

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - February 3, 1987 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 1987 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX PRESIDED.

P R E S E N T

Chairman Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Ernie Garrison, District #4
Mike Holden, District #5
David Watson, Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
Jack Crowe, Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Councilman Robert L. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the January 20, 1987 meeting as mailed.

The agenda was amended without objection from any members.

Mr. Wiles asked the Herman Field's family to come forward at which time he presented a plaque and Resolution #372 in memory of Herman Fields for his dedication to his position. Mr. Fields lost his life in an automobile accident last week and was the director of the Animal Shelter. Mr. Wiles moved the adoption of the resolution and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Robert Hosey, representing Quarles Cable Company, Inc. asked Council to approve Ordinance #218 granting a non-exclusive franchise for the entire County. This would be a new type programming which would be available for dish owners. Mr. Hooper moved that the ordinance be approved on first reading and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Garrison asked the attorney to check with other counties using the system.

Mr. William McCoy, representing the committee to study land use, appeared before Council recommending a land use performance and development ordinance for Anderson. The committee would work in each district to receive citizens input into the ordinance. No additional funding would be needed until next budget year. Mr. Cox moved to approve Resolution #369 allowing the committee to go ahead and begin work on the ordinance and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Stephen Crawford, Recreation Commission Director, explained an appropriation of \$2,000 to help Pendleton District Historical & Recreational Commission prepare and publish a comprehensive guide to the campgrounds and parks in Anderson County. This is for a matching grant provided by S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. Mr. Garrison moved that the request be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crawford explained another request to appropriate \$3,500 to sponsor the Anderson Track Club. The money is already in the Recreation Commission's budget. Mr. Hooper moved that the request be granted and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crawford informed Council that on Saturday, February 14, 1987, the Anderson City Sports Complex Study Committee will be taking a field trip to the Cherry Park in Rock Hill, S.C. (8 a.m.) All Council members were invited. Council received as information.

Mr. Garrison introduced Resolution #370 which provides that, except for the purposes of inquiries and investigations, the Council shall deal with County officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the County Administrator solely through the Administrator, and neither the Council nor its members shall give orders or instructions to any such officers or employees. Mr. Garrison moved to approve the resolution as presented. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Brantley Jordan spoke against the new "Citizens Agenda" and the right to free speech. Council received as information.

Mr. Mullinax presented Ordinance #217 for Council's approval on second reading. This is an ordinance consenting to Westpel Cable TV, Inc.'s transfer of its rights under a franchise for the operation and maintenance of a cable television system in Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved that this be approved on second reading and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Mullinax informed Council that before third reading is approved, certain requirements (administrative and financial) must be cleared with Mr. Crowe.

The agenda was amended to hear from Mr. Wiles.

Mr. Wiles presented letters to Senator Charles Powell and Mr. Herman Synder, State Highway Engineer, relinquishing the County's ownership of track, approximately 1,000' south of the driveway of Dyplast, Inc. A public hearing was held. He asked that the chairman be allowed to sign these letters to allow the widening of Highway 81. On the motion of Mr. Wiles seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Watson asked that the agenda be amended to hear from Mr. Hurley Badders.

Mr. Badders, Chairman of the Courthouse Study Committee, explained to Council the 50% matching grant available from the S.C. Department of Archives and History. Council would have to commit \$20,000 for the next fiscal year (1987-1988). He asked that a Resolution (#373) be approved committing the \$20,000 as the local share should the Courthouse grant be approved. Mr. Cox moved that the \$20,000 be approved by Resolution #373. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Hooper added Mr. Carl Johnson, Dr. Charles Waller, and Dr. Charles B. Thompson to the Courthouse Study Committee. Mr. Holden appointed Mr. Bill Bannister. Mr. Wiles appointed Mr. William S. Simpson and Mr. Cox appointed Mr. Laniel Chapman.

The agenda was amended to hear from Mr. Rusty Burns.

Mr. Burns explained that bids for repairing Hopewell Church Bridge were opened and the low bidder was Marchant Constuction Company from Columbia. The amount was \$237,425.90. The County's share of the bid would be \$47,485.18 which is already budgeted. The work should begin in March and finish by December. Mr. Cox moved that the bid be approved and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson introduced Mr. James McClure regarding Road Maintenance.

