

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA
Regular Meeting – September 7, 2004 – 6:00 p.m.
Linda N. Eddleman, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

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

(During times of discussion and presentations the minutes are condensed and paraphrased.)

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Clint Wright called the meeting to order and Ms. M. Cindy Wilson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mr. Dees moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2004 meeting as mailed and Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Dees and Ms. Wilson stated that they discussed changes/typographical errors with the clerk. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Larry Greer moved to approve Resolution #R2004-029 – recognizing and honoring Representative Ronald P. Townsend for his service as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Tax Task Force; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous. Representative Townsend was given a framed copy of the resolution and thanked by all members for all his efforts.

Mr. Bill Dees presented framed resolutions (R2004-030) – recognizing and honoring the members of the Ad Hoc Tax Task Force, for striving to improve the lives of the citizens of Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous. Members of the Task Force include: Larry E. Greer, Gracie S. Floyd, Mike Freeman, Anna Marie Brock, Tom Martin, Phillip Clardy, Earl Lollis Meyers, Dan Harvell, Roger Mulliken, Brenda D. Bradberry, Harris Wilks, Millard G. Smith, Steve Uldrick, Nancy Upton, Brenda Cooley, Marty Watt, Dr. Thomas Dobbins, Al Norris, Linda Smith, Ed Jean, David Rogers, Amos Wells, Harold J. Mackey, and Don C. Bowen.

Citizen Comments: Ms. Pauline Dodge said that she was from the Glen Street area, around the "junkyard". She explained that there were trees that needed to be cut and other work that should be done in the area. Mr. Dan Harvell said that Item 14 (d) on the agenda was an Ordinance in "title" only for borrowing of another 1.6 million dollars for a sewer project. He said that the County was going to spend (if approved) four million dollars out of the six million from a bond issue already approved. He said the Association was concerned about the spending now because the bonds will not be issued until 2005. He asked where would the four million dollars be "fronted" from until the bonds are issued. Mr. Ed Jean said that at the last meeting he made a comment about a councilperson taking an active role in front of committees/commissions. He said he sees nothing wrong with a councilperson meeting with his/her constituents and discussing items of concern; but "due process" that should take place is defeated to a degree if a council person gets up in front of the committee/commission and starts making accusations. He also said that he heard Mr. Dan McKinney had resigned from the Planning Commission and to him that was a tremendous tragedy however he understands why he did what he did. Mr. Dan Harvell asked Council to consider removing the first row of chairs in the Council chambers so that handicapped persons could sit at the front because of the draft at the back of the chambers. He commended Rep. Townsend, Mr. Greer, and Mr. Don Bowen for getting the Tax Task force started and all their many hours of work. He asked all members of council to voice their opinions on the 1-cent countywide sales tax before Election time.

Mr. John Lummus informed Council of a new distribution center facility for Budweiser (KW Real Estate Investments, LLC) with a 12 million dollar investment. The facility will be located in Piedmont at Exit 35, which is Highway 86. They are taking the existing facility in Greenville and the existing facility in Anderson and consolidating them into one facility at the Piedmont location. He asked Council for approval of an inducement resolution, a fee in lieu tax agreement, and a special source revenue credit for Budweiser Distribution. Chairman Wright said that he would be abstaining from any comments because there could be an appearance of a conflict of interest on his behalf with some of the principles of the organization. Chairman Wright asked for approval of Resolution #R2004-041 – a resolution authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of an inducement and millage rate agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina ("The County") and KW Real Estate Investments, LLC (The "Company"), whereby, under certain conditions, the County will either acquire title to certain industrial property for lease to the Company or will enter into a fee agreement with respect to such property; (2) the County to covenant in such lease or fee agreement to accept certain fees in lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with respect to such property ; (3) special Source Credits to reimburse the Company for a portion of the costs of certain infrastructure or real property costs incurred in connection with a manufacturing or commercial enterprise serving the economic development of the County; (4) the benefits of a multi-county park to be made available to the company; and (5) other matters relating thereto. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Wright).

