

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008 AT 4:31 P.M.  
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: None

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present

Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present

Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present

Joey D. English, District 4 – Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present

Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on January 9, 2008 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider expired terms on the Airport Commission. There are three vacancies and three applications from Mr. Ed Greer, Mr. Phillip Arnold and Mr. Charles Wilson.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to appoint the three applicants for the three positions.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider the three expired terms on the Fair Board. Councilwoman Joan Little from District 1 asked to wait until next month to make her recommendation. Councilman Tommy Ford from District 3 recommended the appointment of Roger Bailey. Councilman Randall Hanvey from District 5 postponed his recommendation until next month to allow him to speak with one of his applicants.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to appoint Roger Bailey to serve on the Fair Board.

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Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Tax Assessor Bill Randall presented information on the Phillips property located at 104 Smith Drive. He provided Council with pictures of the property showing the condition it is in now.

Joey English: Made a motion to go through the proper procedure for condemnation of the property.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an ordinance for a joint county Industrial and Business Park with Spartanburg County for the American Yuncheng Project.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the American Yuncheng Project as stated.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jim Price with the McNair Law Firm stated this was a multi-county park agreement and would result in 1% of the revenues being sent to Union County for this project. They are spending close to ten million dollars and employing about 120 people.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for Council to review and approve an audit report for Carnegie Library.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the audit report as presented.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Joan Little: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman  
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council