

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 17, 1984 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JULY 17, 1984 AT 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 109 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WITH MR. ROBERT WILES PRESIDING. The Following were present:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3 - Chairman
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator

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

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 3, 1984 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal reported that the Road Maintenance Department received 175 work orders for the period July 1 - July 15. The department completed 198 during that time. Mr. Alexander asked Mr. O'Neal for an up-date on a work order on McElrath Street in Piedmont. Mr. O'Neal said he instructed the Road Maintenance Department crew not to complete the work order, and in his opinion if the County extended that road, they would be using public funds to increase the value of private property. Mr. Alexander said that the original plan was for the road to go on down and Piedmont Manufacturing sold the property to individuals and now they have no access to their property. Mr. Alexander feels that the road should be cut to the end of the county right-of-way which is 125' - 130' which was given to the county years ago. Mr. O'Neal said that the County needed to get out of the road cutting business. Mr. Lynch moved that the County Administrator see when the county got the right-of-way and bring up at the next meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Gilreath requested that Road Maintenance get an estimate. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Alexander said he had been promised for nine weeks, by the Road Maintenance Department, that work would begin on moving First Street in Williamston away from the front door of a church. Mr. Strickland said that due to lack of funds and manpower that this had been delayed and promised work to begin no later than next Monday on the request.

Mr. Alexander then asked if the "open container" signs had been ordered. Mr. O'Neal said they would be ordered tomorrow if they were not already on order.

Council discussed the opening of the Old Dunham Bridge on 81. Mr. O'Neal recommended that the bridge remain closed until the State Highway Engineer recommends that the bridge is safe to be opened before the \$35,000 worth of repairs are made.

Mr. O'Neal was asked to contact the state for possible funding or repair of the bridge.

Mr. Watson informed Council that bids would be opened July 23 on a chip spreader, janitorial services and Assessor's Vehicles on July 26, two dump trucks and one pick up truck on July 31, 1984.

Mr. O'Neal told Council that Mr. Summey with Summey Outdoor Advertising had made a proposal to the County to lease property to erect advertising signs, and asked that the Council allow advertising of a public hearing for two weeks from this date.

Mike Mullinax read Resolution #238 requesting that the district boundaries of Homeland Park Water District be extended and also held a public hearing. There were no comments. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the Resolution (#238).

Mr. Mike Garrett and Engineer for McQuire/Beebe Engineers gave the following report on the waste water treatment plant to be located in Anderson County. The Easley Combined Utility System has been working on improvements required to their waste treatment system since 1974. They have been developing a plan called 201 Facilities Plan required by Environmental Protection Agency of all municipalities and authorities responsible for planning of waste treatment and providing that service. The present system consist of 7 lagoons which are all in violation of the EPA State regulations for waste water discharge. Three lagoons are located south that discharge into Brushy Creek, Middle Branch and Eighteen Mile Creek. The requirements to clean-up these streams and make necessary improvements to waste treatment facilities south of Easley requires that they construct a more sophisticated waste treatment facility south of town to collect and treat those waste waters. It has been in the planning stages since 1974 and Easley has finalized a plan, developed a plan for the treatment of that waste. The plan requires construction of one treatment facility located somewhere on Middle Branch. The location of the treatment plant requires that the waste water which discharges from that plant meet water quality standards for the Middle Branch Stream. Those water quality standards are established by DHEC who are responsible for maintaining stream waters in the State. Middle Branch stream is classified for swimming and fishing. The State in their analysis and modeling establishes a point along that stream at which waste waters can be discharged and still maintain the necessary water quality in the stream. That was the method which was used to determine the location for this waste treatment plant on Middle Branch. We investigated about 10 different sites along Brushy Creek, Eighteen Mile Creek, and Middle Branch. The site selected was the only site that would receive the waste and maintain water quality. The site is located across county line into Anderson County on Middle Branch Creek, south of Road 94. The plant is located approximately 3,000 feet down stream from Anderson-Pickens County line. The 201 Facility Plan has been prepared which is required by EPA to determine the most cost effective method for the system. Mr. Rhodes moved that the Planning & Development Board contact EPA and do whatever necessary to get this reversed. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Rhodes suggested that if this didn't get the project stopped, that the Administrator look into the possibility of passing an ordinance on building permits as far as sewers with fees up to \$100,000 and so much per year.

