

AMENDED

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - April 3, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

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

Tammie Shealy - Assistant Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, April 3, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Larry Greer gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2001 meeting as mailed.

Citizens' Comments: 1. Mr. John Garman, President of Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the proposed line-item budget transfers that

might BE a potential way of doing business in Anderson. He stated that he had the privilege in his Chamber of Commerce work to sit in on county and city councils about 27 years ago and 12 of those 27 years he had to listen to line-item transfers. This item would extend the time Council would have to meet and as long as this is something that is reported to them and is a part of the public record he would hope That Council would decide not to use that technique. He also encouraged Council to continue working on bus transient for Anderson. 2. Mr. John Brannon of Belton Drive in Williamston talked about special funds for special projects in each respective district. Now that there are 7 council districts, some had no money and others had over \$40,000. He asked that someone explain this. 3. Mr. Tom Clark from the White Plains Community and a resident of District #7, said that a system of checks and balances is the only way to keep people honest. He said that there are reasons for these checks and balances; he strongly supports Ms. Wilson's effort to restore the procedure of approving transfers. He urged each member to cooperate with Ms. Wilson in her endeavor. 4. Mr. Charles D. Crowe from the Lebanon Community said that Mr. Garman's remarks did not relate to taxpayers funds. He said this item on the agenda is for funds that belong to the taxpayers. He asked who the armed guards were there to protect; the citizens are the county employees. He said that some member of Council should second Ms. Wilson's motion to get the item on the floor for discussion. 5. Mr. Frank Kellam thanked County Council for all their time, energy and efforts required to run their job. He also thanked all the County residents in attendance and Council for the privilege to be heard. He said the reason for his attendance was because of articles that he had read in the local newspaper. He assured everyone that Ms. Wilson had not overstepped her bonds as a member of County Council. One item of concern is the transferring of funds from one budget line item to another. He said that with the disappearance of jobs in Anderson County a lot of people have learned how to do more with less and County Council needed to learn that also. He said that he just met Ms. Wilson and he wanted to thank her for asking these tuff questions. He urged County Council and all County residents to support Ms. Wilson's attempts in safeguarding there tax dollars. 6. Mr. Freddie Banks said that if you had an engine running good, why mess with it also if you have
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program running good like Anderson County why mess with it. He said that County Council needs to back the Administrator and help him with the job he is doing. He said the County had a good Administrator and everyone needs to stay behind him and let Anderson County grow like it is growing. 7. Mr. Wade Gambrell said that he was there to support Ms. Wilson and the County needed to get a grip on some of the County spending and under the Freedom of Information Act, this information is public information. He asked that the minutes of the Council meetings be put on the internet. Mr. Tom Martin reported that the minutes were currently on the internet. 8. Ms. Dee Klug of 602 Oakwood Estates Drive in Anderson addressed the east-west connector. She stated that each Council member was elected to represent, speaking for and in their behalf, the people of their area and the area of which the Council member resides. She said that it was Council's responsibility to discuss idealism, needs, and wants their neighbors so members can vote the way their citizens wish and desire them to vote. For the past two years, Council has listened to their neighbor's voice say no east-west connector with excellent reasons not to proceed with the project. SCDOT has stated that if the people do not want it; then the road will not be pursued. She said Council had seen hundreds of ideas, options, and signatures against the connector road. It is much cheaper to develop, update and increase the size of the existing roads rather than to build new roads, she said. 9. Mr. Dan Harvell expressed his opposition for the tone that Council and the newspaper are setting concerning one persons request for public information. He said that as citizens and taxpayers they must exercise their right to request public information. He was appalled as he read this mornings newspaper. He said that last week County board appointees were asked to attend a mandatory meeting concerning their duties on the various boards/committees; he was surprised that the focus was more on the Freedom of Information act and on duties pertaining to such. The second half was devoted to governmental ethics. In his opinion, he believes that Council knows that certain conditions exist to justify these inquiries. He read from budget ordinance 2000-2001 stating that (section 20) the County Finance Board or committee shall present a monthly report on revenue and expenditures of County departments. He said that he knew of one Council member that has not seen this report since October, 2000. He disagreed that Ms. Wilson acted out of order in any way.

