

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - September 1, 1987 - 4:30 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1987 AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ROOM 109. CHAIRMAN JAMES M. "JIMMY" COX, JR. PRESIDED.

PRESENT

Chairman Jimmy Cox, District #1
David L. Hooper, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, District #3
Ernie Garrison, District #4
David Watson, Administrator
Mike Mullinax, County Attorney
Jack Crowe, Purchasing Manager
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

ABSENT

J. Mike Holden, District #5

Mr. Cox called the meeting to order and Mr. Wiles gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. Mr. Cox explained that Mr. Holden was out of town and unable to attend.

On the motion of Mr. Garrison, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted four in favor with one absent (Holden) to approve the minutes from the August 18 and August 25, 1987 meetings as mailed.

The agenda was amended to hear from Mr. Ernie Garrison next without any objections.

Mr. Garrison stated that around the middle of June he was asked by his father-in-law about selling a piece of property for the proposed courthouse and if it would hurt him politically. He replied that it shouldn't. Since then he has heard all kind of insinuations. He said that he had absolutely no part of the negotiations of the site, he has not even hinted that Council look at it, has not even hinted that Council should buy it. He was wrong in saying that he thought his father-in-law could do business with the county, whether he was on Council or not and that with rumors going around about deals being made that Council should not even consider the site. He said if Council does what is good for the County, the Council could save One Million Dollars in parking and save Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars in land costs if the facility is put out on the county farm and take the politics out of it completely. Mr. Garrison then moved to place the courthouse

facility on the county property close enough to the Civic Center to share the parking area. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion and said that he made the first phone call to Mr. Wells and felt that the site was the proper location for the courthouse and is sorry he ever mentioned it. He also said that Mr. Garrison had nothing whatsoever to do with the deal. Vote was two (2) in favor (Garrison, Wiles) and two (2) opposed (Cox, Hooper) one absent (Holden). Motion died from a 2-2 vote. Mr. Hooper said that Mr. Garrison had nothing to do with the site selection and Mr. Cox said he never thought there was anything underhanded about the selection.

Mr. Garrison appointed Mr. James A. Smith, Jr. to the Airport Commission. He also appointed Mrs. Elise C. Cahaly to the Planning & Development Board. Council agreed to the appointments.

Mr. Garrison gave an up-date on the Landfill Expansion Committee appointed at the last meeting. He said that several other land owners had been contacted and there was plenty of land available for the expansion and to rush in and buy the 178 acres from J.A. Harmon would not be a wise decision. Mr. Wiles moved to receive as information and if it becomes necessary to proceed with buying property to expand that a public hearing be advertised and held in a strategic location such as Starr Elementary School prior to any action. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Hurley Badders appeared before Council with a recommendation that Burnstudio be selected as the master planner for the Anderson County Courthouse and allow Mr. Jack Crowe to negotiate a price after the architect has been selected. Mr. Cox then moved that Council approve Burnstudio as the planner pending the negotiation of a price by Mr. Crowe, and Mr. Mullinax and then to report back to council for their final selection. Mr. Garrison seconded. After discussion, it was decided that this selection be tentative pending a satisfactory agreed upon fee. Vote was four in favor and one absent (Holden).

Chief Stone presented Mutual Aid Agreements between Greenville, Pickens, and Anderson Counties for the purpose of securing to each other the benefits of mutual aid in the event of natural disaster, disorder, or other emergency situations. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the mutual aid agreements as presented and Mr. Cox seconded. Vote was four in favor, one absent.

Mr. Cirelli presented a proposed service contract recommended by the Land Use Committee between Anderson County and Vismor, McGill and Bell, Inc. The company will render certain technical and professional services in connection with the preparation of a Performance or Development Standards Ordinance. Members of the Land Use Committee were recognized. Mr. Wiles moved that the contract be approved and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one absent. The per diem rates in the service contract are \$74 per hour - \$200 per meeting.

Resolution #408 was presented by Mr. Norris of the Planning & Development Board for approval of road names for implementation of E-911. Mr. Wiles moved that the resolution be approved and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Burns asked for permission to have the County Administrator sign an agreement with the South Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program saying that all requirements were followed on the Block Grant program. Mr. Hooper moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Burns explained that two years ago the Planning & Development had a Community Development Block Grant program in the West Market area. During that process the County purchased land to relocate families. A small lot located on 2 Booker Street was advertised to sell with the County receiving no response. A second advertisement was done and one bid was received for \$500. He asked that Council approve the sell and the money be placed toward the E-911 project. Mr. Cox moved to approve the request and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Burns presented Resolution #409 committing \$4,000 to the water and sewer project for White Consolidated Industries. The money to come from Planning & Development Board sources and are in hand at the present time. Mr. Wiles moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Garrison seconded. Vote was four in favor and one absent (Holden).

Mr. Hooper introduced Resolution #410 commending the efforts of the members of the Delegation for the assistance rendered to promote industrial development and job creation in Anderson County especially Masters Boulevard. Mr. Hooper moved its adoption and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Wiles explained that he had a request from the Mayor and Town Council of Belton to pave the area around the shop. He asked that this be treated/handled as a special project but the funds to come from his asphalt supplies (District #3). Mr. Cox seconded the request and vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Wiles appointed Ms. Darlene Dickerson to the Anderson County Comprehensive Traffic Safety Commission. Council approved the request.

Mr. Wiles also appointed Mr. Blair Rice, Jr. to the Planning & Development Board.

Mr. Cox presented Resolution #411 declaring the week of September 13-18, 1987 as POW/MIA Recognition Week. He then moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was four in favor and one absent.

Mr. Mullinax held a public hearing for abandonment of a road off Dobbins Bridge Road. There were no comments and the public hearing was declared closed. He said all homeowners approved. Mr. Garrison moved that the road be abandoned. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented second reading of Ordinance #231 allowing the Western Carolina Sewer Authority to issue \$19,000,000 General Obligation Bonds with no obligation for Anderson County. Mr. Cox moved to approve and Mr. Wiles seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Mullinax presented an agreement between Anderson County and the City of Anderson permitting the City of Anderson to use the old stockade property for a period of six months beginning September 1. The City is aware that the County intends to commence construction on the property and agrees that upon notification by the County to vacate the subject premises that the City will vacate the same within 30 days after receiving notification. Mr. Mullinax asked that the Administrator be allowed to sign the agreement. Mr. Hooper moved that the agreement be approved and Mr. Watson be allowed to sign. Mr. Cox seconded and vote was unanimous. This motion would comply with all requirements of Ordinance #123. Mr. Cox moved to desolve the committee and discharge them of any further responsibilities. Mr. Wiles seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson presented the road maintenance and financial reports to Council for information. Mr. Watson explained that the outdoor warning siren, radio control, electronic activation equipment was destroyed in the fire at the Piercetown Fire Department and they have requested \$1,266 to put back into operation. Mr. Watson said funds could come from the contingency fund. Mr. Cox moved to reimburse the Fire Department for \$1,266 from the contingency fund. Mr. Garrison seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Watson introduced Mr. Marvin Mattison the new Community Services Director for Anderson County and Ms. Suzanne McMahan the new Special Populations Programs Director.

Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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