Mr. Bill Dees moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2004-031 – for KW Real Estate Investments (Budweiser) and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Wright). Motion carried.

Mr. John Lummas stated that Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC on Liberty Highway in Anderson announced a \$10,000,000 expansion. Mr. Fred Tolly moved to approve Resolution #R2004-042 – a resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and

between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC whereby, under certain conditions, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC will acquire, or purchase, certain equipment to improve and expand its facilities in Anderson County and Anderson County will execute Fee-in-lieu of tax or lease agreement(s) and provide certain economic development inducements to Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC and execute certain documents and enact certain further legislation for Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LLC's Project involving a total of not less than ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in investment. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #2004-032 – an ordinance authorizing a fee-in-lieu of tax arrangement on behalf of Glen Raven Custom Fabrics, LL (The "Company") pursuant to a fee agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, (The "County") and the Company; authorizing the issuance of an infrastructure credit to the Company pursuant to an infrastructure financing agreement between the Company and the County; and other matters relating to the foregoing. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dan McKinney appeared before Council concerning Ordinance #2004-029 – an ordinance dealing with weeds, rank vegetation, and natural landscaping in the community.

Mr. Mike Gambrell, appearing before Council on behalf of Chairman Lee Barnett of the EMS Commission read a statement asking County Council that a multi-purpose watercraft be purchased as soon as funds become available. Costs are projected up to \$40,000. The letter said that Anderson County has no adequate public safety presence on the County's waters. Lake Hartwell has 962 miles of shoreline with a minimal DNR force on upstate lakes because of state cutbacks. They feel that if the watercraft is purchased that it should be operated and maintained by the Anderson County Emergency Services Division. This would best promote safety and consistency for the long term. Mr. Tolly asked how many new County employees would this take and Mr. Preston stated that the existing staff would handle the watercraft. He said that the County had applied for a grant – so the total needed is \$30,000 plus the \$10,000 grant. The question was asked if the watercraft would be assessable to the fire departments, EMS and who ever. Mr. Preston said yes. Mr. Dees asked if the watercraft would be assessable to law enforcement and what kind of boat was it. Mr. Gambrell said that it was a skiff and it would be available to all law enforcement or any emergency personnel in the county. Council received as information.

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Evans appeared before Council asking for a donation to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. They are trying to raise \$5,000 to go toward the development of a cure for lymphoma and leukemia. Council received as information.

Mr. Brooks Brown said that in the proposed cable franchise ordinance there are three channels that are provided for: a public channel, an educational channel, and a governmental channel. Council is currently considering only the educational and governmental channels. Mr. Brown talked to council about public access television. He urged Council to talk with the attorneys and see what the County's legal liabilities are if the County doesn't take any action.

Ordinance #2004-022 – cable television franchises was postponed until a later meeting.

