

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007 AT 4:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT THE UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh, Vice Chairperson Dora Martin, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Tommy Ford, 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:

Joan Little, District 1 – Present
Dora T. Martin, District 2 – Present
Tommy E. Ford, District 3 – Present
Joey D. English, District 4 – Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 – Present
Joe G. Lawson, District 6 – Present

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Union County Council held on January 10, 2007 and to adopt the minutes as written.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented a certificate and gift card to Lisha "Holly" Blackwell for 15 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated Council needed to consider two appointments on the Airport Commission which were vacant due to term expirations. There were five applicants who were Mr. Charles A. Whitaker, Dr. Mike Mahan, Mr. Mark T. Freeman,

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Sr. DC, Mr. Ron Henderson, and Mr. William Ted Belue III. Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh opened the floor for nominations for the first position.

Councilman Randall Hanvey nominated Mr. Charles A. Whitaker.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to close the nominations.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh opened the floor for nominations for the second position.

Councilman Joe Lawson nominated Dr. Mike Mahan.

Dora Martin: Made a motion the nominations come to a close.

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

Mr. Charles A. Whitaker and Dr. Mike Mahan were appointed to fill the two vacant positions on the Airport Commission.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated that next on the agenda was Mr. Ralph Woodward to discuss the animal shelter. Mr. Woodward was not present but Mr. Betenbaugh stated that if he came in later during the meeting Council would hear from him at that time.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated he had received a letter from City Clerk Gloria Rogers stating the City Council recommended Mayor E. Bruce Morgan be appointed to fill the position on the Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board which was previously held by Mr. Paul Glenn.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the City Council and appoint Mayor E. Bruce Morgan to serve on the Catawba Regional Council of Governments Board.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council. There were none.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance to repeal the existing Personnel Policy.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to repeal the existing Personnel Policy.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the repeal was recommended by our labor lawyers and they also suggested that future changes to the new Personnel Policy be made through the resolution method.

The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance to amend the jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, dated as of September 1, 1998; such Industrial /Business Park being located in Spartanburg County and established pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976 Section 4-1-170, et sequitur, as amended; to provide for a written agreement with

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Spartanburg County providing for the expenses of the Park, the percentage of revenue application, and the distribution of fees in lieu of ad valorem tax to the counties and relevant taxing entities; and to provide that jobs tax credits allowed by law be provided for industries locating in said Park, and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation. This amendment would allow Blue Ridge Log Cabins, LLC to be included in the Park.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to amend the jointly owned and operated Industrial Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County as stated.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented for second reading an ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial and Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County, such Industrial and Business Park to be geographically located in Spartanburg County and established pursuant to Sec. 4-1-170 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 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 taxes to the counties and relevant taxing entities; and to permit a user fee in lieu of ad valorem taxation. This would establish the Liberty Property Limited Partnership Industrial Park.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance to develop a jointly owned and operated Industrial and Business Park in conjunction with Spartanburg County as stated.

Tommy Ford: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh introduced in title only the ordinance to adopt the 2007-2008 Budget for Union County.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance to adopt the Union County Budget for fiscal year 2007-2008.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh called for any committee reports.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to award the bid to ATA Roofing for the roof on the County building formerly known as the American Federal building in the amount of \$23,264.00 with a set time for completion.

Joe Lawson: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated there would be additions to those numbers. It will probably be between \$39,000 to \$41,000 to allow for installing larger units for heating and cooling that facility. The vote was unanimous.

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Dora Martin: Made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to use ten percent from the Fee in Lieu of Tax agreements to go into the Infrastructure and Development Bank starting with LSP and BMW and any future industries.

Randall Hanvey: Seconded the motion.

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh stated the lawyers at the McNair Law Firm are working on the documents. The vote was unanimous.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh presented the audit for Catawba Regional Council of Governments for Council's review and approval.

Joe Lawson: Made a motion to accept the audit for Catawba Regional Council of Governments as presented.

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

Chairman Donnie Betenbaugh asked that Council close the meeting in memory of Mr. Paul Glenn.

Dora Martin: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Donnie R. Betenbaugh, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council