10. Ms. Chris Yon of 212 Sweetgum Trail stated that her neighborhood where the east-west connector is planned follows transmission lines. She said that when plans were begun; officials probably looked at the transmission lines and saw this natural line and thought that this would be an ideal place to put an east-west connector. She said that they informed their representatives many times it would be more progressive for a bike path or green corridor along these transmission lines. Instead now they are looking at the health of their community by offering a safe path for their children and the community to link Highway 81 to Clemson Boulevard with a pedal and footpath and to help the wealth of their community by moving the funds into other roads with turning lanes. She reminded Council of a meeting on the 17th. 11. Ms. Lillie Hogg of 118 Pinewood Drive, Wood Trail Subdivision, informed Council of a horrible water problem that is now causing septic tank problems and has existed for early 1998. Several neighbors, along with her, have contacted different resources such as developers, different County and State agencies at numerous times. She said that when she purchased her property they were required to haul off or bury their trash. Years after, when other property was being sold, the owners would just push the trash aside. Trash was pushed on top of an under-ground spring and that is what started their water problem. They do not have the money to correct this problem; therefore she asked Council for any assistance that they may be able to give. She also presented documentation and pictures for Council. Council received all comments as information.

Mr. Doug Rickert with Airlifeline explained that Airlifeline was a national volunteer network for patient air transportation and had provided air transportation to hundreds of patients with thousands of flights at absolutely no cost to the patients or their families. One of their partners, the American Cancer Society teamed up with Airlifeline to produce a video describing the services offered by both organizations. The Anderson Regional Airport was selected as the site for filming the video, and the personnel was really helpful in the production of this video. Mr. Rickert presented the employees of the Anderson Regional Airport a plaque for their valuable time and the facilities for the production of the video.

Ms. Gracie S. Floyd recognized students from the Hanna-Westside Extension campus for their first place state championship at the SC State Tractor Driving Career Development event. The "Top Individual State Tractor Driver" was Mr. Jeremy Duckett. Others from the winning team -- Jackson Walker from Hanna, Jason Nixon and John Nixon from Hanna. Council praised them for their outstanding achievements.

Ms. Floyd introduced Rev. and Mrs. George West as the new Pastoral Services Director at AnMed hospital. Council welcomed Rev. and Mrs. West to Anderson County.

Mrs. Nancy Webb, on behalf of the Anderson Community Housing Resource Board, informed Council that April was Fair Housing Month and informed Council of all activities planned during the month of April.

Mr. Greer asked for a Point of personal privilege. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Tom Martin the following questions. He asked Mr. Martin to explain the difference between recuse and abstain. Mr. Martin said that normally the term recuse is applied to a situation in which, for whatever reason, normally is the result of ethics a person is disqualified from acting on a particular matter in the sense of a Council, normally it would apply to a situation in which there is either a conflict of interest or some other matter which would prohibit voting on a particular matter. The individual is then said to recuse himself or herself from that matter. Mr. Greer: Am I to understand that recuse is when a Council member or a member of an elected body should not vote. Mr. Martin: On the other hand, abstain is normally a discretionary matter in which an individual on a deliberative body which can be a council or any other body, in their discretion chooses not to participate or vote. They are not prohibited, they simply exercise that discretion. Mr. Greer: Is an abstention on a voting matter covered in the State Ethics Law? Mr. Martin: An abstention is not. A recusal is covered in the State Ethics Act. An abstention is a matter of parliamentary procedure. Mr. Greer: Mr. Chairman at this time, I have prepared a letter that I'd like to pass out to my fellow Council Members and I have a copy for County Attorney and Administrator also. This letter is attached (EXHIBIT 1) and is hereby a part of these minutes.

Mr. Greer read the letter as his position involving abstaining. Mr. Greer offered to the District 7 representative that if she could show him in Robert's Rules of Order that he was required to give a written explanation, he had prepared one and he would deliver it to her at this time.