Chairman Wright presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2004-019 – an ordinance approving and authorizing the acceptance of electronic payment for property taxes; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Dees moved to approve on third reading and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #2004-015 – an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to rezone from R-A (residential-Agricultural) to C1-N (Neighborhood Commercial) four (4) parcels of land comprising approximately +/- 3.5 acres of property in the Williamston Mill Precinct at the south east intersection of Highway 29 North and McAlister Road. The property is identified by TMS #196-03-02-001, 002, 003, and 004 and is fully described by deed book 3066/154. Ms. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council recessed at 7:10 p.m. Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Wright read second reading of Ordinance #2004-024 – an ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to buildings and building regulations of Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Martin explained that the ordinance proposes an amendment to one of the international building codes dealing with building/property maintenance. State law does not allow Counties to amend the building codes adopted by the Building Codes Commission of the state. He said legal staff proposes a couple of amendments; it sets a weed height and the enforcement of weeds and obnoxious grasses will be done in accordance with Chapter 42 of the Code. Mr. Martin said that this change is proposed - Agenda Item #14(c-) Ordinance #2004-029. Mr. Ricketson showed some pictures dealing with the grass problem in Anderson County. Ms. Floyd said that the intention of the ordinance was to give relief to problems of this kind in Anderson County. A public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke: Mr. Jim Williams said that he lives in a 2-1/2 year old community and the grass on the property on both sides of his house is taller than he is. He said that there were rats and mice all around his property and in his house and garage. He encouraged Council to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Art Jones said that for the past eleven years, he had done volunteer police work with the City of Anderson. He said this "blight" breed's crime and something needed to be done. He said that he had contacted Ms. Floyd and asked her to come over to the "alphabet" streets to see the problem with hopes that the County and City could get together to resolve the problem. He also urged Council to adopt the ordinance. Mr. Otis Clinkscales, President of the Booker-Susan Street community group said he has the same problem in his area plus he has abandoned houses, and older people living in the neighborhood who are afraid to come out because of prostitution and drugs. He asked Council for help. Mr. Kurt Stutler, Pastor of Toxaway United Methodist Church said that in Anderson County everyone deserves quality of life no matter where they live. He said that Council has an opportunity to express their support to these individuals living next to places like in the pictures. He said the ordinance addresses weeds – but that is the first step in addressing quality of life for all the citizens in Anderson County. No further comments the public hearing was declared closed. Ms. Floyd moved to approve second reading of Ordinance #2004-024 as changed from first reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Ms. Wilson asked, "Where is our sheriff"? She said that it seemed to be the first order of business to clean up the criminal activity. She asked Mr. McKinney to get council a list of weeds. She asked Mr. Martin what could Council do? Mr. Martin said that there was nothing they could do that would provide Council with total authority

to address this because of state limitations and the fact that the Council does not control the Sheriff. He said the real key is Ordinance #2004-029. Mr. Greer said Council needed the "Wisdom of Solomon" to come to a solution and conclusion to the issue. He said as he reviewed the Building Codes regulations he became aware that the property maintenance code was one that council had the discretionary authority to adopt. He said that a farmer could not have a wheat crop over 10" tall. Mr. Greer said that the problem was Council doesn't have enough enforcement of the laws that the County has. Mr. Dees asked if this law was already there and if Council was actually amending the existing ordinance. Mr. Dees said that places that are not cleaned up are magnets for the undesirable elements of our communities. Mr. Tolly called for the question and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote on the call was unanimous. Vote on the original ordinance as changed was six in favor and one abstention. Mr. Greer abstained.

Chairman Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #2004-025 – an ordinance recognizing and consenting to the conversion of BMW Manufacturing Corp. to BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC in connection with a lease agreement and an inducement and millage rate agreement between Anderson County and BMW Manufacturing Corp. A public hearing was held and comments were received. (Mr. Holden was out of the room during this time.) Mr. Dees moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was six in favor and one absent (Holden).

Chairman Wright read second reading of Ordinance #2004-028 – an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, as lessor, and Associated Fuel Pump Systems Corporation (AFCO); and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes. A public hearing was held. Mr. Brooks Brown expressed opposition to the ordinance by saying that he did not believe that the County needed to give away tax incentives. No further comments; the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance on second reading with all changes/revisions. Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright read first reading of Ordinance #2004-026 – a rezoning request by Howell-Black, LLC, to rezone 109.31 acres at 2729 Highway 29 North from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to PD (Planned Unit Development). Mr. Ricketson said that the Planning commission and the District #7 Citizens Advisory Board both recommended denial of the rezoning request. A public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke: Ms. Caroline Glenn of 1045 Cox Road said that she was against the zoning change. She said the bridge on Cox Road had been condemned for 30 years and is too narrow for two cars. Most of the houses (property owners) have large acreages. Schools are already overcrowded and 275 homes will only add to the problem. She said one home per acre on the property was recommended. Mr. Ty Freeman of 1127 Cox Road said that the development would "horse-shoe" around their property. He said that he objected to the zoning change and one person should not be able to change what the majority has enacted. He and his wife bought their property because it was zoned agriculture. He said there was 136 acres across the street zoned "nothing". He asked council to deny the change. Ms. Cheryl Moorhead of 1017 Cox Road said that zoning of a piece of land – that the burden of proof is on Council to prove that it promotes, protects the public health and safety of the community and it promotes the general welfare of the community. She asked Council to deny the rezoning request. Attorney Steve Krause of 3000 Old Williamston Road said that there hasn't been a change in roads, sewer, police protection, water, or fire in the area. There has been a condemnation of a bridge because it cannot accommodate the traffic, he said. He gave

