

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - June 19, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.  
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman Clint Wright - District #4 - Presiding  
G. Fred Tolly - District #1  
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2  
Larry E. Greer - District #3  
Vice Chairman Mike Holden - District #5  
William C. Dees - District #6  
M. Cindy Wilson - District #7  
Joey Preston - Administrator  
Tom Martin - County Attorney  
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, June 19, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Public Comments:

1. Brantley Jordan stated that he went to the new courthouse and visited the mail department. He said he was amazed at the amount of mail that is processed. Mr. Charles Watkins and Mr. Barry Duncan explained the County's process. Ms. Peggy Hall is the mail courier. He recommended that all members of Council go to the department and take a look. He said that this was another fine example of the County's fine working force.

2. Randy Schaub spoke concerning the noise ordinance. He said the ordinance to him was very good; however, the county needs some enforcement. He made the following suggestions to the ordinance. Section 42-215 the officer is duly bound to give the offender a warning first. This should left to the officer's discretion where if the person is extremely objectionable then he should be allowed to give a ticket then. Section 38-199 (table) noise levels. The County should add the DBA level. At the time the ordinance was written, most noise meters only measured DBA, which is the curve that matches the ear. The County also needs more law enforcement and he would be willing to pay more taxes, he said.
3. Alton Reed stated that he works on third shift at the Associated Fuel Pump Company and resides in South Anderson. He said he had to get up out of bed and drive 20 miles to another residence to sleep because of the noise in his community. He said he had made 18 calls to the Sheriff's office and also contacted to person making the noise. He asked Council to please do something to help with this problem.
4. Carl Johnson also stated that the County needed to do something about the noise ordinance. He said maybe increase the fines and drop the first warning ticket.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #R2001-030 - a resolution recognizing and honoring Anderson County resident Tecora Simpson on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Holden and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Holden presented Resolution #R2001-027 - a resolution honoring Archie L. Morgan, retired executive director and founder of Crisis Ministries, a twenty-four hour, seven day-a-week human service ministry that provides crisis intervention, stabilization and education and information/referral services to the residents of Anderson County and other surrounding areas; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Holden moved to approve the Resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bill Dees presented Resolution #R2001-029 - a resolution honoring and recognizing retiring Anderson County Auditor Mrs. Annie Francis Clark for her fifty-three years of public service; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Dees moved

to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Council thanked Ms. Clark for her many years of dedicated service to Anderson County.

Ms. Kimberly Spears, Director of the Anderson County Arts Council presented Ms. Gracie Floyd a basket of "goodies" for her contribution to the Arts Councils for scholarships to enable under-privileged children to participate in the summer art camp program.

Mr. Roy H. Tryon, State Archivist and Records Administrator recognized Anderson County for their outstanding records management, setting up a new records management department and meeting all the requirements of making sure that all the records are stored and handled properly. He presented the county an Award of Achievement and also presented Mr. Charles Watkins an Award of Innovation for his role in establishing a central records management program. Council also commended Mr. Watkins for his outstanding performance.

Mr. John McCormick did not appear so the next item of business was skipped over.

Mr. Martin gave Council a brief synopsis of the County's present ordinance regulations on Noise. After much discussion with members of Council and the Sheriff, Council agreed to form a noise task force to study improvements to the County's noise ordinance at the request of Ms. Floyd. Highlights of the discussion were giving officers the discretion to issue fines instead of first offense written warnings, the specific types of noises, such as the car noise, boats with modified exhaust systems, noise during the daytime hours, loud car stereos, and boom boxes. Each Council Member will appoint one resident to this task force under which the Sheriff will preside and then report back at a work session on July 12, 2001.

Council recessed at 7:30 p.m. for 10 minutes. Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m.

Council heard a presentation from the SERVE, INC. program in Anderson County by Director Rev. Wendell Cox. This program assists kids from ages 3-16 from all areas of Anderson County with math, reading, English, computers and others. He explained that the center needed money for the purchase of air conditioners. Council received as information.

Mr. Michael Cunningham, Chairman of the Human Resource Committee presented Ms. Cathy Conwell from the Anderson County Transportation Division as the Employee of the Month for May. Ms. Conwell was presented a day off certificate, a gift certificate to a local restaurant, plaque, and an Anderson County golf shirt. Anderson County commended Ms. Conwell for her outstanding job performance.

