

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 15, 1980 - 7:00 p.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

PRESENT:

Chairman - C. Edward Poore
Members - Joseph G. Wright, III
Robert L. Wiles
Samuel S. Gerrard
Daniel A. Rhodes
David L. Hooper

Mr. Poore called the meeting to order and Councilman Wiles gave the invocation.

On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 26, and July 1, 1980 meetings as mailed.

Mr. Robert Lusk presented third and final reading of Ordinance #55 (Fort Hill Cable TV). On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to adopt on third and final reading.

Mr. Ronnie Whitfield of the Anderson Youth Treatment Center appeared before Council asking that Council sign an agreement stating that the Center can continue with the use of the building where they are presently located. On the motion of Mr. Wiles, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to sign the agreement.

Mr. Bob Anderson of the Mental Health Center appeared before Council with 7,177 signatures of people interested in Mental Health. He asked Council to take action to restore the funds in the 1980-81 FY Budget. Council received the signatures as information. Concerned citizens express their views on the issue. Mr. Poore stated that he had proposed \$75,000 in his 1980-81 budget which passed two (2) readings. He stated that he was very concerned for the mental health and retarded. Mr. Poore recommended to County Council that they transfer \$75,000 from the road program by Ordinance and fund the Mental Health Center. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Wiles, Council voted 2 to 3 against transferring \$75,000 from the road program to fund the Mental Health Center. Mr. Wiles and Mr. Hooper voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Poore, next, asked Council to consider the unprojected revenues that the County receives later in the year as a possible solution to the problem. Mr. Hooper made a motion that Council earmark \$75,000 at that time for Mental Health. Mr. Wiles seconded the motion. Mr. Wright stated that Council had already earmarked the monies in the budget and never in the past has Council had that amount of surplus. Mr. Poore amended his recommendation that when the money comes in December, we will amend the budget and fund the Mental Health Center as liberally as possible. The vote was 2 to 3 against the motion. Mr. Wright, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Gerrard voted against the motion.

Mr. Poore stated that Ann Dove, the Assessor's secretary, was recognized by WAIM as secretary of the week. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to draw up a proclamation and present it to Mrs. Dove at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Poore advised Council that Mr. Furman Gerrard had been on the Board of Social Services and now this term is up. On the motion of Mr. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Rhodes Council voted unanimously to re-appoint Mr. Gerrard to the Board of Social Services for the next three (3) years.

Representative Chris Pracht spoke for the Mental Health Center along with others. Councilman Wright stated his views on the subject.

On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Wright, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda N. Gilstrap
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