben Bleckley

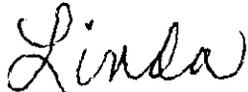
Mr. Furman Gerrard

Mr. Bill Metts

Mr. Roy Perry

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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