

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007 AT 4:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilman Tommy Ford (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Councilwoman Joan Little

Notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda giving the date, time and place of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the hall of the Union County Courthouse and a copy was mailed to the members of the Union County Council, the County Attorney, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Joan Little, District 1 – Absent

Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present

Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present - Arrived at 4:33 p.m.

Joey D. English, District 4 – Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present

Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on September 12, 2007, the special meeting of County Council held on September 24, 2007, and to adopt the minutes as written.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented service award certificates and gift cards to Nakia Brannon for 5 years of dedicated service, and to Sue Cudd for 10 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider two advertised vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. There were three applicants who were David Douglas, Thomas Krpata and Bernard Dawkins. Council also received a letter of resignation from Ariel Fron.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to appoint David Douglas, Thomas Krpata and Bernard Dawkins to serve on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

(Councilman Tommy Ford arrived at 4:33 p.m.)

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there were two vacancies on the Union County Tourism Commission but they received only one application from George W. Bruce.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to appoint Mr. George W. Bruce to serve on the Union County Tourism Commission and advertise to fill the other vacancy.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced and welcomed Heather Sealy as the new Animal Control Officer.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh reminded Council there would be a ground breaking ceremony and presentations for the Timken Sports Complex on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced for first reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County and to authorize a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the manner by which expenses and revenues from such park will be allocated, and to authorize a negotiated user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the business park and user fee for the Michelin Project as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced for first reading an ordinance to amend that certain agreement for the development of a joint county industrial and business park between Union County and Spartanburg County dated August 21, 2006 to include the NURRC, LLC Project.

Joey English: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to amend the agreement between Union County and Spartanburg County as stated to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the NURRC, LLC Project.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced a resolution to commission Heather Sealy as a County Code Enforcement Officer.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the resolution to commission Heather Sealy as a County Code Enforcement Officer.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced a first amendment to the Lease Agreement with Standard Textile to extend the lease for an additional four years.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the amendment to the Lease Agreement with Standard Textile as stated.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports but there were none.

Councilwoman Dora Martin requested that the Road Committee look at the Bishop Road when they hold their next meeting. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated they needed to look at a road turned in by Councilwoman Little for Lite Street in Jonesville.

Councilwoman Dora Martin stated they are trying to set up a Cross Keys/Cross Anchor Community Festival and requested they be allowed to use the recreation building in Cross Keys for that purpose free of charge.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to allow the group trying to set up the Cross Keys/Cross Anchor Community Festival the use of the recreation building in Cross Keys free of charge as requested.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a financial report from the Olde English District Tourism for Council to review and approve.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept the financial report for the Olde English District.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to go into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Union County Council went into executive session to discuss legal matters.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to close executive session.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

The Union County Council returned to regular session and Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that no action was taken during executive session.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council

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