

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - January 7, 1986 - 9:00 a.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JANUARY 7, 1986 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN HAROLD E. BEEBE PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
Chairman Harold E. Beebe, District #5
David Watson, Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
Rusty Burns, Asst. Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Rhodes called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Hooper led in prayer. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Next Mr. Rhodes called for the election of chairman and vice-chairman. He then nominated Councilman Jimmy Cox for chairman. Mr. Hooper seconded the nomination. Mr. Wiles nominated Councilman Harold Beebe for chairman. Mr. Cox seconded Mr. Wiles' nomination. Vote for Mr. Cox as chairman was two in favor (Rhodes, Hooper) and vote for Mr. Beebe for chairman was three in favor (Wiles, Cox, Beebe) therefore Mr. Beebe was elected chairman by majority vote. Mr. Rhodes turned the chair over to the newly elected chairman.

Mr. Beebe moved that the approval of the minutes from the December 17 meeting be postponed until the next meeting. (He had not received a copy.) Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles nominated Mr. Cox for vice-chairman. Mr. Rhodes nominated Mr. Hooper. Mr. Hooper asked that his name be withdrawn as a candidate. Vote for Mr. Cox was 4-0. Mr. Cox abstained.

Mr. Hooper spoke on the need for zoning in Anderson County and presented for Council's consideration an ordinance to establish a committee to consist of eighteen members to study and implement zoning for Anderson County. Mr. Cox said that certain language about the committee being composed of eighteen persons from each district should be changed. Mr. Rhodes asked that ex-officio members be voting members. Mr. Cox then moved that the ordinance (#185) be approved on first reading. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Ms. Betty McCurry, next on the agenda, was out of town and unable to attend.

Mrs. Louise McGill stated that three years ago her husband passed away and the family farm was divided. A member of her family had been seriously ill and was in Washington for treatment during the time for filing for lower assessment; therefore, this was overlooked. She asked Council to consider allowing her to sign up for this lower assessment now. Mr. Rhodes asked the County Attorney if the County Council had the power to change this assessment. His response was that the Council, by majority vote, can take any affirmative action, but that action may or may not be in compliance with the law. Mr. Rhodes at that time moved that the Assessor be directed to change Mrs. McGill's assessment on her property. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. J.R. McClure, Chairman of the Election Commission, came before Council asking that the punch card voting system be approved. He announced that on January 6, 1986 the Election Commission voted unanimously to submit to Council a proposed financial schedule for the vote recorder system. (See below)

- \$ 25,000 - Already approved in 1985-1986 fy budget
- 20,000 - (estimated) Should receive from the sale of Airmac Machines
- 30,000 - Appropriation in July 1986 (budget)
- 20,000 - Appropriation in July 1987 (budget)

He said the above would implement the system. Mr. McClure stated that on April 30, 1985 the State Election Commission's office was contacted and Mr. Hendrix from the state, met with them to give professional advice. He (Mr. Hendrix) at that time, said the state was in the process of looking into a state-wide voting system, but was way out. He advised that the Election Commission seek another voting system for Anderson County for the following reasons:

1. Cost of ballots
2. Accuracy of the punch card system
3. Only one card to be tabulated
4. Punch card system can hardly be tampered with

Therefore, the Election Commission unanimously voted not to attend the meeting with Mr. James Ellisor set up for January 27. Mr. Hunter then presented the proposal and asked that it be accepted immediately with the provision that the proceeds received from the sale of the Airmac equipment be applied to the purchase of the punch card equipment. Mr. Hooper moved that the Council receive as information until after the workshop meeting with Mr. Ellisor and the Election Commission. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Wiles asked the Election Commission to reconsider and meet with Council on 1-27. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bob Palmer with Russell & Axon, recommended that Council accept the low bid of \$389,000 from Trehel Corp. for the proposed Law Enforcement Center. Mr. Beebe moved that the Council accept the low bid and Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Hooper moved to amend the motion to include an additional \$200,000 for the Anderson County Library Computerization Project in the Mini-bond. After some discussion, Mr. Hooper withdrew his amendment. Council then discussed further the financing of the Law Enforcement Center and a computer system for the County Library. Mr. Mullinax read Resolution #310 (\$500,000 Mini-Bond) for financing of the center. The Administrator will solicit bids for current interest rates. Mr. Hooper moved that the Resolution (#310) be approved. Mr. Cox seconded. Mr. Watson said that payment of the bond will be made with money previously appropriated for the Stockade and no tax increase would be needed. Mr. Rhodes amended the motion that no extra millage be added to the total county millage. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion was unanimous. Vote to accept the bid from Trehel Corp. was unanimous.