Mr. Cunningham read the following list of members of the Human resource Committee that will change effective July 1, 2001. Mr. Robert Carroll, Mr. Aaron Smart, and Ms. Beverly Morris, Ms. Sandra Williamson, Ms. Melanie James, Ms. Maxine Strickland, Mr. Frank Spear, Ms. Tracie Mullikan, and Judge William Still. Council commended the Committee for their time served on the committee..

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-013 - an ordinance amending, in certain limited particulars only, Chapter 10, Article 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Anderson County, by adopting by reference only, the latest editions of the Nationally recognized model building codes; and other matters related thereto. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on third and final reading.

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-018 - an ordinance to approve the application for rezoning from R-20 to R-A for the Applicant/property owners of Owens Circle and Burns Bridge Circle, located in Council District 4 and within the Mt. Tabor voting precinct. Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on third and final reading.

Mr. Martin presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-021 - an ordinance amending Ordinance 99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance by amending Anderson County official Zoning map to rezone from C-2 to R-20 certain land in Williamston Mill precinct. A public hearing was held and Council heard from Mr. H. B. Duncan who thanked Council for doing what they did on this and getting it passed as quickly as possible. He also asked Council for their autographs. There being no further comments the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Dees moved to approve the ordinance on third and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-024 - an ordinance authorizing the transfer and sale of certain Anderson County real property to the South Carolina Department of Transportation; authorizing the execution and delivery of real property deeds related to the same; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Martin stated that was necessary for the Highway 24 widening by the S.C. Department of Transportation. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Holden seconded, Council voted unanimously to approve an appropriation up to \$250 for a load of gravel for the Town of Iva with minor road repairs. The funds to come from District #3 paving account.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve an appropriation up to \$800 to purchase a pallet of cold patch and gravel to assist the Town of Belton with road repairs. The funds to come from District #3 paving account.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,500 to the S.C. Prep Stars for championship playoffs. The funds will come from District #2 Recreation Account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous. This was corrected at the end of the meeting to state funds for the "Carolina Crushers" which is the girls' team.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$2,500 to the Carolina Crushers and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. This was corrected at the end of the meeting to state funds for the "S.C. Prep Stars" which is the boys' team. The funds to come from District #2 Recreation Account.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$1,500 from District #7 Recreation Account for the SERVE, INC. program for assistance with the purchase of air conditioners. Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Greer amended the motion to add an appropriation of \$1,500 from District #3 Recreation Funds for this purpose also. Mr. Holden seconded the amendment. Vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$500 from District #7 Recreation Account for the Honea Path Recreation Association for a park in memory of Mr. Marvin Mattison. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$500 for improvements at Dogwood Park from District #7 Recreation funds. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$2,500 to the Carolina Crushers for their championship playoffs. The funds will come from District #5 Recreation Funds. Mr. Tolly and Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous. This motion was corrected at the end of the meeting to state S.C. Prep Star (boys' team) instead of the Carolina Crushers.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$10,000 out of district for the Westside Community from District #5 Recreation Funds. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$24,970 for the Homeland Park Fire Department for paving needs around the building. The funds will come from District #5 paving account. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to add road C-11-29B to the paving list for grading and gravel. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appoint Mr. Tom Roose to the District #4 Citizens Advisory committee. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$30,000 from District #1 paving account for the paving of District 5 Administration Building parking lot. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly read the following statement and moved that it be in the form of a motion - "Anderson County, acting by and through its County Council, hereby ratifies, endorses, approves, and supports the section of Mr. Joey R. Preston, Adnerson County Administrator, into the John F. Kennedy School of Government 2001

Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, at Harvard University from July 8 - 27, 2001; and, specifically goes on record as ratifying, endorsing, approving, and supporting the attendance of Mr. Preston at that prestigious facility and that selective and highest quality training program in order to further enhance his already remarkable skills as a county administrator, which resulted in his selection to the program in the first place, in order that he may better and more innovatively serve Anderson County and its people, all for the greater good of the County. Anderson County Council specifically authorizes the attendance of Mr. Preston at the 2001 Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government from July 8-27, 2001; specifically authorizes the use of Anderson County departmental and training funds for the participation of Mr. Preston in that program; specifically authorizes the use of the funds donated to Anderson County for that purpose, for the participation of Mr. Preston in that program; and, specifically recognizes Mr. Preston for the great honor which he has brought not only upon himself, but on Anderson County, itself, by his recognition as one of the outstanding senior executives in state and local government in the United States, and for the benefit which he will bring to Anderson County by the participation in this innovative and far-reaching senior executive training program. Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd stated that she earlier gave the Carolina Crushers is the girls' team and she wanted to give \$2,500 to boys' team and \$1,500 for the Prep Stars. Ms. Floyd moved to change the prior motion as indicated above. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to also restate his prior motion that he appropriate \$2,500 to the girls' team to read that he will appropriate \$2,500 to the boys' team. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jerry Shealy informed Council that the County would be updating their 9-1-1 systems on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. He said the phone system would be none operative for approximately 2 minutes. The outage is expected to occur between 1 pm. and 3 p.m. If a call to 9-1-1 is dialed there will not get an answer. Should anyone have an emergency during this short time; they should call 260-4400.

Sheriff's Office personnel will take their information and forward it to the 9-1-1 dispatch staff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- (a) Certificates and Training:
  - (1) Mrs. Pamela L. Garner - EPD recognition of Leadership and Influence
- (b) Letters of Appreciation:
  - (1) For: Mr. Jerry Shealy, Public Safety - From: Councilman Bill Dees
  - (2) For: Ms. Helen Dowdy, Treasurer Department - From: Councilman Bill Dees
  - (3) For: Mr. Herb Yingling, Ms. Sherry Williams and Department of Building and Codes - From: Mr. Jon Lippert
  - (4) For: Mr. J. Bannister and crew, Mr. Philip Brown and crew Mr. Gonzales and Mr. Sears, County Road Maintenance Department - From: Rev. Dr. Martin L. Harkey
  - (5) For: Ms. Joan Scott - From: Mayor Carol Burdette, Pendleton
  - (6) For: Mr. Preston and staff - From: Daniel J. Waldsmith, Jr., Arby's
  - (7) For: Ms. Peggy Hall, Ms. Ruelle Thompson, Mr. Kenneth Stone and Ms. Shirley Roper - From: Mrs. Denise B. Holley, Anderson County Safety Advisory Committee
  - (8) For: Mr. Preston/County Employees - From: Mr. John C. Davis, Balloon Federation of America
  - (9) For: Mr. Bob Daly - From: Ms. Annie Frances Clark, Auditor
- (c) Minutes:
  - (1) Anderson County Safety Advisory Committee Minutes: May 30, 2001 meeting.
  - (2) Transportation Division Safety Meeting Minutes: June 1, 2001
- (d) Reports:
  - (1) Detention Center Litter Reports - May 26 to June 1, 2001 and June 2 to June 8, 2001
  - (2) Public Safety Environmental Enforcement Monthly Report - May, 2001
  - (3) Public Safety Compliance Monthly Report - May, 2001
  - (4) Recreation Fund Account Reports
  - (5) Building & Codes Department monthly report - April, 2001 and May, 2001

- (6) Anderson County Litter Report
- (e) Anderson Regional Airport - re: Revenue Diversion
- (f) Federal Aviation Administration - Extend Runway 5/23, Phase I
- (g) Anderson County Legislative Delegation meeting on June 25, 2001
- (h) Anderson Sports & Entertainment Center June calendar
- (i) Farmers Market Manager letter - Mr. Tom Gibson
- (j) Grant/ Recreation Land Trust Fund - Sen. W.H. "Billy" O'Dell/ Gov. Jim Hodges
- (k) Letter to Mr. Jeff Zettle by Mr. Bill Rutledge, Transportation Division - re: turning signals
- (l) Web Site Updates
- (m) B.P. Barber & Associates, Inc. - re: Anderson Regional Landfill Lateral Expansion Public Notice Project No. 97605
- (n) B.P. Barber & Associates, Inc. letters of notification to members of CDIC
- (o) South Carolina Association of Assessing Official - J. Mike Freeman Assessor

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council  
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