

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 5, 1991 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Anderson County Council was held on March 5, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Council Chambers. Chairman Mike Holden presided.

PRESENT

Bob Waldrep - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Elise C. Cahaly - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
David Standeffer - County Attorney
David Watson - County Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Council member Elise C. Cahaly gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the February 19, 1991 minutes as mailed.

Mr. David Standeffer presented Ordinance #323 amending Section II of Ordinance #169 to increase rates or charges for sewer service in Anderson County. A public hearing was held. Mr. Steadman spoke. Mr. Holden moved to approve the ordinance on second reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Resolution #573 concerning changes to all boards and commissions. He explained that most of the boards, commissions and authorities would require changes by amendments to ordinances which are now in effect. Council discussed the need for a work session to discuss each individual ordinance. Mr. Banister moved that the Resolution be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Standeffer presented Ordinance #324 which is an amendment to the original Michelin Tire Corporation Project ordinance. Mr. Holden moved to approve the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from Mr. Ray Knight concerning unequal taxes. He talked about 6 acres in Powdersville and the tax being \$4.00. The property is valued at 1/2 to 3/4 million dollars. He said one half acre was sold for \$44,000. Mr. Knight also discussed land in Anderson County being declared agriculture property and the amount which is actual in agriculture use. Mr. Holden directed Mr. Watson to get with Mr. Tom King and Mr. Knight and look into the problem.

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Council heard from Mr. Pat Harris, Director of the Anderson YMCA. Mr. Harris gave a brief run-down on the YMCA programs and the funding. He thanked Council for the \$10,000 contribution last year and asked Council to consider contributing \$12,500 to the Anderson YMCAs this year in the 91-92 fiscal year budget. Council received as information.

Mr. Stephen Crawford, Director of Parks & Recreation, appeared before Council with a request to appropriate \$5,000 to the City of Anderson to be used toward the reduction of fees for their youth baseball program. Council discussed the increase in fees for County residents to participate in the youth baseball programs. The \$5,000 is budgeted money and no additional funding will be required. Mr. Crawford also presented a \$3,000 request for the Salvation Boys Club to be applied toward a \$5,500.00 matching grant. The money will be used for recreational type equipment, bench padding and other items. Mr. Crawford also asked for \$500.00 respectively for South Fant Elementary School and Townville Elementary School for recreational equipment. Mr. Holden moved to approve the above requests and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Bevill discussed the Eighteen Mile Creek problem. Resolution #572 endorsing a three wastewater treatment plant concept for Eighteen Mile Creek was presented. He said that a 201 Study was being done to provide additional funding to complete the improvements to accommodate the study of Hartwell Lake. He said Anderson County is presently in agreement with the Clemson/Pendleton Wastewater Treatment Plant to provide for the treatment of 100,000 gallons per day to provide sewer service to the Clemson Research Park. This is a three plant concept to do away with wastewater problems as it now exists. What this is doing is providing environmental protection to Lake Hartwell, our drinking water source. Mr. Waldrep moved to approve the Resolution and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous. A work session to discuss the Clemson Quadrant/Santens Projects was announced for Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. William McCoy explained that in the September 18, 1990 minutes of Council, the \$60,000 maximum amount that the County will have to commit toward the total cost (\$207,000 estimate) of the 10,000 sq. ft. hangar at the Airport was not referenced. He asked Council to vote once again to commit this amount. Mr. Holden moved to commit up to \$60,000 toward the hangar and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. McCoy asked that Westinghouse Environmental and Geotechnical Services, Inc. continue with the underground cleanup and add one additional monitoring well at the Civic Center. The scope of work appears to be the minimum that will meet S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control. A transfer of money will be presented later on in the meeting to provide the funding for this service. Mr. Holden moved to approve and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Watson presented the following budget transfers: From Acct. #441-110-016 (Merit Pay Plan) to #424-155-085 (Airport - Consulting & Contractual) - amount \$38,903. From Acct. #9999-190-038 (WCI-Loan) to #424-155-085 (Airport - Consulting & Contractual) amount \$21,097.00,

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From Acct. #9999-190-308 (WCI-Loan) to #443-140-065 (Contingency) - amount \$5,090.50. All of the above to be used for the ground water monitoring as required by SCDHEC at the Civic Center. From Acct. #441-110-016 (Merit Pay Plan) to #403-100-001 (Administrator - Salaries) - \$30,000.00 for salaries for the full time County Attorney and Engineer. From Acct. #441-110-016 (Merit Pay Plan) to #407-100-001 to (Finance-Salaries) - \$15,000.00 to cover the accounting position. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the transfers above as presented and Ms. Cahaly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson explained that the County drug seized property on South Murray Avenue was appraised and put on the market. There was no interest from the public. The Sheriff's office has requested that the County seek a real estate firm to sell the property. The only interested firm was Cocker, Sims & Barker for 10% contingent upon review of contract by the County Attorney. He presented the following purchasing requests: for Anderson County Computer Services - printers and stands for a total of \$3,791.55 from Government Tech. Services, Inc. (2) for Computer Services - wiring for the printers - \$976.50 from United Computer Sales. (3) for Parks & Recreation for 560-T-shirts for \$2,520.00 from D & Screen Printing (4) for Road Maintenance Department - for 60 - treated timbers for guardrail on Brown Road - \$1,609.65 from Woodland Resources. All are budgeted items. Mr. Hooper asked that the real estate deal be excluded from the purchases. Mr. Holden moved to approve the purchases and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hooper said that the real estate property should be auctioned off. Mr. Waldrep said that the discussion might need to be done in executive session. All members agreed that Mr. Watson will get all the facts and discuss with each Council individually prior to any action.

Mr. Hooper explained a request for funding from the City of Anderson to help develop the roads in Robert's Row off North Main Street. The amount needed is \$11,850 for asphalt. Mr. Hooper moved to transfer the \$11,850 from District #2 asphalt for this project. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson explained that as a result of meetings on Tax Equity, Dr. Fleming, Strom Thurmond Institute, was asked to study the problem. He said that Dr. Fleming was now out west on another job and someone else needed to be designated to do the study. Council received as information.

Council heard from Mr. John Culbertson and Mr. L. Steadman, concerned citizens.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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