

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - August 17, 1999 - 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 of the Freedom of Information Act.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
J. Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Tom Martin - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Larry Greer gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 20, 1999 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Eddie Nail appeared on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. He presented Council with two recently published and distributed booklets that promote Anderson County. One is a membership directory and "The Guide to Anderson

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County". This would keep Council informed of what is happening in Anderson County, he said.

Mr. Larry Greer asked Mr. Terry Armstrong and Mr. Danny Davis to come forward. Mr. Greer stated that the Starr community is a community in the southern part of Anderson County and has the least amount of recreation facilities in the County. One project that is being undertaken is the development of a recreational complex on 13.6 acres. The Starr School Area Athletic Association purchased the site a while back. The County has been seeking corporate sponsors to help develop the complex by donations. Mr. Terry Armstrong, Allied Waste Industries, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 with a commitment of another \$5,000 in the first quarter of 2000. Mr. Greer also stated that Santee Cooper Electric Co-op is constructing a new generation plant in the Starr Community of Anderson County, they contributed \$5,000 tonight toward the completion of the project, and a pledge of another \$5,000 in the first quarter of 2000. The checks were presented to Mr. Danny Davis with the Starr School Area Athletic Association. Council and Mr. Davis thanked Allied Waste and Santee Cooper for their generous contributions.

Dr. Becky Campbell, District Health Director of the Anderson County Health Department, presented Council with two documents. One - "Report to the People" and a copy of the recommendations from South Carolina Turning Point which is a strategic planning process designed to improve the health status of South Carolinians. Council received as information.

Council recognized the following Special Olympic participants in the Special Olympics World Games in Raleigh, N.C. Stacy Ebbeler - Golf - Gold Medal. Becky Keith - Track Silver Medal, and 4th place, Matthew King - Bowling - Silver Medal and 7th place, Roger McCoy - Bocce - 5th place and Bronze Medal, Cassius Willis - Bocce - 4th and 6th place. Mr. Bobby Simmons, Head Bowling Coach was also recognized. The participants were presented resolutions and medallions for their outstanding performances. Mr. Clint Wright read Resolution #R99-029 commending the participants for their excellent accomplishments.

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Ms. Stacey Morgan thanked Council for removing the carbon monoxide chamber at the Anderson County Animal Shelter. Council received as information.

Mr. Michael Cunningham presented Mr. Jerry Singleton as *Employee of the Month* of July. Mr. Singleton is an employee of the Solid Waste department. He was presented a plaque, *Employee of the Month* T-shirt, a gift certificate to a local restaurant and an *Employee of the Month* coffee mug.

Mr. Joey Preston presented Council with a plaque that the County of Anderson received at the S.C. Association of Counties Conference because of the current safety program that the County has. The Public Works Division went over 200,000 hours without any lost time from work due to job related injuries. All the members of the Anderson County Safety Advisory Committee were recognized. The safety program helps keep insurance premiums low for the County, and it also helps save money for the County. This was the second consecutive year for this award.

Mr. Tom Martin presented first reading of Ordinance #99-019 - an ordinance to provide for the creation of the Shenandoah Country Subdivision Special Tax District in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the special tax district; to provide for the operation of the Special Tax District; and other matters related thereto. This would provide for adequate roads in the subdivision. Seventy-five percent of the residents asked for this special tax district. Mr. Tolly moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #99-019 (by title only) and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Leo Marsden presented Resolution (#R99-027) a resolution proclaiming the Anderson County "Planting Seeds of Pride" period from October 1 through October 10, 1999 for Council's consideration. Anderson County, through the Keep America Beautiful of Anderson County, the Anderson County Recycling Department, and Anderson County Public Works Department, will sponsor, coordinate, and encourage the County and its residents to participate in a period of Countywide clean up, and beautification called "Planting Seeds of Pride" from

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October 1 through October 10, 1999, and desires to encourage, solicit, and assist the participation of every willing citizen of Anderson County in this project. Mayor Carol Burdette of Pendleton placed a friendly challenge to all other municipalities that they pass a similar resolution and become involved in a project to show that they support the efforts of Keep America Beautiful. Mayor David Shirley from Belton accepted Mayor Burdette's challenge. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve Resolution #R99-027 as presented.

Mr. Tom Martin presented Resolution #R99-028 - a resolution authorizing the application for, acceptance of, and distribution of all available state and other grant funds, including, without limitation, South Carolina Department of Commerce Grant Funds and South Carolina Coordinating Counsel for Economic Development set aside funds, for project Beta; and other matters related thereto. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution. Mr. Holden asked that Mr. Preston meet with him directly after the meeting to discuss road requests associated with the project.

Council presented a proclamation honoring Chief Odis F. "Bo" Gilreath, City of Anderson Fire Department, upon the occasion of his retirement. Council commended Mr. Gilreath for his many years of dedicated service to Anderson County and City.

Mr. Clint Wright appointed Mr. Larry Walker to the Council of Government Water Quality Advisory Committee. Chairman Wright appointed Mr. Greer to fill the remainder of William Floyd's term on the Education Committee. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the appointments and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden talked about the closing of a portion of Calvert Street in Homeland Park. He moved to close the road and all the necessary procedures be done to close the road. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Holden stated that he had visited the Tolly Street Senior Citizens building

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and the building is in need of repairs. Mr. Holden moved to appropriate \$4,998.51 from District #5 - Recreation funds to make repairs to the roof of the building as discussed.

