

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 19, 1996 - 7:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-4-80 OF THE STATE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS/ORGANIZATIONS WERE NOTIFIED BY MAIL AND/OR FAX OF THIS MEETING: G. Fred Tolly, Jr., William Floyd, Harvie Banister, Ernie Garrison, Bruce Gerrard, David Watson, Jack McIntosh, INDEPENDENT MAIL, GREENVILLE NEWS, WYFF - CHANNEL 4 TELEVISION, WSPA - CHANNEL 7 TELEVISION, WLOS - CHANNEL 13 TELEVISION, CATV (AND. CABLE), CENCOM CABLE TV, EASLEY PROGRESS, Matt Phillips- WRIX RADIO, Bill Meade-THE JOURNAL, Roy Ethridge - AND. MONITOR, WAIM RADIO, WCCP RADIO, Joe Newton-COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, Rosemary Garrick- SENIOR REFLECTIONS, Brantley Jordan.

PRESENT

Chairman Ernie Garrison, District #4
G. Fred Tolly, Jr. - District #1
William A. Floyd - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Bruce Gerrard - District #5
Jack McIntosh, County Attorney
David Watson, Interim Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, March 19, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and welcomed the group. Mr. Floyd gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 5, 1996 meeting as mailed.

Council heard from the following concerned citizens: Mr. Brantley Jordan - S.C. Code #12-423-220 - Agriculture Use Classification and Ms. Margaret Thompson - Sheriff's Budget request.

Chairman Garrison welcomed Councilman David Roberts from Williamston.

Council recognized and presented gift certificates to the following Tornado Poster Winners:

- Grade 1 - Amber Dameron - Wren Primary School
- Grade 2 - Hugh Martin - St. Joseph Catholic School
- Grade 3 - April Boom - Wren Primary School
- Grade 4 - Keri Burger - Concrete Primary School
- Grade 5 - Jimmy Hall - Nevitt Forest School
- Grade 6 - Sommer Skelton - Lakeside Middle School

Keri Burger and Hugh Martin were also first place winners in the regional judging. Hugh Martin was chosen first place winner in the Statewide judging.

Council also recognized Joyce Warner, from Iva Rescue Squad, as EMS Person of the Year. She was presented a plaque by Mr. Butch White. Council thanked all the volunteers for their efforts and dedication to the citizens of Anderson County.

Mr. Garrison said that the next item (#2. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING: #96-004 - an ordinance to amend the Land Use regulations, of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances) needed changes and the code says that any changes must go through the Land Use Commission. Mr. Tolly moved that Council notify the Land Use Commission that Council would like to change the Codified Land Use Ordinance back to its original form at time of codification. Mr. Banister seconded and vote was 5-0.

Mr. Garrison presented Resolution #R96-010 - a resolution in support of the Anderson County Alternative School. Mr. Tolly moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Floyd stated for the record that he was directly related to the school and therefore would abstain from voting. Vote was three in favor (Banister, Tolly, Garrison), one opposed (Gerrard) and one abstention (Floyd).

Mr. Garrison read Resolution #R96-011 - a resolution designating the Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs as an entity in Anderson County to provide transportation to the elderly or persons with disabilities. This will help them get additional state funds. Mr. Gerrard moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mike Freeman, Assessor, explained to Council the new changes by the Legislature (S.C. Code #12-423-220) for Agriculture Use Classification. One change was the date for filing for Agriculture use. It required property owners to re-apply for 1995 on or before the first penalty date for property taxes (Jan. 17, 1996). Approximately ten (10) property owners that received Ag Use for 1994, failed to come in by the deadline. The State Law, referenced above, now has a provision that says the local governing body may extend the filing deadline on an individual basis.

The property owner must show to council that he/she had reasonable cause for not filing on or before the first penalty date. Mr. Freeman has drafted a petition which could be used by the property owner as a means of having their case heard before Council. Mr. Tolly moved to set aside a time to hear petitions and grant the Assessor's office time to do this, and grant the Assessor's office the ability to get this done. Mr. Floyd seconded and vote was unanimous. Mr. Garrison read a letter from Mr. Bice, First Citizens Bank, commending Ms. Prince and the employees of the Assessor's Office for their politeness, friendliness, and helpfulness to their customers.

Mr. Watson presented a request for purchase of radios and other equipment for the Anderson County EMS Department. This is a Grant In Aid Program and no County funds will be required. On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve the purchase.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve change order #4 for the Lone Oak, Broadview and Johnson Sewer Project. This is a net amount of \$1,523 which omits a deep trench cut at a credit of \$572.00 and adds a polyethylene encasement for sewer line across gas companies right of way at an increase of \$2,095. Funding for this change is from bond proceeds. Mr. Floyd stated for the record that the Preliminary Engineering report did not show what the County needed to do as a result of this pipe insulation.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer for the Animal Shelter. The amount needed for the veterinary account to finish out this fiscal year is \$5,600; account #5111-000-345. The \$5,600 will come from the Contingency Fund.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to approve a budget transfer for Solid Waste from account #420-5954-000-409 to #420-5954-000-276 in the amount of \$20,000.00. This is a result of the balers using an average of one roll of wire per week. Usage could not be determined until everything was in full operation.

Mr. Gerrard moved that the convenience station at King David be completely renovated and updated with the necessary equipment and personnel to improve the traffic flow, increase the capacity to handle a larger volume of solid waste, and improve the aesthetics of this type facility. With this motion, the proposed convenience station project off Warner Road would be abandoned. Mr. Banister seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve a \$25,000 Grant from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control for planned renovation and reorganization of existing space at the Anderson

County Health Department.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to do minimum maintenance on Sandy Shores Circle.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to abandon the right of way on 115 Tiger Road off Old Dobbins Bridge Road from the most southern driveway on left to the lake.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to resume maintenance on Ponderosa Point Road. This is a request resulting from a meeting with the new owners of the Campgrounds that own the property adjacent to the road.

On the motion of Mr. Floyd, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss contractual and personnel matters at 8:20 p.m.

On the motion of Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Gerrard, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 9:50 p.m.

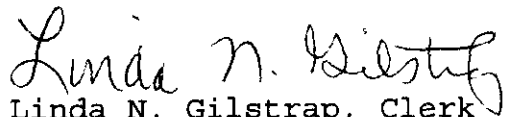
On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to approve up to \$50,000 for the repair of the Starr and Pendleton Landfills as dictated by DHEC.

Mr. Banister moved that the Council approve a request to correct a drainage problem in Iva at the Senior Citizens center at the new Recreation Building and the funds to come from District #3 paving funds. Also that he be allowed to use the Carswell Transfer Station as a model for renovation for improvement. Mr. Gerrard seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Garrison said that he repeatedly receives complaints from contractors concerning Building & Codes. In the past, if an inspector is not there within 24 hours then a foundation may be poured. Now they have to wait up to three days. He asked that the Administrator look into the problem for a solution. Mr. Banister also asked Mr. Watson to find out the number of inspections done per day.

On the motion of Mr. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Banister, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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