

**ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Regular Meeting - September 15, 1998 - 4:30 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

MINUTES

ALL AREA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO STATIONS AND TELEVISION STATIONS WERE INFORMED OF THIS MEETING IN COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

PRESENT

**G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Chairman William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Clint Wright - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jack McIntosh - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council**

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, September 15, 1998 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. William A. Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Chairman Floyd welcomed the group and everyone was invited to come back. Chairman Floyd recognized Ms. Annie Frances Clark, Auditor, for 50 years of service to the County of Anderson.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 1, 1998 meeting as mailed.

Public Comments: Mr. Charles Callaham stated that he was opposed to what was going to be proposed concerning the Resource Recovery project at the Anderson Regional Landfill. Mr. Charles Waller talked about the proposed resource recovery project and the study costing \$62,000. He asked why the County was paying for the study instead of Allied. Mr. Rick Hayes also talked about the resource recovery project and also informed Council that Rector Road is badly damaged and in dire need of repair. Council received all comments as information.

Rev. Elva Martin, representing the Anderson Prayer Task Force, announced

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that as of August 1st, Anderson County has become a praying County. Prayer is going on every hour. A 24-hour prayer guide was given to Council members. Rev. Martin prayed the prayer that is prayed daily for leaders of this county and nation. Council received as information.

Mr. Joey Preston, Administrator, announced that the County received the 1998 Outstanding Safety Achievement Award at the annual Association of Counties meeting. The following members of the Safety Committee were recognized for their participation and plaques were presented to the Personnel Department and the Public Works Department. (Mike Freeman, Jeff Dietrich, Jerry Banister, Derrick Singleton, Rufus Clinkscales, Jim Lloyd, Denise Holly, Katherine Jones, & Jim McClure)

Mr. Lawrence Campbell presented a request for approval of Resolution #R98-042 authorizing the execution and delivery of an inducement agreement by and between Anderson County and Company X whereby, under certain conditions, Company X will acquire by construction and purchase certain manufacturing facilities in Anderson County and Anderson County will execute fee-in-lieu of tax and lease agreement(s) and provide certain economic development inducements to Company X and execute certain documents and enact certain further legislation for a project(s) involving not less than forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000) investment. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution and inducement contract as presented.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve second reading of Ordinance #98-019 - an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park in conjunction with Greenville County, such industrial/business park to be geographically located in Anderson and Greenville Counties.

Mr. Preston presented Ordinance #98-018 - an ordinance to amend the Anderson County Personnel Policies and Procedures for Council's consideration on first reading. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #98-020 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement by and among Anderson County, South Carolina, as lessor, and Reliance Electric Industrial Company as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes.

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On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #98-021 - an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Anderson County, South Carolina, as lessor, and Courtesy Corporation, as lessee; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #98-022 - an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Anderson County Special Source Revenue Bonds for Courtesy Corporation Project.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of Ordinance #98-023 - an ordinance authorizing the amendment of a lease agreement between Anderson County and Courtesy Corporation, and other matters relating thereto including without limitation, payment of a fee-in-lieu of taxes.

Mr. Preston presented preliminary, unaudited, financial results for the general funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. Mr. Preston reported that the total increase in County levy over the last 7 years has been 5.5% and the rate of inflation over the past 7 years has been 2% (each year). That means a good strong, healthy economy and that allows the County to operate and do projects without raising taxes. He reported that the actual 1997 year ending fund balance was \$15,743,109 and the 1998 year ending fund balance is projected to be \$16,300,000.

Mr. Preston presented first reading of Ordinance #98-024 - a supplemental budget ordinance to amend Anderson County Ordinance #98-009 dated May 19, 1998, in certain specific and limited regards; and other matters related thereto. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on first reading and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Floyd moved to make the following changes to District #2 Boards & Commissions:

**CIVIC CENTER: replace Ms. Wilamenia Rhoe with Ms. Sara Jane Orr
reappoint Ms. Lynn Kay**

**ECONOMIC ADVISORY BOARD: fill vacancy left by Mr. Ervin Cunningham
with Mr. Jay Blankenship**

Replace Mr. Al Norris with Mr. LuJack Orr

FARMERS MARKET BOARD:

reappoint Mr. Roy Mack and Ms. Peggy Banister

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Mr. Tolly seconded Mr. Floyd's nominations and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to make the following changes to District #5 Boards & Commissions:

