

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - December 6, 1983 - 9:00 a.m.

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

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

The County Attorney was in Federal Court and unable to attend. Mr. Gilreath called the meeting to order and Councilman Robert Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 9, 1983 meeting as mailed. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 15, 1983 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal introduced Mr. Tate & Mr. Ambrose from the Road Maintenance department. They modeled the new uniforms for the department. County Council directed the County Attorney to study the problems of the Anderson County Airport Commission which will be placed on the December 20th Council agenda. Mr. O'Neal explained the purchase of Malathion for the Anderson County Health Department which would exceed \$1,500 and would require Council's approval. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the request for a total of \$2,550.

Mr. O'Neal read a request from the Probate Judge asking for additional funds in the amount of \$4,209.90 to retain a file clerk. The funds would come out of the contingency fund for this request. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve the request and to transfer the funds from the contingency fund as recommended.

Mr. Rhodes presented a proclamation to Mr. Frank Floyd for exhibiting great courage when his vehicle became disabled while in operation.

The Council held a public hearing concerning \$1,000,000 Industrial Revenue Bonds for Michelin Tire. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance #121 on third and final reading (Michelin Tire).

Council discussed third reading of Ordinance #123 requiring prior approval by the Anderson County Council before any Anderson County Building is altered, repaired, built etc.

On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted three in favor and two opposed hearing from Attorney Harold Threlkeld who was not on the agenda. Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Lynch voted against the motion. Motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Threlkeld (representing the Airport Commission) expressed his opposition to Ordinance #123 concerning Anderson County Office Buildings. A long discussion followed. (Mr. Threlkeld stated that he would represent the Airport Commission (law suit) at no charge.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to postpone approval of third reading of Ordinance #123 (County Office Buildings) until the December 20th meeting.

Council discussed the Western Carolina Sewer Authority Ordinance #124 for issuance of \$17,000,000 general obligation bonds. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted three in favor and two opposed adopting this ordinance on first reading. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Rhodes voted against the motion. Ordinance passed on first reading with majority vote.

The Council held a public hearing for Benicia Foundry and Iron Works, Inc., Project for \$500,000 industrial revenue bonds.

Mr. Lynch presented Ordinance #125 giving County Council the power to appoint the Anderson County Broadway Lake Commission. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of this Ordinance. Council directed the County Administrator and County Attorney to get together and check to see which other commissions are not covered by Ordinance and report back to Council. This was made a motion by Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Lynch, vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rhodes discussed a study for a civic center in Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to have the Planning & Development Board complete a major re-examination of what the costs and benefits of a civic center would be for Anderson.

Mr. Gilreath introduced a Resolution (#209) instituting a permanent clean-up campaign for Anderson County. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as presented.

Mr. Jeff Randolph of the Anderson County Planning & Development Board gave Council an update on the beautification project for Anderson.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Sam Fretwell to the Board of Assessment and Appeals.

Council held a public hearing concerning leasing of Anderson County farm land.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to restrict the bids to the original ones received for leasing of the county farm land. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to accept the high bid as presented by Mr. Watson which was: pastureland (stockade) 89 acres @ \$8.00 by Mr. Bolt, Cropland (Stockade) 74 acres @ \$12.50 an acre by Mr. Bolt, Cropland (Airport) 150 acres @ \$15.00 an acre by Mr. McClain, Cropland (Bobbie Dan) 39 acres @ \$15.00 an acre by Mr. McClain.

Council heard from citizens of Jones Drive requesting that the County do something about the beavers in their community. Council heard from several other concerned citizens.

Council adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council