

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - March 6, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

M I N U T E S

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

Chairman Clint Wright - District #4 - Presiding

G. Fred Tolly - District #1

Gracie S. Floyd - District #2

Larry E. Greer - District #3

Vice Chairman Mike Holden - District #5

William C. Dees - District #6

M. Cindy Wilson - District #7

Joey Preston - Administrator

Tom Martin - County Attorney

Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

Tammie Shealy - Assistant Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Citizens' Comments: None

Mr. Jerry Howard announced that Optical Datacom, Inc. was in the process of purchasing the speck building at the Alliance Park. He asked for approval of Resolution #R2001-010 in order to move on with the project. The company will be a manufacturing, distribution and office center that will serve

customers in the southeast mid-Atlantic and northeastern states. The company plans to employ 100 people at the alliance site over the next two-three years. The company is a privately held minority owned business enterprise providing voice and data telecommunications products to industry leading firms and specializes in special determination testing and prompt shipment of fiber cable assemblies, custom connective cable assemblies, custom cutting of central office power cable, and electronic wire in bulk cable. Ms. Wilson asked if there were any special revenue source bonds involved in the resolution. Mr. Howard replied no to special source revenue bonds and no infrastructure tax credits. Chairman Wright stated that this fits the mold of putting high paying, high tech jobs in existing infrastructure positions in our industrial parks. Mr. Tolly moved to approve Resolution #2001-010 a project identifying resolution for Optical Datacom, Inc. and Ms. Floyd seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Thomas Walls appeared before Council. He praised Council for the progress made in Anderson County in the last five years. Mr. Walls asked Council for the opportunity and the privilege to be a part of the growth, which is going on in Anderson County. He asked council to consider the possibility of the local surveyors and engineers in the area being given the opportunity to submit proposals for any work in Anderson County that would benefit from their expertise. He said that projects in Anderson County could be performed efficiently and cost effective which would benefit not only Anderson County but also local surveyors and engineers. Ms. Wilson asked what the bid processes for surveying and engineering work in Anderson County was. Mr. Preston replied that for professional services of this type the County could contract with any firm and for professional services the bid process in not required. Council received as information.

Mrs. Teresa Locke Morgan did a presentation on helmets and the need to make the public aware of the need for helmets. She discovered a program "Think first" which consist of nurses who go into the schools to teach the children the need to wear helmets. She asked if Council could help financially with this new program or asked if they knew of any businesses that might want to help out.

Mr. Michael Cunningham introduced Mr. Barry Coats, President and CEO of State Special Olympics and Ms. Sue Maner, Vice President. Mr. Coats stated that each year eleven awards are presented on a statewide basis for outstanding achievement in certain areas. The Outstanding Organization Award is presented to the organization that provides the best example of year round voluntary effort for support from an organization that has improved the quality of Special Olympics South Carolina programs. He presented Anderson County with the Award for the Most Outstanding Organization. He commended Area 14's job lead by Ms. Susanne McMahan and Ms. Gloria Byrd. Chairman Wright thanked Ms. McMahan and Ms. Byrd for the outstanding work.

Mr. Michael Cunningham presented Mr. Dean Brown from the Environmental Services Division as the Employee of the Month for January 2001. Ms. Michelle Strange, KAB Director and Mr. Greg Smith, Solid Waste Manager nominated Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown was presented an employee of the month coffee mug, plaque, "a vacation day off" certificate, and an Employee of the Month T-shirt. Council applauded Mr. Brown for his outstanding job.

Mr. Tom Martin explained third and final reading of Ordinance #2001-003 - an ordinance making technical modifications to the Anderson County Code of Ordinances. Ms. Floyd moved to approve the ordinance and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was six in favor and one opposed (Ms. Wilson).

District #7 Appointments: Ms. Cindy Wilson moved to make the following appointments:

1. Parks & Recreation Commission - Mr. John Lesley - Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.
2. Athletic Commission - Mr. Jeffrey Herbert - Mr. Dees seconded and vote was unanimous.
3. Sports & Entertainment Center - Ms. Linda Stone - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was unanimous.

4. Purchasing Review Panel - Mr. Jacky Hunter - motion died from lack of a second.
5. EMS Commission - Ms. Teresa Locke Morgan - motion died from lack of a second.
6. Purchasing Review Panel - Mr. Ron Smith - Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was two in favor (Wilson, Holden), four opposed (Wright, Tolly, Floyd, Dees) and one abstention (Greer). Motion failed.
7. EMS Commission - Mr. John Douglas Hooper - Mr. Holden seconded and vote was five in favor and two abstentions (Tolly, Floyd). Motion carried.

