

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE UNION COUNTY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M.
GRAND JURY ROOM AT UNION COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Present: Chairman Tommy Sinclair, Vice Chairman Tommy Ford, Councilwoman Joan Little, Councilman Ben Ivey, Councilman Randall Hanvey, Councilwoman Kacie Petrie, County Attorney Sammy Diamaduros and Clerk to Council Linda G. Jolly
Absent: Councilman Frank Hart

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, Mrs. Anna Brown with the County News, Spartanburg Herald Journal, the Union County Development Board, Mrs. Anne Brock with Clemson Extension, Mr. Mickey Gist, and Mr. Robert Small. A notice of the meeting was also posted on the County's website.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called the meeting to order. Councilman Ben Ivey 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
Frank Hart, District 2 - Absent
Tommy Ford, District 3 - Present
Ben Ivey, District 4 - Present
Randall Hanvey, District 5 - Present
Kacie Petrie, District 6 – Present

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Union County Council held on May 13, 2014, and to adopt the minutes as written.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented service award certificates and gift certificates to Kim Bailey for 5 years, for Darlene Pettit for 5 years, to Scott Coffey for 5 years and for Michelle Shugart for 25 years of dedicated service to Union County.

Amy Austin with Miracle League said they had a very successful first season and they had nearly seventy players. They are sending out fall registration information to their players. The Union Miracle League program serves Union, Cherokee, Spartanburg, Newberry, York, Chester, Fairfield and Laurens counties. On Sunday, August 3rd they are holding a baseball clinic working on the fundamentals of the game. On Thursday, August 14th they are hosting Movie on the Mound at the Timken Sports Complex. They have been making contacts with the men's Wheelchair Softball Association to host a tournament and are still working on Wounded Warriors.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Council needed to consider the vacancies on the Appeals Board, Fair Board, Development Board and Library Board. The vacancy on the Fair Board was due to a resignation

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and was the Chairman's recommendation. Chairman Tommy Sinclair requested he be allowed to make a recommendation to fill that position.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to allow him to do so.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair recommended the appointment of Steve Ramsey to serve on the Fair Board.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Steve Ramsey to serve on the Fair Board.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair asked Tax Assessor Susan Hanvey how many appeals they have and she stated they do not have any appeals currently. Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there was no urgency in appointing someone to the Appeals Board.

Randall Hanvey: Made a motion to advertise the vacancies on the Development Board and Library Board.

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

Ben Loftis with Carnegie Library stated they are raising funds for their building project and there was some hail damage to the roof at the library.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the air conditioner units needed for the Probate Judge's Office and the Clerk of Court's office would cost approximately \$9,000 each. They are needed due to the afternoon sun in those two offices causing them to be hotter than other offices on the opposite side of the building.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to purchase the two new independent air conditioner units for the Probate Judge's Office and the Clerk of Court's Office at a cost of \$9,000 each from the Capital Expenditure funds.

Kacie Petrie: Seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair called for any elected officials or department heads who wished to address Council.

Sheriff David Taylor asked the Council to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated Parvo is a disease in puppies that can be deadly and they are trying to build a facility to isolate that situation. They would need about \$5,000 in materials and would use inmates help. The funding could come from the Capital Expenditures account. Councilman Randall Hanvey asked how big a facility they were talking about. Animal Control Officer Heather Sealy stated it would be 32' x 12' pens for the puppies which would provide proper sanitation and isolation.

Kacie Petrie: Made a motion to purchase the facility materials at a cost of approximately \$5,000 from the Capital Expenditure funds.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated the Airport Commission met and advocate having a FBO (Fixed Base Operator) on a one-year basis. They propose renting a house from Carol Willis and other incentives

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such as insurance at a cost of \$16,500 which would be put in next year's budget. He needed the consensus of Council on whether to adjust the proposed budget to include this. The idea behind it is to create more revenue at the airport.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated an additional \$34,000 had been approved by the FAA to help with clear zoning at the airport. Callahan Grading would be doing the work. The changes made in November of 2013 on the approaches to the airport, has put more houses in the zone. If approved, that would be about a \$400,000 expense from FAA money with a local match. That has been submitted to FAA for approval. If there is district money or conservation money left, they can redistribute it.

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for second reading an ordinance authorizing pursuant to Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 170; Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 175; and Title 4, Chapter 29, Section 68 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the execution and delivery of an amendment to a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement, as previously amended, relating to Project Southern and matters relating thereto.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to accept second reading of the ordinance pertaining to Project Southern as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair introduced an ordinance (1) to amend an existing agreement for the development of a joint-county Industrial and Business Park by and between Union County, South Carolina and Spartanburg County, South Carolina to enlarge the boundaries of the park to include certain property located in Spartanburg County presently owned and/or operated by Michelin North America, Inc., or one or more companies related thereto, and (2) authorizing other related matters.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to dispense with referring the ordinance to a committee and to accept first reading of the ordinance pertaining to the amendment of the joint-county Industrial and Business Park Agreement owned and/or operated by Michelin North America, Inc. as stated.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair presented for Council to review and approve the financial reports for Carnegie Library, Kelly-Kelton Fire District, and Philippi Fire District. He stated that Southside Fire Department was trying to buy a fire truck through a lease to purchase in the amount of \$230,000 and were making sure all the legal issues were addressed.

Tommy Ford: Made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented.

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

Chairman Tommy Sinclair stated there would be a public hearing on the proposed 2014-2015 Union County Budget on Friday, June 27th at 12:00 Noon. He went over the trend for the Landfill Host Fees for the last few years which is anticipated to go back up by January. He informed Council if they had not lost funding in the LGF money, then the County would have an additional two million dollars in revenue.

Ben Ivey: Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

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Thomas L. Sinclair, Chairman
Union County Council

Linda G. Jolly, Clerk to Council