

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - November 20, 1984 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 1984 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ROOM 109. MR. ROBERT L. WILES PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Chairman Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal, Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors. Mr. Alexander gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 6 meeting as mailed.

Mr. O'Neal gave the Road Maintenance Activity Report for the period November 1-15, 1984. The County completed 152 of the 197 work orders received for that period. He reported a crew was working on the sidewalks beside the courthouse. He then presented a paving report thru November 19, 1984. With the allocation of the \$650,000 to all five districts, the following is the amount remaining in those districts: District 1 - None, District 2 - \$9,816.99, District 3 - none, District 4 - \$7,158.70 and District 5 - \$9,593.84. A list of all roads paved (tar & gravel, & asphalt) was submitted by districts. Mr. O'Neal explained that repair work will continue all year and estimated the balance of funds used for repairs would be around \$165,000 - \$170,000. and would like to leave the balance in the asphalt account for these repairs.

Mr. O'Neal explained bids to the floor in the Senior Citizens Building on Tolley Street. All bids were beyond the anticipated amount and asked that the Purchasing Office rebid the project. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted 5-0 to allow the request to rebid the project.

Mr. Watson briefed Council on stencil equipment for the Sheriff/Jail for \$2,000 from Edward D. Bender, Pastor of Guthrie Grove Church of God. On the motion of Mr. Gilreath, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to allow the purchase as recommended.

A request was heard from the Health Department to purchase 10 drums of 94% pure malathion for mosquito control for \$510 per drum which is state contract pricing. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted unanimously to purchase the malathion from the S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control as recommended.

Mr. O'Neal asked Council to confirm the purchase of six (6) additional vote count machines for the Election Commission for a total of \$20,160. The entire Council was polled by phone and agreed to the purchase. Mr. Lynch moved that the Council approve the purchase by vote. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Alexander moved that the agenda be amended to hear from Mrs. Jo Brown next. She had another engagement. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Jo Brown told Council that the Senior Citizens Program was going very well. She briefed Council on the activities of the program since August, which included on-going programs such as; health seminars, Golden Years Jamboree. She then invited Council to attend the senior citizens party at the Recreation Center on December 11. She urged Council to continue with this worthwhile program and thanked Council for the opportunity to be the coordinator.

Mr. Alexander presented J. Cecil Williams with a certificate of recognition for being chosen Citizen of the Year. The award was presented to him by the State of South Carolina and School District #1.

Mr. Jerry Gambrell with the Sheriff's Department gave a slide presentation on arson.

Mr. John D. Jones and neighbors came before Council asking for help to stop construction of a project known as Franklin Place development off Kings Road. He presented the chairman with a petition with 75 names opposing the project. Mr. Jones suggested that the Council authorize a referendum for countywide zoning. He asked Council to help stop the development from getting sewer service from the City of Anderson. The attorney was asked to look into whether the County or the City will be hooking up sewer. Council received as information.

Mr. Gregg Bennett with the Appalachian Council of Governments presented Council with a study of Boards and Commissions in Anderson County. The Council thanked Mr. Bennett for the study and received as information.

Mr. Bob Daniel with Greene, Lindley & Company presented the 1983-84 audit and explained the financial statements and management letter. A copy of both are on file in the Clerk to Council's office.

Council took a short recess at 9:00.

Council heard from Mr. Gordon White requesting that the roads in Nevitt Forest Subdivision be asphalted and asked Council to appropriate the money needed in the 1985-86 budget. Council received as information.

Mr. Tom Garrison, representing the Soil Conservation District, presented a proposed county wide sediment control ordinance and said it was for Council's information only. Council accepted the document for study.

Mr. Gilreath presented Ordinance #148 providing for the County and Municipalities to work together cooperatively on road maintenance for approval on second reading.

He also made an amendment to section IV by adding the following: "from the gas tax rebate along with other revenue". Mr. Gilreath moved that the ordinance be approved on second reading. Mr. Alexander seconded. Council discussed the ordinance. Mr. Rhodes moved that the amendment and second reading be tabled at this time. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Rhodes, Lynch), one (1) against (Alexander, and one (1) abstention Gilreath). Motion carried 3-1. Mr. Gilreath asked the Clerk to place second reading on the next council agenda.

Mr. Gilreath asked Mr. O'Neal to brief the Council on employee Thanksgiving holidays. He said Thursday and Friday would be observed by county employees. The Council was poled and unanimously agreed to allow, in addition to Thursday, Friday off for Thanksgiving. He asked about Christmas holidays. Mr. Rhodes moved to give the other $\frac{1}{2}$ day Christmas Eve as a paid Christmas holiday. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gilreath reported that the County had paid out \$91,222.09 against the \$619,130 invoiced for Indigent Health Care. He remarked on the passage of the referendum on the ballot keeping the Indigent Health Care fund in place, passed by a large majority.

Mr. Gilreath presented a proposed sign ordinance for approval on first reading. Mr. Rusty Burns read the ordinance. Mr. Gilreath moved that the ordinance be approved, Mr. Alexander seconded. Mr. Rhodes moved that the ordinance be tabled. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was three (3) in favor to table (Wiles, Lynch, Rhodes) and one opposed (Alexander) and one abstention (Gilreath). Motion carried.

Mr. Lynch presented an amendment to Ordinance #149 (Building Codes) for approval on second reading. The amendment would be to add the following sentence to section 4.4, pg. 10: "However, nothing in this Ordinance shall conflict with County Ordinance #138 as amended, in order to locate and place on books property for tax purposes." Mr. Lynch moved that the Ordinance be approved on second reading as amended. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was four (4) in favor (Lynch, Rhodes, Wiles, Alexander) and one abstention. Mr. Gilreath abstained.

Mr. Lynch informed Council that four members of the Sewer Authority terms expire on December 7 and moved that they be reappointed for another term. Mr. Alexander moved that the motion be tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Alexander, Gilreath) and two (2) opposed (Lynch, Rhodes). Motion carried.

Mr. Alexander asked for approval of Ordinance #150 - Yunkyard & Open Storage on second reading. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alexander presented second reading of Ordinance #151 - Residential Subdivision Regulations for approval. He then moved that it be adopted. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #251 authorizing an assistance contract between Anderson County and Piedmont-Anderson-Warehouse, Inc. Mr. Rhodes moved that the Resolution be approved. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Wright read Resolution #252 for approval of an Industrial Revenue Note for Piedmont-Anderson-Warehouse, Inc. Mr. Lynch moved that the Resolution be approved. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

First reading of Ordinance #152 authorizing the issuance of a \$1,000,000 Anderson County Industrial Revenue Note for Piedmont-Anderson-Warehouse, Inc. was presented for adoption. Mr. Lynch moved that the Ordinance (#152) be approved. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Lynch asked Mr. Bleckley to find out the total number of patients that were charged \$14 per day to help defray the indigent care cost for the past year at Anderson Memorial Hospital. Mr. B.B. Bleckley is a member of the Anderson Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, appointed by the Anderson County Council. Mr. Lynch moved that the following information be furnished to the Council. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was four in favor (Lynch, Rhodes, Wiles, Alexander) and one opposed (Gilreath). Motion carried.

Mr. Alexander said that according to Mr. O'Neal's road paving report, District #1 has spent \$163,000 and \$86,000 is remaining; therefore, he moved that four small roads in district #1 be paved at a cost of \$20,000 out of the 35%. This will leave \$66,000 for District #1. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Mr. Rhodes stated he thought this would have to be in a form of an ordinance. Vote was four (4) in favor paving the roads (Wiles, Alexander, Gilreath, Lynch). Mr. Rhodes opposed. Three of the roads will be tar and gravel and one will be asphalt. (This was included in the motion.)

Mr. Gilreath asked Mr. O'Neal to see that the list presented to Mr. Strickland with approximately 3½ roads for paving gets done.

Mr. Wiles moved that Bagwell Road be ditched and asphalted as soon as possible with County asphalt. This road is .5 to .7 of a mile long and the payment will come from the 35% remaining in the asphalt paving fund. Mr. Lynch seconded. Mr. Rhodes amended the motion to asphalt Merit Road out of the 35%. This road is approximately .7 of a mile. Mr. Lynch seconded the amendment. Vote on the amendment was 5-0. Vote on the original motion as amended was 5-0.

Mr. Wiles read a letter from Estelle McCullough (Mrs.) submitting a claim for payment of monies resulting from an incident involving a rabid skunk. The claim for expenses were: attorneys fee: \$385.00 and Animal Shelter fee: \$100.00, for a total of \$485.00 which she thinks under the law, should not have been incurred. Mr. Wiles moved that the reimbursement be made. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was two in favor (Wiles, Gilreath) with three abstaining. Mr. Alexander, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Lynch abstained. Motion carried.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

Council adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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