Council an historical prospective of the property. He also asked Council to deny the rezoning request. Mr. Florence Davis of 1107 Cox Road said he and his wife bought their place back in 1969 because of the "setting" and the land. He asked Council to deny the rezoning request also. Ms. Dusty Woods of 1122 Cox Road said that she was on the opposite side of the road where the development is proposed. She invited everyone to come by and see the current retention ponds all around her for the properties all around her. She said that there was a lot of run off and they have worked for along time for many years to correct the problem. She said no one in the community was opposed to the current zoning designation – they were against the zoning change. She asked council to vote against the issue. Mr. Hugh Durham stated he was the realtor representing Mary Jo Wilson, owner of the property and he said that the property meets all plans and all requirements of the County including the future density recommended for that area. He said Mary Jo Wilson has rights also and as long as the property meets the requirements of the Planning Department of Anderson County. No variances have been requested so the owner has every right to have the property rezoned. He said that the property would not support one-acre lots and larger houses. As far as the schools – there will be development out 81, Midway Road and the entire area some day. He said that he would not come in and disturb the area or do anything detrimental. Mr. William Moorhead said that they had suffered through the Planning Commission and the Advisory Committee meetings and during efforts he became discouraged because the County's paid planning staff was so "pro" change zoning. It was just presenting the developers request but they had to overcome the advocacy of the department that we are paying for and who help them get the zoning implemented. Not one good reason for the change was presented by staff and his position is that the burden should be on the change person. He asked Council to deny the change. Mr. David Black from Greer said that he and his partner had worked diligently to make sure that their proposal is consistent with the County's short-term and long-range planning. He said it was a density of 2.5 homes per acre – not 5. He said the request for a different density is a simple – one-acre home site for the purpose of building houses for sale is not economically viable. He also said that the owner (Ms. Wilson) would have to wait along time for a developer to build one-acre home sites. The public hearing was closed. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Ms. Wilson said that the people that put the zoning into place are requesting that the zoning remain unchanged at RA-1, which still gives the Developers the opportunity to develop. Mr. Dees asked Mr. Ricketson how his staff felt and why. Mr. Ricketson said it was their job to look at the plans that they have. The comprehensive plan calls for low-density residential and this proposal with single-family housing meets the objective criteria. The roads will handle the traffic and there is sewer within a feasible distance of the property. Mr. Greer said that the council was looking at sprawl verses more efficient use of the land. Ms. Wilson asked if funds were available for repair of Cox Road/bridge. Mr. Preston said that grant applications have been submitted to the Federal Government but officially they have not been notified. The Chairman stated that Council voted on the zoning law – which is voted precinct by precinct to adopt the law. The map becomes the law but is changeable by the property owner. In his opinion the burden is on the community and not the property owner. The property owner has a right to use their property under the law and the right to ask to have it changed. Chairman Wright suggested to the developer of the property to look at the density. Vote was four in favor to approve on first reading and three opposed (Wilson, Tolly, and Floyd). Motion carried.

Council recessed for 5 minutes at 9:30 p.m. Chairman Wright called the meeting back to order.

