

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - February 20, 1996 - 4:30 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, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, 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- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard -District #5 (LATE)
David Watson, Interim Administrator
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. William Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 6, 1996 meeting as mailed.

Chairman Garrison welcomed the crowd and explained that Mr. Gerrard was running late and the agenda would probably be rearranged because of Mr. Gerrard's absence.

Council heard from Ms. Elizabeth Byrum, a concerned citizen. Ms. Byrum quoted sections from the County Code regarding flag lots and requirements that would not allow her and her husband to give their sons land to live on. Council received as information.

Mr. Tom Clark and Mr. Carl Johnson also addressed Council on the playing of Bingo at the Anderson County Civic Center under the Citizens Agenda.

Mr. Garrison presented third reading of Ordinance #96-001 - an ordinance to amend section 66-38. Regulation of Sewer Discharge in County's jurisdiction, of the Anderson County Code of ordinances. Mr. Banister moved to approve on third reading and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was 4-0. (absent/Gerrard)

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution R96-006 - a resolution authorizing an inducement contract between Anderson County, South Carolina and Michelin North America, Inc. relating to the County's issuance and delivery of certain industrial revenue bonds and special source revenue bonds. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Garrison presented a proclamation proclaiming February 26 through March 3, 1996 as Phone Book Recycling Week in Anderson County. Ms. Epting read the proclamation. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the proclamation and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council recessed at 4:50 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes.

The meeting was called back to order at 5:15 p.m. Mr. Gerrard arrived at this time.

Mr. Garrison presented first reading of Ordinance #96-004 - an ordinance to amend the Land Use regulations of the Anderson County Code. Mr. Banister moved to approve and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Mr. Garrison explained that Council was made aware that the Land Use Ordinance had some sections in it which are in addition to the ones that were in the old ordinance when it was codified. The Administrator has been requested to check the two ordinances and determine the differences between the two. One involves flag lots. Mr. Garrison said that by "grandfathering in" property owners, Council has allowed unfairness to become prevalent in the causing business owners to shield their dumpsters. This is grandfathered in so that property owners don't have to obey the law who owned the property before enactment. This also allows proprietor after proprietor of these businesses never to have to shield their dumpsters. He asked that this also be addressed in the ordinance. (something to the effect that if the proprietorship of these businesses change, then the grandfather clause is no longer in effect. By third reading there will probably be more changes, he said. Mr. Floyd requested by the next meeting that someone from Land Use be available to respond. Mr. Watson will have someone available at the next meeting. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison presented Ordinance #96-005 - an ordinance to amend Anderson County Ordinance #94-019 jointly owned Multi-county Business Park with Clarendon County. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to remove one tract from the park of approximately 42 acres belonging to Mr. Jack Watson.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Bansiter, Council voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$5,200 to repair the soffit of the Anderson Airport terminal building from the Contingency Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve an emergency purchase in the amount of \$10,449.09 to repair taxiway lights at the Anderson County Airport. This was done by Walker & Whiteside, Inc. and the funds needed to pay the bill will come from the Contingency Fund.

Mr. Gerrard moved to direct David Watson, Interim Administrator, to investigate (study) some alternative uses for the Civic Center facility. This would include the leasing of the facility, converting it to a Library, closing the facility, or any other possibilities that could reduce or eliminate the operating deficit of the Civic Center operation. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Gerrard asked for the study within the next 60 days.

Mr. Gerrard moved to consider utilizing the Airport property located adjacent to Warner Road, as shown on plat in packet, for the purpose of establishing a County park. Mr. Banister seconded the motion. Council discussed. Mr. Wayne Proctor and Mr. Stephen Crawford will work up a Master Plan with the FAA and the Airport Commission. Vote was four in favor (Gerrard, Garrison, Banister, Floyd) and one opposed (Tolly). Motion carried.

Mr. Gerrard moved that the Council take five inmates and rotate back and forth between the 10 convenient stations to help clean up around the area, and to provide citizens with assistance when they come into the convenient station. Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Gerrard asked that Mr. Watson have Ron Smith come up with a number of inmates that would be needed to man the sort line at the MURF facilities, and have J.R. McClure come up with a number of inmates that could be utilized in the Road Department to perform work such as cleaning ditches, driveway drainage, picking up trash and garbage along roads, etc. This information would be used by the "Working Inmate Committee".

Mr. Garrison explained a request from Buddy Durham, Mayor of Pendleton, for approximately \$30,000 in funds to install a new water line in Pendleton. Chairman Garrison turned the gavel over to the vice chairman and then moved that Council approve \$30,000 to the Town of Pendleton for the use of waterlines to be deducted from District #4 paving account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 5-0. Mr. Banister turned the gavel back over to Mr. Garrison.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer from account #5211-000-313 to 5211-000-325 Airport budget for \$3,822.

Mr. Watson presented a transfer of funds in the amount of \$3,622.50 from the Contingency Fund for the purchase of lapel pins ordered by Personnel. Mr. Floyd moved to approve the transfer and Mr. Gerrard seconded. Council discussed that county procedures were not followed. Mr. Watson was asked to take appropriate action that this does not happen again. Vote was three in favor (Tolly, Floyd, Garrison) and two opposed (Banister, Gerrard). Motion carried.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the transfer of \$36,000 from Road Maintenance #5221-000-259 to 5221-000-421.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the placement of two historical signs by the Anderson County Historical Society. One will be located at the Historic Courthouse and the other one will be placed on Highway 24 near New Hope Road (Oliver Bolt/1st Cotton gin). Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. James McAdams, 911 Coordinator, appeared before Council asking for support of House Bill H-4286 which would require wire and nonwire (cellular) telephones, to have the same definition for 9-1-1 communication purposes. This inclusive definition would allow a surcharge to be applied to cellular phones. Mr. Floyd moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Council discussed. Vote was two in favor (Tolly, Floyd) and three opposed (Gerrard, Garrison, Banister). Motion failed.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the services of Cherry, Bekaert & Hollard for audit services for 1995-1996 for \$25,725. (for one year only) Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to abandon county interest in a cul-de-sac on Westridge Court off New Prospect Road.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to build a cul-de-sac on Sunny Hill Lane (C-9-161B).

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve a dirt road off Elizabeth Street Extension (outside Honea Path City limits) for minimum maintenance (type III). This is an old county dirt road.

Mr. McClure presented a request for Dr. Martin Road (C-3-53A) (Fitzroy Road-northern end which intersects with Five Forks Road) be added to the County maps. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the request.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve a cost of ownership analysis for the County computer system. The money is available in the Computer Services budget. The new capacity will be for the Assessor's office reassessment program. The cost is \$54,200.

Ms. King asked for permission to spend approximately \$13,000 of State money to purchase memory. Council agreed to allow Ms. King to make the purchase.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to proceed with bids for steel ceilings as explained by Mr. McClure to correct the problem in the holding cells ceiling in the new courthouse. No budgeted money is available for the project.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Garrison stated that no action was taken in executive session and none would be required as a result of executive session.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to have the Road Maintenance department retrieve 19 abandoned lighting fixtures from the Clemson Research Park which may be used at the old Double Springs Community Club if a park is developed. The value on the lights are about \$850 each.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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