Mr. Dees: I would like to address several questions to our attorney, Tom Martin. These questions are strictly for clarification for this Council and the public. Does any member of this Council have authority over or above any other member? Mr. Martin: No sir. Other than the Chairman, who by the procedures of Council is given the authority to preside and to execute certain documents outside of council meetings? Except for that no member has any position or authority over any other, including the Chairman. Mr. Dees: May we as individuals act alone to establish or enact policy? Mr. Martin: No sir. Anderson County Council is a body corporate in politic. It is established pursuant to State law and it has the authority to act only as a deliberative body, a corporate body not by individual. Mr. Dees: Then we are governed by specific South Carolina state law, i.e. Home Rule, etc. concerning our actions as Council Members. Mr. Martin: Yes Sir. That is correct. Mr. Dees: Isn't it a fact that individually we have no more authority or power than any other citizen in this County except when sitting as a Council person and only then when we vote. Mr. Martin: Yes sir that is correct. Mr. Dees: Do we not function as corporate body politic only when we are in session? Mr. Martin: Yes sir again by state law you may not function when you are not in public session. Mr. Dees: May we act as an individual in any action, to discipline an employee working for the County and more particularly an employee who works for this Council? Mr. Martin: No sir, you may not act as an individual, you would have to act as a body. Mr. Dees: Mr. Chairman based on the answers I just received from Mr. Tom Martin, County Attorney, I would at this time like to address the matter of a recent letter alleged to have been administered as a "written warning of insubordination" to Mr. Joey Preston. I am making a motion that the issue and the recent letter allegedly sent to personnel department be disregarded. Mr. Greer seconded. Ms. Floyd: I make a motion that we convene into executive session to discuss this as a personnel issue. Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Mr. Greer moved to come out of executive session back into regular session at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Chairman Wright stated for the record that no action was taken during executive session.

Back to motion prior to executive session made by Mr. Dees:

Mr. Dees moved that the written letter of insubordination be disregarded and all issues pertinent to the letter. Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council presented Mr. Melvin Jewell family a signed resolution memorializing and honoring him for his many years of dedicated service to the Anderson Regional Airport Commission. Mr. Tolly moved to approve Resolution #R2001-012 and give to Mrs. Jewell and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #2001-009 - an ordinance amending in certain limited particulars, article 10 of Chapter 70 of the Anderson County Code of ordinances pertaining to amendments to Anderson County Zoning, as previously amended by Anderson County Ordinance #2000-069; and other matters relating thereto. A public hearing was held; no comments were received. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on second reading.

Mr. Wright presented second reading of Ordinance #2001-010 - an ordinance acknowledging receipt of notice and a copy of an assignment of lease and options to purchase between Plastic Omnium Industries, Inc. and P & B Automotive, LLC, (now Plastic Omnium Auto Exteriors, LLC) and consenting to such assignment; acknowledging receipt of notice and a copy of a business property sublease between Plastic Omnium Auto Exteriors, LLC and Inergy Automotive Systems (USA), LLC and consenting to such sublease; acknowledging receipt of notice and a copy of a contribution, conveyance, and assumption agreement by Inergy Automotive systems (USA), LLC Solvay America, Inc., Solvay Automotive, Inc. and Plastic Omnium Industries, Inc. and consenting to such assignment; approving certain amendments to that lease agreement dated December 15, 1999. A public hearing was held and Mr. Rufus Gleason stated

