

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ralph Tucker, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly

Absent: Chairman Frank Hart

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, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, Mr. Robert Small and emailed to Mike Stevens at WBCU Radio Station and to Graham Williams at the County News. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called the meeting to order. Council Chaplin Ben Ivey 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 – Present

Ralph Tucker, District 2 – Present

Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present

Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present

Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present

Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called for approval of the previous minutes.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on July 14, 2015, the special meeting of County Council held on July 30, 2015 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented service award certificates and gift cards for Robert David Eaves for 5 years of dedicated service, for David Sanders for 5 years of dedicated service, for Charles Barber for 5 years of dedicated service, for Phillip Sprouse for 5 years of dedicated service, for James Shugart for 5 years of dedicated service, to Billy Lawson for 5 years of dedicated service, for James Fowler for 5 years of dedicated service, for Alicia Belue for 10 years of dedicated service, for Marion Al Black for 10 years of dedicated service, for Tommy Littlejohn for 15 years of dedicated service and to Cindy Fore for 30 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated Council needed to consider a vacancy on the Stadium Commission. There is one vacancy and one applicant who is Adolphus Ray Jones. Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated it would be the recommendation from Councilwoman Joan Little.

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Joan Little: Made a motion to appoint Adolphus Ray Jones to the Stadium Commission.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated there were two upcoming vacancies on the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to advertise the two positions.

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

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated next on the agenda was Donald Lyles to discuss roads in the Maybinton area but he was not present.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated Council had allocated \$50,000.00 for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office but it had to be approved by Council as it is part of the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditures money.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve \$50,000.00 from the Non-Departmental Capital Expenditure account for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office.

Ben Ivey: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Sheriff David Taylor presented for Council's approval mutual aid agreements with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office, the York County Sheriff's Office, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreements with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office, the York County Sheriff's Office, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, the Laurens County Sheriff's Office, and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office.

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

Clerk of Court Freddie Gault informed Council that Congressman Mick Mulvaney would be in Union on Monday, August 17th at Midway Bar-B-Que from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m. to meet with anyone who has any questions or concerns.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented for second reading an ordinance amending Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 7, pertaining to Building, Construction and Technical Codes and Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI, pertaining to boards and commissions and Union County Code of Ordinances Chapter 17, Article III, pertaining to Law Enforcement Officers of the County, and other matters related thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance amending Union County Code of Ordinances as stated.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford presented for second reading an ordinance amending Section 12-2 of the Union County Code of Laws so as to permit the County to determine on a case-by-case basis, and in accordance with the relevant Multi-County Park Agreement, the net revenues in lieu of taxes distribution to taxing entities within the County, and other matters related thereto.

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Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance amending Section 12-2 of the Union County Code of Laws as stated.

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

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford called for any committee reports.

Councilwoman Joan Little stated she had been talking to Sheriff David Taylor and he wanted to give a report.

Sheriff David Taylor said they had just finished a drug roundup which resulted in 23 arrests and the court system has done a good job of moving those cases through but it has backed up jail operations. He stated that on jail improvements they are working on the exhaust systems and are about to take bids on the heat exchange units. He stated the agreements with the City of Union and Town of Jonesville for housing jail inmates needs to be updated. He said he had a draft agreement which he wanted to send to the County Attorney and McNair Law Firm to review. County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros suggested he send it to him and the County Supervisor. Council was in agreement. Sheriff David Taylor stated he has several employees out because of health reasons but Perry Hanvey has returned to work.

Vice-Chairman Tommy Ford stated Council needed to review and approve the audits and financial statements for Catawba Regional Council of Governments, Bonham Fire District, Carlisle Fire District, Cross Keys Fire District, Kelly-Kelton Fire District and Phillipi Fire District.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to approve audits and financial statements for Catawba Regional Council of Governments, Bonham Fire District, Carlisle Fire District, Cross Keys Fire District, Kelly-Kelton Fire District and Phillipi Fire District.

Ralph Tucker: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Tommy Ford, Vice-Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council