Mr. Wright stated that there was damage to the Hurricane Springs Park and the estimate to repair is \$900.00. Mr. Wright moved to appropriate the \$900.00 from District #4 Recreation Fund Account and Mr. Greer seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to make the following appropriations from District #4 Recreation Funds: Wren Youth Association - \$4,000, Tri-County Soccer - \$1,500, Sandy Springs Community Club for a fence and a safety issue along the back of the park - \$10,000, and Pendleton Community Club - \$1,500. Mr. Tolly seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cordell Maddox appeared asking that certain streets (within the City limits) as identified in the Council member's packet be closed and abandoned. Mr. Holden stated that it is hereby moved that the County of Anderson, South Carolina, acting by and through its County Council, in meeting duly assembled, abandon any and all interest which the County might have in, and to the City of Anderson streets surrounding the River Oak Apartments, as reflected on a sketch of the area by J.R. McClure, dated August 12, 1999 and consent to closure of such streets; and that the Anderson County Administrator consent to the order of reference of such petition to the Master-In-Equity for Anderson County; and, that the Anderson County Administrator, and the Anderson County Attorney join in the petition for such abandonment and closure, to the extent of the interests of the County of Anderson, only. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tolly moved to use \$54,891 from District #1 paving funds to complete the bike trails and walking tracks at the Anderson Sports and Entertainment Center. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$500 from District #3 Recreation Funds to the Zion Senior Center in Belton. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Greer moved to appropriate the following from District #3 Recreation Funds:

\$4,900 - Town of Belton (\$1,000 to be used for air conditioning the Depot and \$3,900 to be used for the Recreation Director for the City of Belton)

\$4,900 - Town of Iva for repairs and improvements to the ballfields and other recreation facilities.

\$4,900 - Town of Honea Path to match a state grant for lights at Chiquola baseball field.

\$4,900 - Grove Community Park to be used for playground equipment and

\$4,900 - for the Starr Athletic complex (Town of Starr and community is in agreement with this appropriation). Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer stated that at the last Council meeting, monies were appropriated from District #3 paving account for reworking the road in front of the Flatrock Fire Department (\$11,810) to correct a water problem. Since that meeting, funds have been secured from the "C" Fund Committee. Mr. Greer moved to re-allocate the \$11,810 to complete Phase II of the project at the Flatrock Bowen Fire Department. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$49,500 from District #3 paving account to pay for the paving at the Starr Athletic Complex. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve a Summary Change Order for the Human Resources Facility sewer lines. The net change in the project cost is an increase of \$800.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve construction change orders #3 and #4 for the Hwy. 76/Sandy Springs Sewer Project.

On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Mr. Holden, Council voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of roads in the Summerfield Plantation Subdivision into the County road system.

Mr. Preston called Council's attention to the public notice for the lateral expansion of the Anderson Regional Landfill, which is required by law.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Employee Certificates and Training:

- The following Public Safety employees received certificates for completion of the independent study course in IS-1 Emergency Program Manager: Ms. Brenda Gay, Ms. Laura Johnson, Ms. Laura Thoma, Ms. Mary Brooks, Ms. Linda Rook
- Certificate of Completion - Emergency Response to Terrorism - Mr. Jerry Shealy
- Certificate of Achievement - IS-10 - Mr. Jerry Shealy
- The following attended the Equine Rescue Workshop at the Sheriff's Department Training Center: Mr. Ralph Cumber, Lt. William Striewing, Lt. John Chambers, Mr. Tony Barnette, Mr. Jesse Robinson, Mr. Mike Glenn, Lt. Bobby Ray Smith, Lt. Joel Powell, Mr. Steve Evans
- Certificate of Achievement - IS-5 hazardous Materials - A Citizen's Orientation - Mr. Jerry Shealy, Ms. Angela Bryant, Ms. Laura Johnson, Ms. Brenda Gay
- IS-2 Emergency Preparedness, USA - Ms. Brenda Gay
- Basic Public Information Officers Course G-290 - Ms. Pamela Garner

(b) Letters of Appreciation:

- I. Letter to County Council From: Anderson County Fire Service - Anderson County Fire Fighters burned Children's Fund
- II. To: Chief Rodney Lowe - Ebenezer Fire Department From: Ms. Maria Weissmueller
- III. To: Mr. Jerry Stamps and Mowing Crew From: Mr. George O'Liddy
- IV. To: Ms. Lisa Cook, Dispatcher/Operator #1146 From: Ms. Christine Martinez
- V. Straight Talk Article: Mr. Rocky Coalridge - Communications
- VI. Mall Road From: Mr. Herman Hillwar
- VII. To: Mr. Steve Whitten and Crew for installation of driveway piping From: Ms. Mary Mathis
- VIII. To: Mr. Holt Hopkins and Crew - for repairs on One Arm Bandit Road From: Mr. Cater and Ms. Ann Watt
- IX. To: Captain Vergis and Staff for appreciation of Boot Camp

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From: Mrs. Lorraine & Mr. Carl Harrison

X. To: Mr. Jerry Shealy From: Dr. Thomas Gimenez, Horse
Rescue workshop

(c) Minutes:

I. Anderson County Development Partnership Executive Committee
Meeting

II. Anderson County Development Partnership Board Meeting

III. Litter Task Force

(d) Reports:

I. District Paving Report

II. Accommodations Tax Revenues Report

III. June 1999 Communications Center Report

(e) DHEC Letter - Tri-County Landfill

(f) South Warner Road right-of-way Approval FAA

(g) Department of Commerce Event

(h) Anderson County Development Partnership NEWS

(i) Video Poker Update

(j) Real Estate Assessments for School Districts

(k) Sports and Entertainment Center Activity

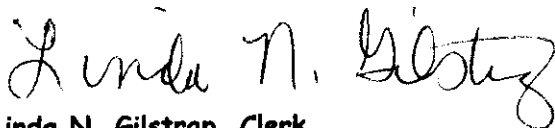
(l) Newspaper Article about Mr. David Drye

(m) Road Paving Update

(n) Ordinance #99-015 Transportation Corridor Preservation Ordinance

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

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