that he had read where the Council was going to require new owners of mobile homes to brick underpin and install 250' of asphalt driveway. He asked Council were they going to give them a tax incentive. He said once again Council and the public have been presented a bunch of legal documents that no one understands. No further comments were heard; the public hearing was declared closed. Ms. Wilson asked Mr. Martin to explain the terms of the agreement. Mr. Martin stated that the fee in lieu was calculated on a basis of a 6% assessment ratio and a millage rate. The County has already agreed upon a special source revenue bond to pay for the infrastructure. Mr. Greer asked Mr. Martin was it correct that the County assumed no pecuniary liability through the fee in lieu of tax agreement. Mr. Martin replied yes. Mr. Greer asked if this was a reorganization of this company or maybe other companies or incorporating several companies into one. Mr. Martin said yes. Mr. Greer also asked if the original agreement contained a clause where the company and the County authorized the transfer of the agreement between one company and another. Mr. Martin replied yes and also state law approved that also. Mr. Greer stated that the schools would receive a larger percentage of the taxes than Anderson County will for general operations. Mr. Greer stated that he heard Mr. Gleason loud and clear that Council doesn't give the small businesses incentive agreements but in the broader scope it we don't do things like these businesses would not locate here. Ms. Floyd also stated that if anyone knew of an industry that wants to locate on the south end of Anderson County send them to her district. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance on second reading and Mr. Holden seconded. Ms. Floyd stated that she did know what was going on with the fee in lieu agreement as mentioned by Mr. Gleason. Mr. Wright asked that state legislative delegation members look into incentives for smaller businesses. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Don Seger was present from Plastic Omnium to answer any questions.

Mr. William Dees presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-011 - an ordinance regulating the solicitation of contributions or donations from an occupant of any vehicle in accordance with section 565-31-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended and creating and establishing the

procedures whereby an individual, group, or entity may obtain a permit for such solicitation; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Martin stated that this ordinance was drafted strictly to implement the state authority to require before individuals solicit that they receive a permit for safety reasons. Mr. Martin stated that the ordinance does not call for any permit fee. Mr. Dees moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-012 - an ordinance imposing a prohibition on certain vehicular traffic on Powell Road, designated as County Road C-9-150; and other matters related thereto. Powell Road is near to 28 bypass and during the construction of 28 Bypass, a lot of people are using the road as a cut-through. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #2001-014 - an ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-019 as previously amended by Ordinance 99-029 and by Ordinance #2000-063, relating to the industrial/business park of Greenville and Anderson Counties so as to enlarge the park. On the motion of Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading. Mr. Martin explained the multi-county park concept.

Ms. Cindy Wilson read sections of past budget ordinances that required County Council to approve transfers over \$2,500.00 between a departmental budget and between departmental accounts. In 1998 in looking through invoices for a certain engineering firms, it was discovered that a bill of \$55,000 was paid concerning a survey at the Civic Center for the parking pad, she said. One half of the money came from the Sewer Enterprise fund and the other half came from the Solid Waste Fund. Questions came up on how this could have happened. Then when looking at the 97-98 budget it was discovered that the approval of transfers was omitted. The Administrator has admitted that he determines what company gets the contract and with such large sums of money, especially with budget cuts, we should be financially accountable to our taxpayers, Ms. Wilson stated. She said since this issue has caused so much confusion, she requested Council to have a full work session concerning this.

Mr. Preston

said that the County was getting ready to enter into the budget process as a part of that budget process the actual budget ordinance will be presented and that would be the appropriate time to discuss this. Mr. Preston also pointed out that the engineering firm in question is the same engineering firm, which represents Anderson County on the Beaverdam Creek sewer line. Mr. Wright said that everyone up there was concerned about accountability, the process on how or if there will be a change is what Council needs to determine. Mr. Wright suggested that Council table the request and take up at one of the budget workshops/work sessions. (This item was on the agenda as First reading of Ordinance #2001-015 - an ordinance to amend Anderson County Ordinance #2000-019, the 2000-2001 Anderson County Budget) Ms. Wilson stated that she would like to have a separate workshop beside the budget workshop to consider this item. Mr. Dees called for the question. After discussion, Council agreed that it would be better handled to discuss Ms. Wilson's item of business, during the regular budget workshop process. Ms. Wilson withdrew her motion to deal with later. Mr. Greer stated that he had a concern that the general population does not understand the effect that the State budget has on our local budget and it is important to take the time to think very carefully as Council moves through the budget process.