Chairman Wright reading for first reading Ordinance #2004-027 – a rezoning request by Deborah Lynn Bradford and Tony Cirelli to rezone 18.24 acres on Vandiver Road from R-20 (Single Family Residential) to PD (Planned Development). A public hearing was held and the following individuals spoke: Ms. Windy Kelly of 1026 Crestview Road talked about the density of the area. She said the proposal was for 58 houses on 14 acres (4 acres for run-off) would increase the traffic drastically. She asked Council to deny the rezoning request. Mr. Ed Jean of 1212 Crestview Road said that there is a misunderstanding with the word "density". He said something must be done with the infrastructure. He asked Council to deny the request. Mr. Dan Harvell said that Vandiver Road was not suitable for this increase in traffic and Cox Road is the same exact situation. He begged Council to deny the request. Mr. Brooks Brown asked about the people who are already living in the area – they took the time to invest in the community. Ms. Wilson interrupted Mr. Brown to say that it was wrong and very rude for a member of Council, the Planning Director and a reporter to leave the room and go into the back during the public hearing. Mr. Brown said that the developers did not have to go in with these super dense developments. Another citizen (name not given) also spoke in opposition to the request. Mr. Russell Kelly of 1026 Crestview Road said that with Council allowing all the big subdivisions to come into the County who will be responsible for all the water runoff and the roads. Mr. Tony Cirelli representing Ms. Deborah Lynn Bradford said that the reason the site was chosen was because it is a very desirable area to live and it provides a transition between the Ducworth property zoned commercial and the Crestview Road that is zoned R20. Vandiver Road is a minor collector street and was approved by County staff. With R20 you are allowed 2 units per acre and if the zoning request is approved then they would be allowed 3 units per acre. He said 22% is proposed to be open space. Turn lanes will be installed on Vandiver Road for entrance and exit to the subdivision. The public hearing was declared closed. Chairman Wright moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Cirelli was Ms. Deborah Lynn Bradford the owner of the property. Mr. Cirelli said she was the applicant for rezoning and was purchasing the property from a local doctor (Dr. David McCain). Ms. Wilson said that what it all "boils" down to is that the county had a planning department caught "fudging" on traffic number and "fudges" on ownership of properties. There is a problem of profits verses safety. She said that there was a council member that doesn't do the respect for people who come to speak at the public hearings by going into the back talking with a reporter and the Planning Director. She said it was unconscionable and a total travesty and the biggest embarrassment that she's witnessed in this county. Mr. Greer said what Council was talking about was the rights of a property owner and an individual property owner has the right to be safe and secure in the use of their property. Mr. Dees said to Mr. Ricketson that he didn't think he "fudged" on anything. He said that he appreciated his honesty and that of his employees. Mr. Ricketson said that the department recommended adoption because he felt like it was a sound thing to do because they could not find anything to turn it down for. Chairman Wright said that Mr. Cirelli needed to be more specific on the amount of brick/rock and vinyl or he would be prepared to vote against it on second reading. Ms. Wilson asked who the property owners were between the property location and the C-2 Ducworth tract. She said she thought it was the Hyatt's and she said she thought they were related to Mr. Greer. Mr. Greer said that she was exactly correct and that was why he asked who the owner of record was. He has no relationship to the owner of the property. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Martin if the property Ms. Wilson was referring to he believes it is a first cousin – would it be a conflict of interest for him to vote on the issue. Mr. Martin replied no, according to the information Mr. Greer just gave him. Ms. Wilson said she never even inferred that it was a conflict of interest for Mr. Greer. Mr. Greer respectfully disagreed with Ms. Wilson because when the matter was brought up it was a clear

almost accusation that he had a conflict of interest and he should abstain on the issue. Mr. Dees called for the question and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was five in favor and two abstentions (Wright, Wilson). Motion carried on the call for the question. Vote on ordinance #2004-027 on first reading was four in favor and three opposed (Floyd, Wilson, Tolly). Ms. Wilson announced a point of personal privilege. She said that no one has answered the question of who owns the two properties between the property location and the Ducworth property. Mr. Jeff Ricketson said that William and Cheryl McAdams are the owners.