Mr. Stephen Crawford, Recreation Director, gave Council a briefing on the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee requirements. He said the legislature requires that there be a minimum of five members and requested that Council keep it at a workable number of people; 5, 7 or 9. He also said Council would have to decide the length of terms. People eligible for the committee would be people of the hospitality industry. Mr. Rhodes moved that Mr. Hurly Badders, Trey Senn and Stephen Crawford be appointed to the committee. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0. The length of terms will be set at the next meeting. Other nominations will be made at the next meeting.

Mr. Jimmy King, Chairman of the Election Commission, asked Council to amend the agenda so Council could hear from the Commission. Mr. Lynch moved that the agenda be amended. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Lynch moved that the agenda be amended to hear Mr. Fred Dobbins. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Jimmy King presented a proposal from Airmac Technology for the purchase of 25 additional vote tabulators and 1 prom programmer, which would allow the commission to best serve the needs of the County. The total price for the purchase would be \$89,370. Mr. King recommended that the County Administrator be directed by Council to look into financing of this request and report back to Council and the Election Commission as to the alternatives of financing/purchasing these machines. Mr. Lynch moved that the administrator look for possible funding of the request. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. King said that the Election Commission made an error in their 1984-85 budget and short-changed their secretary. He then requested that \$587.68 be transferred from Account #141-Code 15 into code 01 (salaries). \$141.68 would be retroactive. Mr. Rhodes moved that this be approved. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. King explained the training of personnel for operation of the voting tabulators by Airmac Technology. He recommended that monies available in the Election Commission's budget be used to bring someone from California in, after the General Election, to train certain designated employees, not members of the Election Commission, to operate these machines. Mr. Gilreath asked that this be discussed with the Delegation.

Council took a 5 minute break at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Fred Dobbins told Council that a check was mailed on May 31 and received by the County Treasurer on June 4, from the State of South Carolina for the reimbursement of lost monies on the homestead exemption program. The amount of the check was \$537,534.30; \$388,843.42 was for the school districts of Anderson County (which they have received) which was invested and drawing interest from June 4. The school's share of the interest would be \$4,218.69 and requested that they receive this money. He also requested that the tax books be opened on time this year. The law is September 15. Mr. Rhodes moved that the Treasurer pay the interest due the schools. Mr. Lynch seconded. Mr. Lynch moved that the Administrator direct the Treasurer to write a check for \$4,218.69 and if this figure was incorrect she would then contact the school board. Mr. Rhodes at this time, withdrew his motion and seconded Mr. Lynch's motion. Mr. Lynch included in his motion that all monies for schools will be dispensed with the interest as an amendment. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was four in favor and one abstaining on the amendment. Mr. Gilreath abstained. Vote on the original motion was 5-0.

Mr. O'Neal presented second reading of Ordinance #139 (Orlan Rugs) for Council's consideration. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted 5-0 to approve Ordinance #139 (Orlan Rugs) on second reading.

Ms. Flora Walker next on the agenda, was unable to attend and sent a letter to Council asking that Mr. Larry Dukes speak on her behalf. Mr. Dukes spoke in opposition to the Senior Citizens Special Project set up in the 1984-85 budget and requested Council to amend the budget by deleting the \$25,000 appropriated for this project. Council received as information.

Mr. John Gillespie with Shearson Lehman/American Express Inc. presented Council with financing alternatives for a combined county jail-stockade.

Mr. Gillespie suggested that the County negotiate with the State for possible funding to take care of state inmates. Mr. Lynch moved that the administrator look into the possibility of a new combined jail and maintenance shop/Stockade facility. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lynch presented Ordinance #140 (Animal Control) for approval on first reading. He then moved that this be approved. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At this time Council heard from concerned citizens. Mr. Maurice Freeman asked Council to cancel the July 24, 1984 referendum and informed Council of the petition presented to Council with 147 names. Mr. Rhodes moved that this be received as information. Mr. Lynch seconded. Mr. Rhodes withdrew his motion because it was out of order.

Council heard from Mr. Charles Gould on an amendment of the 1984-85 budget deleting the \$25,000 appropriated for the Senior Citizens Special Project. Council heard from others.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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