Mr. Greer moved to approve the Anderson County Vision/Priorities Work Plan 2006 as presented and Mr. Tolly seconded. Council discussed. Mr. Greer moved to amend the plan. Mr. Greer stated that on page 2 under County-wide infrastructure it calls for the water delivery system to be enhanced through development and implementation of a county-wide water plan; however on page 5 (#3) under ACTION NEEDED it does not mention the survey or anything to determine the water needs of Anderson County. Under ACTION NEEDED IT reads:

Continue implementation of 10-year plan

Construct the Beaverdam Creek outfall line.

Complete the Rocky River WWTP

Expansion Feasibility Study

Pursue Starr-Iva Project, and seek funding.

Maintain a positive working relationship with providers of public serves and infrastructure.

He moved to amend the motion to include on page 5 (#3) under ACTION NEEDED: a survey to determine the water needs of the general population needs of Anderson County. Mr. Tolly seconded the amendment. Vote was unanimous. Motion on the original motion as amended was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson). Motion carried.

Mr. Dees presented Resolution R2001-009 - a resolution in support of Senate Bill 360 prohibiting an individual from operating a motor vehicle while using cellular telephone. Mr. Dees moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson). On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve resolution #R2001-014 - a resolution to approve a Community Investment Grant for the Morningside Community.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve resolution #R2001-015 - a resolution expressing support of the location of the GenPower Anderson, LLC facilities for power generation in Anderson County.

Council approved a proclamation proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention month and April 5 as Child Abuse Day in Anderson County.

Mr. Wright added Item # 6 (H) Resolution #R2001-016 - a resolution expressing appreciation and support for, and confidence in the Anderson County Administration and staff; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Wright stated that from time to time Council members has opportunities to thank County staff and employees, Mr. Martin, Mr. Preston on the job that they are doing. He said that it was time to make this respect and appreciation publicly known. He presented Resolution #R2001-016 and asked that it become a part of the April 3 minutes. (Please see EXHIBIT #2 attached). Mr. Greer called for a point of order of which Council rules calls for two-thirds majority consent to place this item on the agenda. Vote to place on the agenda was six in favor and one abstention (Ms. Wilson). Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was six in favor and one abstention (Ms. Wilson).

DISTRICT #2 - Appointments: Ms. Floyd moved to appoint the following individuals:

Mr. Charlie G. Richey-Purchasing Review - Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Charles Crite - Sports and Entertainment Advisory Board - Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Al Traverus - Land Use and Zoning Board of Appeals - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to approve the installation of two fire hydrants to be placed starting on Amity Road and Bolt Drive intersection with the correct spacing between the two. Mr. Holden seconded. Mr. Greer asked what the cost would be and where the money would come from. The funds will come from District #2 Paving account. Ms. Floyd stated that the exact cost was not known; however she would ask that it not exceed \$10,000. Ms. Floyd amended the motion to add not to exceed \$10,000 from District 2 paving account. Mr. Greer seconded. Vote on the amendment was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$5,000 to the Westside Community Center from District #2 Recreation funds and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dees moved to appropriate \$7,500 for grass and field fencing for the Piedmont Public Service District upon presentation of invoices for work accomplished. Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$5,000 for New Prospect Elementary School to help purchase new playground equipment. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous. The money will come from District 5 Recreation funds.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$863.29 for a swing-set at the Belton Farmers Market to replace one that could not be repaired. Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous. Money will come from District 3 Recreation Funds.

Mr. Tolly moved to appropriate \$5,000 for the Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club for recreation funding. The money will come from District 1 recreation funds. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of Hammond Heights Subdivision and Powdersville Apartment road into the County road system.

Mr. Greer stated that the County has roads that were built before the County had this Road Standard Ordinance which are still private roads and are impassable to emergency vehicles and crews and Council is prohibited by law from doing any kind of work on those roads. This ordinance is very critical to what we do in Anderson County.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Certificates and Training:

1. *Mr. Terry Gray, Ms. Dawn Moser, Mr. Rick L. Burgess - Basic State Constable Training*

(b) Letters of Appreciation:

