

ORIGINAL

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - November 5, 1991 - 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 November 5, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. in the Anderson County Chambers. Chairman Mike Holden presided.

PRESENT

Bob Waldrep - District #1
David L. Hooper - District #2
Harvie E. Banister - District #3
Ed Allgood - District #4
Mike Holden - District #5
Tom Martin - County Attorney
David Watson - County Administrator
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk

Chairman Mike Holden called the meeting to order and Mr. David Watson gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Waldrep, Council voted unanimously to approve the October 15, 1991 minutes as mailed.

Judge Tom Ervin updated Council on the sale of the Courthouse commemorative coins. The sale has been extended until the end of the calendar year. He said orders of 466 bronze, 136 silver and 2 gold coins have been received as of today and suggested that this order be placed. A gold coin has been donated to be placed in the corner stone in the new courthouse. Mr. Crowe asked that consideration be given that would allow the Purchasing Department to order additional coins (500 bronze coins) to be available for public sale. Mr. Allgood stated that it was not in the best interest of the County to gamble with County money. Mr. Banister moved to allow the purchase of the coins and Mr. Waldrep seconded. Vote was four in favor and one opposed (Allgood).

Judge Ervin asked that Council approve the purchase of additional programs given out at the new courthouse dedication. The prices were given. Mr. Hooper moved to approve the purchase of 1,000 copies for a total of \$4,121.78. The money will come from special project money from Districts # 2, 3, & 5. Mr. Waldrep said that he had not been approached by anyone wanting a copy. The programs will be distributed from the Council office. Mr. Holden seconded the motion and vote was

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four in favor and one abstention. (Mr. Allgood abstained.)

Mr. Jack Crowe asked for approval to purchase a print machine from Piedmont Printmakers for the Assessor's Office. The total amount of the purchase is \$4,194.75 and no additional funding will be necessary. Mr. Holden moved to approve the purchase and Mr. Waldrep. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. David Hooper discussed a leash law for Anderson County. Mr. Tom Martin, County Attorney, explained that the Animal Control ordinance would address all issues that Mr. Hooper addressed (dangerous animals, animals running loose) without requiring a leash law. Council discussed the proposed ordinance and alternatives such as a leash law by population. Council recognized Ms. Dodie Carner. She presented complaint forms on abandoned animals, animals running loose, stray animals, etc. She said that to have effective animal control enforcement is very important. Mr. Holden asked that the Animal Control Ordinance come up on the next council agenda. Mr. Waldrep asked that the County Attorney look at the enforcement angle and cost involved.

Mr. Hooper brought up the Solid Waste Committee. He said that he would like to see an ordinance established. Mr. Martin explained that the Council must determine whether it will be done on a regional or county basis first. Council discussed. Mr. Watson suggested that the law be reviewed and a time table be developed on each element. Mr. Allgood moved that Anderson go alone on the Solid Waste committee and Mr. Banister seconded. Mr. Waldrep suggested that there may be regional advantages. The motion was withdrew and Council agreed to table until the next meeting.

Council heard from Mr. David L. Richardson regarding Mariner Road. He said that he had a problem understanding how the County approved to tar and gravel the road. There is no right-of-way to the road; yet it has been widened from 8' to 14'. Mr. Hooper said that it was on the plat as a county road with a right-of-way. Mr. Martin explained that there was a right-of-way through prescription; plus recorded documents that indicate there is a public right-of-way. It is not a formal signed right-of-way. It was suggested that the County pave to whatever the right-of-way is given. Council heard from Mr. Black asking that some solution be reached to allow them to continue to tar and gravel the road. Mr. Holden asked that Mr. Hooper, Mr. McClure and Mr. Richardson get together to work out some type solution pertaining to his other property. Council heard from Mr. Danny Gillespie and Mr. Ronnie Dawson asking that the road be worked on.

Mr. Robert Porter appeared before Council requesting that Council send a letter to the County Legislative Delegation and the S.C. Highway Department asking that they make improvements to intersection US-178 and Lebanon Road/Harris Bridge Road. He said there had been 20 accidents, 9 injuries, 2 fatalities since 1986. The intersection is one of the most dangerous areas in Anderson County. Mr. Banister asked that Hayes and Flatrock Road and Hayes and Highway 28 also be included

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in the letter. Mr. Allgood moved to send the letter as requested and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stephen Crawford appeared asking that Council consider the development of County Farm Pond property near the Anderson Civic Center. His proposal included a walking track around the existing pond, picnic shelters and a footbridge. Cost of the first phase would be approximately \$25,000; a grant would contribute \$12,000 and the County Sheriff has offered funds also. Council discussed the liability involved with the pond. Mr. Crawford said that the asphalt trail would be contracted out and the county could do the grading work. Mr. Banister said he would not contribute from his special projects money. Council agreed to receive as information and bring up at the next meeting.