District #5 Appointments: Mr. Holden moved to make the following appointment:

1. Museum Commission - Ms. Elma Norris - Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

District #2 Appointments: Ms. Floyd deferred her appointment until the next meeting.

Ms. Floyd moved to appropriate \$500 to go to the Boys and Girls Club to be earmarked for the Fortson Homes project from District #2 Recreation funds. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$3,600 from District #5 Asphalt Account for installation of a fire hydrant on Old Pearman Dairy Road to serve an industry in that area. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Preston presented a recommendation to award the spring paving bid to Sloan Construction for C-fund and District paving projects. Ms. Floyd moved to approve the bid and Mr. Dees seconded. Ms. Wilson asked for the approved paving list. Mr. Preston stated that the list was approved in November 2000. Ms. Wilson asked when the funds were allocated, when the list comes in, and when the actual approval

process takes place. Mr. Preston stated that during the budget process the Council would approve a set amount for each district, which is based on total road mileage. Staff will then make recommendations as to what roads they feel should be resurfaced based on the funding. There is also a fall paving list. Ms. Wilson asked if there were funds for District #7 and Mr. Preston stated that there were funds for District #7 included in the five districts. Ms. Wilson asked for a copy of the roads. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rudy Singleton, a Council member from Sumter County was in attendance and stated that he was here seeking knowledge concerning litter, public safety, County Library, and Civic Center and he wanted to use Anderson County as a model. Council welcomed Mr. Singleton to Anderson.

Mr. Preston stated that the BFA (Balloon Federation of America) had announced that they plan to move the National Balloon Championships to Anderson County and that would make Anderson the Balloon Capital of the east.

Mr. Preston announced that the County had two employees certified in the application of pesticides.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Certificates and Training:

1. Mr. John Chambers, Mr. Tony Barnett - Litter Control Conference
2. Mr. Tommy D. Thompson - Debris Management Course and National Fire Academy Course
3. Mr. Wayne Proctor - Basic AutoCAD 2000
4. Ms. Nancy Devine, Ms. Kim Holiday, Mr. Steve Whitten, Mr. Bob Stoker, Ms. Jessica Gump, Ms. Patricia Smith, Mr. Josh Taylor, Mr. Cory Freeman, Mr. Corey Crocker, Mr. Susan

Pierce, Ms. Kim Cheslak, Ms. Carol Freeman, Ms. Lisa Campbell, Mr. Walt Fisher, Ms. Mark McConnell, Mr. Jerry Cash, Ms. Denise Holly, Mr. Jerry Bannister, Ms. Cindy Whitman, Mr. Aaron Smart, Mr. Fritz Wewers, Ms. Cathy Conwell, Mr. Jerry Stamps - Stress Management Teleconference

- (b) Letters of Appreciation:
 - 1. For: Ms. Paula Reel, Anderson County Museum Director From: Calhoun Elementary School
 - 2. For: Mr. Holt Hopkins, Mr. Arron Smart From: Townville Elementary
- (c) Minutes:
 - 1. Anderson Regional Airport
 - 2. Anderson County Museum Advisory Committee
- (d) Reports:
 - 1. Road Maintenance Litter Report - Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, 2001
 - 2. Road Maintenance Litter Report - Feb. 5 through Feb. 16, 2001
 - 3. Detention Center Litter Report - Jan. 29 through Feb. 2, 2001
- (e) Anderson County EPD Federal Grants
- (f) Airport Runway Extension Justification
- (g) Anderson Regional Airport - Santee Cooper
- (h) Grant Money for Anderson County - Keep America Beautiful

Ms. Cindy Wilson asked Mr. Preston to check and see why District #7's appointee (Mr. Leon Thornton) to the Civic Center Board was not given more than a 45 minute notice for a Civic Center meeting last week.

Ms. Wilson asked for a copy of all the Airport Manager's expense records, copy of travel expenses, credit card, cell and office phone expenses. She asked if he had a County car that he uses and what was his resident status. Mr. Preston replied yes he did have County car and he lived in Anderson in an apartment and owns a home in Tennessee. She also asked for an explanation of firewalls in one of the hangars and what was going on about that.

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Ms. Wilson also stated that she had a call from the Municipal Association saying that the regular meeting was set up on the 8th of March in Iva at the Fire Department with supper at 6:30. She said that the local mayors couldn't attend the meeting on the 8th. She asked Mr. Preston to somehow change the scheduled around to accommodate everyone. Mr. Preston stated that was already done.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk
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