***Land Use Appeals Board:* fill a vacancy left as a result of Mr. Gary Kinert's death with Mr. Hubert McClure**

***Planning Commission:* replace Ms. Trinity Sands with Mr. Tommy Dunn Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.**

Mr. Tolly moved to replace Mr. John Greene (resigned) on the Economic Advisory Board with Ms. Kathryn Greene Heeney. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly said he would like to contribute \$10,000 out of Parks & Recreation Funds for the Sports Complex on Highway 8 near Williamston and West Pelzer. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to contribute \$3,000 from Parks & Recreation funds to go to eradicate lead paint and repainting of Head Start rooms at the Caroline Civic Center in Williamston. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to contribute \$3,000 from Parks & Recreation Funds to be given to the Pelzer Community Center for senior citizens activities. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to scrape and add stone to the road behind Palmetto High School. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was unanimous. Funds will come from District #1 Paving Account.

Mr. Wright moved to approve the agreement to establish a resource recovery and research facility and adopt the proposal submitted by the Energy and Research Center. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Holden moved to help the Homeland Park Water and Sewer District with a sewer line expansion on the Abbeville Highway that will accommodate the Calvary Home for Children and other children by providing \$50,000 of County funds. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 5-0. The money will come from the Sewer Department's budget.

Mr. Banister moved to use \$100,000 of District #3 Public Works Road Paving funds for capital construction cost and equipment for the new

Museum. Any funds disbursed will be approved by the County Administrator. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banister said that the bids were in for the picnic shelter for the Grove Community. The low bid for the picnic shelter with eight tables is from Bliss Products for \$14,840.00, and the lowest bid for the concrete pad was \$5,500.00 from Pickens Construction. Mr. Banister moved to approve the bids as discussed and the funds to come from District #3 Recreation Funds.

Mr. Wright seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. J.R. McClure presented a situation which exists in Cobbs Glen Subdivision which involves roads constructed by the Supervisor years ago. These roads have not been maintained by the County since construction. Mr. McClure recommended that the County accept the roads into the County system with minimum maintenance until 3 (three) houses are thereon. After that they would qualify for tar and gravel. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the roads and accept them into the county system. Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jeff Ricketson presented recommendations from the ATAX (Anderson County Accommodations Tax Advisory) Committee for this years funding of \$80,303 ATAX funds. These funds will be used to stimulate and promote tourism, development, and accommodations expenditures in Anderson County. Mr. Tolly moved to accept the ATAX Committee's recommendations and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston gave Council a sample of shredded rubber tires which will be used for a research project on the walking tracks at the Sports complex. This ground up rubber tire material will be mixed in with the asphalt mix. By using this, Anderson County will become eligible for research grants and other grant monies. The larger pieces may be used for back-fill of the Amphitheater.

Administrator's Report

- a. Employee Recognitions:**
 - i. Building & Codes Department**
 - ii. Public Safety Department**
 - iii. Electric City Printing**
 - iv. Berry Plastic Corporation**
 - v. DSS Economic Services Staff**
 - vi. EPD (Charles Greene)**
- b. Safety Meeting Minutes**
- c. Building Permits by County District**
- d. August Compliance Report**
- e. August Environmental Enforcement Report**

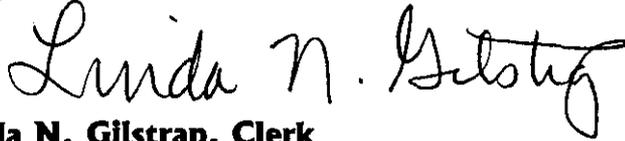
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- f. August Public Safety Security & Law Enforcement Officer's Report**
- g. July and August Report - Public Safety Collections**
- h. August EMS Squad Activity Report**

Mr. Preston presented a recommendation from Mr. Holden for consideration to amend the subdivision ordinance stating that "if the Planning Commission fails to take action on the preliminary plat within forty (40) days of the date of the meeting on which the plat is scheduled to be heard, it shall be deemed to be approved as submitted." Mr. Holden moved to approve (on first reading) the amendment and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Ordinance #98-025). The amendment will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and their recommendation.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL**