

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006 AT 4:32 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilman Toney Farr, Councilman Tommy Ford (arrived at 4:37 p.m.), Councilman Joey English, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilman Joe Lawson, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: None

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, WBCU Radio Station, the Union Daily Times, Spartanburg Herald Journal, WSPA-TV, WIS News, Allen Hutto with MHISC, Mr. Ethan Burroughs with Wachovia Bank, the Union County Development Board, Mr. J. B. Stepp, Mr. Scott Frost, Wallace Thomson Hospital, Mr. John Cadena with SCANA Corp., Ms. Ann Fesperman with the Upstate Workforce Investment Board, Mr. Darrell Wade, Ms. Ann Canada, Ms. Annie E. Wessinger with Capital Consultants, Ms. Sandra Palmer and Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called the meeting to order. Chaplain Dora Martin gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk to Council gave the Roll Call with the following results:

Toney L. Farr, District 1 – Present
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Arrived at 4:37 p.m.
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present
Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Dora Martin: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Union County Council held on July 12, 2006 and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there was a vacancy on the Union County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse due to the resignation of Rev. Anthony N. Gavalas.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to advertise the vacancy on the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Nancy Rosenwald appeared before Council and stated she is the new library director at the Carnegie Library and has been here since last October. The first thing she decided to address was their public service in that they want to serve all the citizens in any way they can. This winter they will be offering genealogy workshops.

(Councilman Tommy Ford arrived at 4:37 p.m.)

Ms. Rosenwald said there are a lot of children in the County who would love to read. They had a summer reading program that they linked with the public school system that went far beyond any that had been offered in the past. They held lots of events at the library such as puppet shows and the 4th of July bash held in front of the library. They created a kind of day camp during the summer held each Friday for kids of all ages. They hope that over time the library will grow. In the fall they would like to set up a program to read aloud to children to express the importance of literacy. They will be talking about democracy and what it means to be a citizen of Union as well as a citizen of the United States. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there was a lot more energy and the Friends of the Library seem to be more involved.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh provided Council with the synopsis of the Supply Chain Study done by the Strom Thurmond Institute. A portion was paid for by the Workforce Investment Board and a portion was paid by the Duke Endowment. It addresses some of the opportunities and needs in Union County. They will be using this study as they develop the Small Business Center.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh said he had talked to some gentlemen who would like to see the County

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open the gym at the Recreation Department one evening a week from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for basketball. There would be a cost involved since there would have to be someone there to oversee the facility. He suggested discussing this during the next meeting of the Committee on County Administration and Finance.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked if any elected officials or department heads wished to address Council but there were none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for third and final reading an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Union County, South Carolina, and LSP Automotive Systems, LLC, with respect to certain economic development property, wherein such property would be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes and other matters related thereto.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance pertaining to the Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement with LSP Automotive, LLC as stated.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for third and final reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial/Business Park to be geographically located in Union County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with Spartanburg County to provide for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem taxation; and other matters related thereto.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adopt the ordinance pertaining to developing a jointly owned and operated Industrial/Business Park as stated in relation to LSP Automotive Systems, LLC.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced in title only an ordinance to implement a one cent Hospitality Tax for Union County for the proposed sports complex.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to implement a one cent Hospitality Tax.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an Inducement Resolution for the BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC project.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to dispense with referring the resolution to a committee and to adopt the Inducement Resolution pertaining to the BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC project.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced an ordinance providing for a Fee Agreement between Union County and BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC.

Toney Farr: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance provided for a Fee Agreement for BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC as stated.

Dora Martin: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports. Councilwoman Dora Martin stated the Committee on County Administration and Finance would be meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Chairman Steve Hudson with the Airport Commission wished to address the committee. They needed to discuss the request to open the gym at the Recreation Department one evening a week and possibly the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Animal Shelter.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Committee on County Administration and Finance to supplement the Historical Society Foundation to purchase the Cross Keys House at a cost of \$150,000.00.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion.

After some discussion the Clerk to Council stated she thought the Committee had approved \$150,000.00

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for the Cross Keys House and \$25,000.00 for 7.1 acres of adjacent property for a total of \$175,000.00.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to amend her original motion to include the purchase of the 7.1 acres at a cost of \$25,000.00 for a total cost of \$175,000.00.

Toney Farr: Seconded the motion. The vote on the amended motion was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the Council has some audits and financial statements for Council to review and approve for Clemson Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District, the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fair Association and Bonham Fire Department.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to approve the audits and financial statements for Clemson Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District, the Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fair Association and Bonham Fire Department.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any other business but there was none.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn.

Joey English: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council