Chairman Wright read first reading of Ordinance #2004-029 – an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances pertaining to Law Enforcement in Anderson County; and other matters related thereto. Ms. Floyd moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Holden seconded. The ordinance sets forth a mechanism for enforcement of Ordinance #2004-024 (weed ordinance). Vote was five in favor, one opposed (Greer) and one abstention (Wilson). Mr. Greer said he voted against the ordinance not because he doesn't see a need but because individual property owners have rights. Ms. Wilson said that before the next meeting she wants a list of all obnoxious weeds.

Chairman Wright presented first reading of Ordinance #2004-030 – an ordinance approving the financing of the improvement, extension and enlargement of certain sewage collection facilities in Anderson County, South Carolina, through the borrowing by the County of not exceeding \$1,600,000 including capitalized interest, if any, from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund, by agreement with the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, pursuant to Title 48, Chapter 5, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; providing for an agreement to make and to accept a loan, the execution and delivery of a loan agreement between the County and the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority, the execution and delivery of a Promissory Note from the county to the South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority; and other matters relating thereto. Mr. Preston said this was Part 3 of a project (1- tobacco settlement money, 2-Special Source Revenue bond) and the third part would be the first reading of the Ordinance which would allow the county to recovery the money that was spent on the project (Sewer line to Iva). Mr. Preston recommended approval of first reading of Ordinance #2004-030 in title only. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson said that the whole issue of sewer – the county is deep in the red and it looks like an ever-deepening pit and the county is out of compliance with certain bonds because they are requiring the County to pay 100% user fees. She also said that developers are calling her upset that they are about to be hit with an "Impact" fee. She said that the county was only using 1/3 of sewer capacity. She asked who were the users? Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson).

Chairman Wright presented Resolution #R2004-034 – a resolution expressing intent to ease County Maintenance on and to authorize County consent to Judicial abandonment and closure of a certain Anderson County Roads; granting encroachment permits as to such Anderson County Road; and other matters related thereto. (Black Road C-01-0173A). Mr. Wilson moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright presented Resolution #R2004-036 – a resolution recognizing the members of Rotary International, and, in particular, the members of the Anderson County Rotary Club, the Greater Anderson Rotary Club, and the Electric City Rotary Club, on the upcoming centennial

anniversary of Rotary; and other matters related thereto. Chairman Wright moved to ratify the resolution and Mr. Dees seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright presented Resolution #R2004-037 – a resolution authorizing and supporting the application by Anderson County for all available Federal and state Grant funds for which matching County Grant /Funds have previously been made available by Anderson County Council through the Anderson County operating and capital budget or for which matching funds are not required; committing such previously budgeted matching funds as required by any such grant; authorizing the receipt and expenditure of such grant funds; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Dees moved to approve and Mr. Holden seconded. Ms. Wilson said that District #7 has had a number of requests for matching grant funds. She asked does the resolution mean that she can re-issue the requests for matching grant funds? Mr. Preston said no that it had nothing to do with the resolution. Mr. Martin said that the Resolution was Administrative authorizing to the staff to apply for federal grant funds for which the matching grant funds have been made available through the budget process or for which no matching funds are required. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright presented Resolution #R2004-039 – a resolution relating to the Declaration of Intent by Anderson County, South Carolina, to reimburse certain expenditures prior to the issuance by the county of its 2005 General Obligation bonds. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson said in paragraph 3 – referred to land acquisition and construction of solid waste convenience centers. Mr. Vic Carpenter stated that it would be the Highway 29 Jockey Lot site and the Friendship Convenience centers. She said that she thought that the land for the Jockey Lot center was purchased through the last bond issue. Mr. Preston said that was correct but the County was also building a C & D landfill. Mr. Preston said that Friendship was not in the plans – but it would be making sure that the county had an adequate amount of money to complete the Starr landfill and the Highway 29 project. She also asked about the county Detention Center wasn't it complete. Mr. Preston said that the housing facility was complete but the intake area was not. Ms. Wilson said with times of tight economic situation why would the county be constructing new T-Hangers. Mr. Preston said that the County's Airport will be one of very few that will come close to "breaking" even. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson).

Mr. Larry Greer presented Resolution #R2004-040 (in title only) – a resolution recognizing the Town of Iva for the Centennial Celebration on September 18. Mr. Greer moved to approve and Ms. Wilson seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of, Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of Harrington Grove Subdivision into the County Road System. Mr. Preston stated that all drainage problems have been addressed and Mr. Hopkins also stated that everything addressed meets County requirements.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$1,000 for Crisis Ministries for their fund raising spring concert. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous. The funds to come from District #1 Recreation Account.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$1,000 for Men at Work from District #2 Recreation Account. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #3 Recreation Account for ReviIva for their Centennial Celebration. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to replace Mr. Allan Thomas on the Economic Advisory Board with Mr. Shawn McGee. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #4 Recreation funds for Communities in Schools. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright appointed Mr. Steve Gibson to the Civic Center Board (replaces the late John Gates). Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$2,000 to the Arts Center and Ms. Wilson seconded. The funds to come from District #5 Recreation account. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$1,000 to Crisis Ministries from District #5 Recreation account. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$28,005 from District #6's paving account for the Three & Twenty Fire Department. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$12,000 for the Wren Youth Association for their lighting. The funds to come from District #6's recreation account. Ms. Wilson seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$5,000 for the Piedmont Public Service District for the purchase of equipment for mowing, scraping, and additional seeding at Pack Park. Funds to come from District #7 Recreation Account. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to approve two driveway pipe installations for \$500 each – one for the Town of Williamston and one for the Town of Honea Path. The funds to come from the paving account for District #7. (Total \$1,000). Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$5,000 for the Town of West Pelzer to help replace blower at sewer plant. The funds to come from District #7 paving account. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was four in favor, two abstentions (Floyd, Tolly) and one opposed (Greer). Motion carried.

Ms. Wilson moved to appropriate \$10,000 for the Williamston Fire Department from District #7 Paving Account to help with a purchase of an air pack and paving. Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was four in favor, two abstentions (Floyd, Tolly), and one opposed (Greer). Motion carried.

Council agreed to move the November 2 meeting (Election Day) to the second Tuesday of November so the schedule for November meetings would be second and third Tuesdays.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

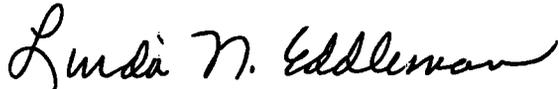
- a. Letters of Appreciation:

1. For: Mr. Joey Preston, Mr. John M. Ferguson, Ms. Michelle Strange From: Philip Bryant, President Balloon Federation of America
 2. For: Mr. Hold Hopkins and Mr. Bernie Wilson From: Oakwood Ministries, Mr. Barry S. Cater
 3. For: Mr. John Ferguson From: Rep. Robert W. Harrell, Jr. - S.C. House of Representatives
- b. Reports:
1. District Paving Report
 2. Recreation Fund Report
- c. Meetings/Minutes: Anderson County Transportation Division – Safety Meetings (August 6, August 20)
- d. Approved Projects by ACTC
- e. Reduction in state funding
- f. Ms. M. Cindy Wilson's letter of request/Mr. Joey Preston's reply
- g. New Department of Health Regions
- h. Directional Signal on I-85
- i. Ms. Gracie S. Floyd appointed to Revenue, Finance, and Economic Development Steering Committee
- j. Mr. Bill Dees appointed to Public Safety, Corrections, and Judicial Steering Committee
- k. Real Estate Assessment Totals
- l. Letter concerning setting county levy
- m. Downtown Made States and Cities more Dependent on Property Taxes (Article)
- n. Letter to Owens-Corning concerning Order Authorizing Debtors to Implement Discounted Tax Payment Program
- o. Information on Sales Tax
- p. 2004 General Election candidates
- q. Letter from W.E. "Bill" Brock concerning request for 5 year contract to provide EMS Service

COUNCIL MEMBERS REMARKS:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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