Council discussed the financing of the computer system for the County Library with the seven-tenths of a mill allocated for repair of the roof. Mr. Cox moved that the County Attorney compute what percent of the Library's seven-tenths mill went into the one time capital expense for the construction-repair of the roof and advise the Council what type bond and length of bond would be needed with no tax increase. Mr. Wiles seconded. Mr. Rhodes moved to amend the motion that the \$200,000 needed come from the fund balance. Motion died from lack of second. Vote on original motion was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax opened the floor for a public hearing for the transfer of property from the S.C. Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The following people spoke: Carl Johnson, Orien Parrish, Brantley Jordan, & Johnny Sherard. The public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Mullinax presented first reading of Ordinance #186 authorizing the transfer of certain real property to the S.C. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and cancelling an existing lease. Mr. Rhodes moved that the Vocational Rehabilitation Officials be contacted again, and offered a site at the Anderson County Airport because of the proposed Industrial Park there. Mr. Wiles seconded. Council discussed the motion. Vote was three in favor (Wiles, Beebe, Rhodes) and two opposed (Cox, Hooper). Motion carried. Mr. Wiles then moved that the ordinance #186 be approved on first reading. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was unanimous. (Mr. Rhodes offered an amendment that regardless of where the site is, if the land is not used for the purpose set forth in the ordinance, it will revert back to the County. This amendment died from lack of second.)

Mr. Mullinax opened a public hearing for written or oral comments on the proposed amendments to the Residential Subdivision Regulations (Ordinance #183) and Minimum Standards for Roads (Ordinance #184). There being no comments, the public hearings was declared closed.

Council recessed for 15 minutes at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Cox moved that the public hearing be opened back up. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0. Several citizens spoke. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Mullinax presented Ordinance #184 - Minimum Standards for Roads for third and final reading approval. Mr. Hooper moved that the ordinance be approved as presented. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Mullinax presented Ordinance #183 - Residential Subdivision Regulations for third reading approval. Mr. Wiles offered an amendment to section 3.4.1 which reads: "Section 3.4.1. The Final plat shall be accompanied by a centerline profile for each street shown thereon and by a plan for surface drainage of the tract proposed to be subdivided." Mr. Cox seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles offered another amendment: definition of subdivision would revert back to the original language. Mr. Cox seconded the amendment and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles moved that Ordinance #183 be approved as amended on third reading. Mr. Hooper seconded the motion. Mr. Cox moved to amend the motion to delete the section describing a subdivision until the next meeting. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Mr. Hooper and Mr. Rhodes withdrew their seconds after some discussion. Mr. Hooper then moved that the ordinance be tabled until the next meeting because of confusion. Mr. Rhodes seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Rhodes asked the County Attorney to compose the ordinance with the amendments for Council to study as soon as possible.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #182 increasing the EMS Commission from nine members to eleven. Mr. Wiles moved the adoption of the ordinance as presented. Mr. Beebe seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Robert King stated for the record that the EMS Commission voted unanimously on the amendment presented in the ordinance.

Mr. Watson presented the road maintenance report for information.

Mr. Rusty Burns requested permission to purchase, for \$9,000 from State Surplus Properties, a full-sized motorgrader. The money is appropriated in the road maintenance budget. Mr. Cox moved that the motorgrader be purchased and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Furman Gerrard came before Council to discuss the petition to change the form of government in Anderson County. He then asked each Councilman which form they supported.

Mr. Rhodes then asked the County Attorney to reading Ordinance #187 to provide for and the scheduling of a referendum to change the form of government of Anderson County. Mr. Rhodes moved the adoption of the ordinance on first reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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