1. *For: Councilman Larry Greer - From: Grove Fire Department*
2. *For: Councilman Larry Greer, Council Members and Mr. Joey Preston - From: Mr. Robert Tugwell, City of Belton*
3. *For: Council Members and Mr. Joey Preston - From: Mr. Alfred B. Robinson, Jr., House of Representatives-Pickens County*
4. *For: County Employee Participation - Special Olympics Fund Raiser and St. Patrick's Day Event*
5. *For: County Employees- From: Council Member Rudy Singleton, Sumter County*
6. *For: Mr. Joey Preston, County Council, Mr. Max Couch, Mr. Bill Lloyd, Mr. Vic Carpenter, Mr. Greg Smith - From: Ms. Kimberly Spears, Arts Center*
7. *For: Mr. Joey Preston - From: Ed Hillhouse, Museum*

(c) Minutes:

1. *Transportation Division Safety Meeting Minutes - March 23, 2001*

(d) Reports:

- 1. Detention Center Litter Reports - Feb. 26 to March 14, 2001 and March 19 to March 23, 2001**
- 2. Road Maintenance Litter Report - March 5 to March 16, 2001**
- 3. District Paving Account Reports**

(e) Ordinance 2001-007 - Anderson County Road Ordinance

(f) Grant Agreement - West Anderson Water Company

(g) Duke and County Officials to Test Sirens around Oconee Nuclear Station

(h) SCDOT Letter - Transportation Project

(i) SC Department of Commerce - Changes in management team

(j) Department of Juvenile Justice - General Appropriations Bill 3687

(k) GSA Magazine article - Anderson Regional Airport

(l) Sandlapper Magazine article - Electric City/Mr. Paul Brown

(m) Newspaper article - Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center

(n) Civic Center Usage Has Quadrupled Over Past 5 Years, Report Indicates

(o) Anderson County Questions To State Concerning Vehicle Tax Ratchet Down (Mr. Preston called Council's attention to a list of questions to the state concerning the vehicle tax reduction law.)

Mr. Wright addressed a letter from County Treasurer, Nancy Mackey, asking that Council send a letter of support for the Treasurer to pull a person's driver's license for delinquent car taxes. Mr. Preston said a letter of support had already been sent.

Remarks from Council Members:

Mr. Dees talked about Court securities.

Ms. Floyd stated that at the next meeting she would recognize all Anderson County School Bus Drivers in recognition of School Bus Drivers Appreciation Month. Ms. Floyd said that district #2 was working on a summer youth project, Belton - Amity Highway Project, Hispanic Community, fire hydrants, Bolt Drive, Ramona Drive, Thompson Hill Development, Toxaway Mill site Brown Field grant, zoning for District 2, transportation facility with Tri-county tech.

Mr. Greer stated that the past two years had been very productive for District 3 and it is very important for his district to move forward as well as Anderson County. As he listened to Ms. Simmons and Ms. Skeen as they talked about the Child Abuse services and he heard something very loud and clear that the way to achieve meaningful change is to work together as a team to make those changes take place. He said he thinks it is imperative that all individuals and organizations in Anderson County work together to make those meaningful changes take place.

Ms. Wilson stated that it was wonderful to have the turn out and all the volunteers in Anderson County. She said that she wants to continue working together to make our county budget accountable to the taxpayers. Ms. Wilson asked the Clerk to Council to get the information from the citizen who addressed Council on her drainage problem as well as Building and Codes, and Road Maintenance. Mr. Preston stated that during the break County staff spoke with the lady regarding the drainage problem.

Mr. Holden thanked Mr. Preston and staff for all their hard work. He also said that he was upset with the State and all their mandates. A letter was sent to the SCDOT regarding how a citizen was done while the widening of Highway 24.

Mr. Tolly congratulated Mr. Wright's daughter, Kellie, for being accepted to the Governor's School of Arts. He called attention to a letter from the Arts Council praising Mr. Preston. Mr. Tolly thanked all the officers for protecting the Courthouse.

Ms. Floyd told Mr. Dees that everyone would keep his daughter in their prayers for a complete recovery.

Mr. Wright said that this was a long meeting and a lot was accomplished. Mr. Wright recognized Mr. Nick Charalambous, a reporter for the *Anderson Independent Mail*, for his award-winning story regarding the YMCA.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council