Mr. McClure explained a letter form Mr. John D. Gilreath, District Engineer with the S.C. Highway Department requesting that all bridges in the County have correct weight limit signs erected. Non-compliance would effect our state highway funds. The County would inspect the bridges and install the signs. The State would do the rest and bill us for 20% at the end of the year. Mr. Cox moved to authorize Mr. McClure to pursue this matter in whatever methods he sees fit. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson introduced Mr. James McClure as the Interim Road Maintenance Director. Mr. Watson commended Mr. Mullinax for the good job as County Attorney and announced that he will continue as County Attorney.

Mr. Watson informed Council that the Registration Office went on line with the State Election computer and the process went well.

Mr. Watson explained a request from the S.C. Land Resources Commission to cooperate with them on two roads in the Broadway Lake Basin for sediment control with no expense to the County. The roads are Gable Road and Hart Road. The County would be required to finish the granting by the end of March. They would hydroseed approximately 4.5 acres of road banks on Hart road and approximately 6 acres on Gable road & purchase 100 foot of 15 inch diameter corrugated pipe. Mr. Wiles moved that Mr. Watson be authorized to sign the agreement as discussed. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson asked that the County Council request to the Appalachian Council of Governments for an up-date on the Vehicle Maintenance Facility Study done sometime ago. Mr. Garrison moved that the request be made and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson read a memo concerning unfinished projects. These projects include:

- Pelzer Park and boat ramp
- White Plains Community Center
- Ebenezer Fire Station
- Pendleton Recreation Park
- Sandy Springs Fire Station (Drainage work)
- Iva Town Square Project

Mr. Watson asked for confirmation that these projects be finished on road maintenance work orders when weather permits.

Additional requests:
Salvation Army Boys Club-Drainage work
Morningside Park - Drainage work

(Cost figures and time elements would be obtained and reported to Council on the two additional requests.)

Mr. Cox moved that the projects be completed and allow Mr. Watson to proceed with the Salvation Army request and the Morningside park request as he sees fit. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Watson explained that the budget packets were distributed on schedule.

Mr. Watson explained the following departments in need of additional funds.

- Building Codes Department - \$5,620 - (A balance of approximately \$1,000 remaining from a vehicle purchase will be transferred into some of the critical accounts until Council can address the issue.)

- Legislative Delegation - Secretary scheduled for medical leave \$2,000 needed (estimated)

- Association of Counties - Increase in staff \$2,214

- Magistrate - Fund a secretary for Piedmont \$4,000 - \$4,200

- County Attorney's Budget

- Road Maintenance - Acting Director \$8,500 (approximately)

- \$8,175 for completion of Law Enforcement center

Mr. Watson, if Council desires, will prepare a supplemental budget ordinance to address the needed funds. Mr. Cox moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #219 to include only the \$2,000 needed for the Delegation's secretary. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was 5-0. Mr. Watson will recommend on second reading other requests.

Mr. Watson said the Law Enforcement Center made a request for microfilming of County records. Mr. Hooper moved that the request be made and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles presented Resolution #374 placing county roads in the state system under the Beltlines and Spurs Act of the State of South Carolina. He then moved that the Resolution be approved and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wiles moved to renew Mr. David Watson's contract and allow him a \$1,150 per year salary increase (effective Jan. 1, 1987) and each year after his salary to be consistent with other county employees raises. Mr. Cox seconded. Everyone commended Mr. Watson for a job well done. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe recommended that Council change from purchasing the Goodyear Silver Eagle tire presently on state contract to Michelin tires. Service and life on the Michelin tire exceeds the contract tire by approximately 2½ to 3 times. Mr. Cox moved to allow the purchase of Michelin tires and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe recommended that he be allowed to purchase hot mix asphalt from the vendor that best meets the County's needs in terms of location of work and availability of materials. Prices range from \$19.25 per ton up to \$22.50 per ton. Mr. Cox moved that the request be approved and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Crowe recommended the purchase of a Xerox copier for Employment & Training (state contract) for \$3,405. The County will be reimbursed for the total amount. Mr. Cox moved that the request be approved and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

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Mr. Crowe recommended the purchase of Motorola communications equipment radios for the Sheriff's Department (state contract). The total amount of \$40,986.59. All monies are budgeted. Mr. Cox moved that the recommendation be accepted and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Cox stated he thought the County could benefit by checking into the financing of Squad 1 in Anderson and then moved that the County authorize the accounting firm of Greene, Lindley to proceed with an audit of Anderson Rescue Squad 1. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was 5-0.

- Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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