Mr. Rusty Burns stated that Industrial Revenue Bonds are up again before Congress for keeping or doing away with; which are very effective in South Carolina in attracting new industry. Mr. Burns asked that Council draw up a resolution (#608) to go to Congressman Derrick, Senator Hollings, and Senator Thurmond asking that the Industrial Revenue program to continue. Mr. Waldrep moved to approve Resolution #608 and Mr. Allgood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented Resolution #606 requesting \$270,000 through the S.C. Jobs-Economic Development Authority for Carolina Bird Food Corporation; a proposed business organization to provide for the manufacture of bird seed and projected to provide 25 jobs. Mr. Holden moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Burns presented Resolution #605 naming certain roads for the purpose of implementing the E911 telephone system. Council discussed and agreed to approve all names with the exception of Jimmy Tiller Drive (proposed Hall Road) (C-11-92). Mr. Holden moved to approve and Mr. Hooper seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bob Waldrep informed Council that he attended a Sewer Commission meeting. They have appointed a study group for a solution to raising the \$135,000 needed to hook up the Powdersville sewer system. He voiced his concerns that he strongly objects to using county money on this project.

Chairman Holden recognized Mr. Masters Sanders and Mr. Tom Saad from Orian Rugs. In 1988, Orian decided to put in a 24 hour, seven day-a-week carpet yarn system on Highway 81 North. At that time, they met with Duke Power who confirmed that Orian had an ample supply of power. They have now expanded the facility many times original size. They still have an ample supply but the quality is less than acceptable for a 24-hour a day process. As a result of this, the company is experiencing a good deal of power surges or outages which creates a dangerous situation for employees and lost production. If they could obtain a right-of-way for a shorter route down Sam McGee Road the fluctuations could be improved. Officials think that the shortened

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distance will eliminate 90%. Sanders asked that Council do anything possible to help eliminate this power situation. Council discussed alternatives such as a letter to the family and a visit. Mr. Waldrep asked the County Attorney to set up a meeting with the family.

Mr. Ed Allgood asked about the noise from a wood chipping operation near Boscobel Golf Club. Mr. Tony Cirelli said that the noise levels were tested and were found to be below the maximum required by the land use ordinance. Federal wants to work out some solution to make the chipper a little more sound proof.

Mr. Allgood passed out a survey and suggested that they be passed out to all department heads to receive their input.

Mr. David Watson asked that the Sheriff's Department be allowed to dispose of unclaimed bicycles. Mr. Waldrep moved to allow the request and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tom Martin brought up a request from the Legislative Delegation to change the method of appointment on the Mental Retarded Board at the request of Mr. Banister. He prepared an ordinance (#343), amending Ordinance #107, which would allow this change if Council so desires. Council discussed. Mr. Banister moved to approve on first reading. The motion died from lack of second. Council agreed to research and place the item on the next agenda for consideration.

Mr. Martin requested an executive session to retain legal counsel for a particular matter. Mr. Banister moved to go into executive session at 7:10 p.m. and Mr. Holden seconded. Vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Holden, seconded by Mr. Hooper, Council voted unanimously to come out of executive session back into regular session at 7:17 p.m.

Mr. Waldrep moved to retain outside legal counsel as recommended by the County Attorney in executive session. Mr. Hooper seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrep said he would like to appropriate \$2,000 for the Felzer Senior Citizens and Mr. Banister asked that \$2,500 be appropriated to the Belton Tennis Association from account #445-Rural Assistance account. Mr. Waldrep moved to approve and Mr. Banister seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrep asked the status on the computer system. Mr. Allgood said that he would bring recommendations to Council at the next meeting. Mr. Allgood will call Judge Hall and give him an update.

Mr. Waldrep asked that a letter be prepared and mailed to the State Highway Commission thanking them for the red light on Brown Street and Liberty Highway. Council also discussed the status of the red light at the Civic Center and asked Mr. Martin to check out.

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There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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